

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2021
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Readings: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37
“Ephphatha! - Be Opened!”

MASS SCHEDULE					
Sat	Sept	4	5:30PM	Carey Pung (special intention) By The Faber Family	
Sun	Sept	5	9:00AM	Ted Johnson (health) By Carol Johnson	
Tue	Sept	7	12:00PM ~Latin~	Pam Walden (special intention) By The Faber Family	
Thu	Sept	9	9:00AM	Jim Oliver + By Regan /Cathy Flemming	
Fri	Sept	10	12:00PM (Noon)	Grace Ann Smith (health) By Ted & Carol Johnson	
Sat	Sept	11	5:30PM	George Collins (spec intention) By The Faber Family	
Sun	Sept	12	9:00AM	Tony Manasseri + By Grandsons - Henry & Jack	

To Schedule a Mass Intention
Please contact the Church Office
828-743-5717

St. Jude - Offertory
 (Weekend of August 28 & 29, 2021)
 Offertory: \$3269.00 Attendance: 233
 Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic: \$1717.00

The Ladies of St. Jude

The Ladies of St. Jude meet from March-November on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall at 10:00am. They support the Parish in their spiritual growth & outreach programs, assist with funerals, care for the sick and organize social and fellowship programs. For more information, please contact the Church Office at 828-743-5717.

Prayer Blanket Ministry

The Prayer Blanket Ministry's - Summer Schedule (June - Oct.) meets on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month. They gather at 10:00am for a meeting in the upstairs classroom. You don't have to know how to sew, crochet or knit. If you need a prayer blanket, please contact the Church Office at 828-743-5717.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jim Barton, Patricia Blasi, Lane Bolmer, Marian Michel Boyd, Karen Cameron, Carpenter Family, Daniel Coffey, Dottie Collier, John Thomas Crouch, Kenneth Crowe, Margaret Daniel, Christopher Day, Gloria Delgardio, Katherine DeLage, Pat Delaney, John DeMange, Linda Denny, Mike Ezzell, Tom Faleskie, Sandra Fischel, Gretchen Giesey, Mikey Goodwin, Jerry Gordon, Laura Gregory, Walt Green, Bill Hatch, Joan Hatch, Donald Haug, Matthew Hite, Daniel Jacobs, Pennae Johnsen, Dakota Johnson, Derrick Johnson, Treba Johnson, Suzanne Keenan, Kristen Kitts, Joe Knauff, Maureen Kohlheim, George Lee, Marinka, Camerron Martin, Jerry Miglino, Deanna Maust, Kathleen McBride, Janet McClory-Presley, Betsy McCloskey, Karie McClure, Ron Nelson, Lyla Ruby Newton & Coen Michael Newton & The Newton Family, Laura Plush, Sheila Rinker, Michael Robinson, Belinda Rudzik, Sherman Runions, Russell Sands, Peter Sarrat, Brendan Scallon, Jr., Allie Schiele, Elaine Schmid, Noel J. Sickles, Ava Snyder, Nan Stowell, Dr. Stefan Stoyanov, Leonardo Suarez, Beth Sumpter, Alex Sweet, Rosemarie Thompson, Charlene Varni, Kim Wagland, Cassie Watts, Meredith Worth.

Military Prayer List

Lt. Col. Fred Dufault (Afghanistan)
 Captain Evan Shawler (Air Force Flight Surgeon)

St. Jude Prayer Group

The St. Jude Prayer Group meets on Mondays at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary. We pray the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, spend some silent time in Adoration, and pray for the needs of our Church and world. Please contact Donna Quinlivan or the Church Office for information at 828-743-5717.

Emaus Prayer Group

Emaus Prayer is a spiritual movement of faith that is called to prayer, obedience and adoration of the Holy Sacrament. They meet at 6:00pm on Thursday evenings in the Sanctuary. For more information contact Yuliana Vargas, Efrain Morales, Alejandro (Alex) Valerio or the Church Office at 743-5717.

Knights of Columbus

The St. Jude Knights of Columbus Meet at 7:00pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Please contact **Luis Aparicio (Grand Knight)** or Church Office at 828-743-5717 for information.

Father's Column

The St. Michael Prayer After Mass

What is the history behind saying the St. Michael prayer at the end of Mass? Firstly, one should acknowledge the long and textured history of prayers offered at the end of Mass. They began with Blessed Pope Pius IX who in 1859 asked that three Hail Mary's, a Salve Regina, and several other prayers be recited throughout the Papal States in face of the Italian unification project seeking to strip the Pope of his lands in central Italy. Pope Leo XIII then expanded their recitation to the whole world in 1884. It was precisely that year when Pope Leo heard the famous locution following Mass in which Our Lord granted Satan more time (75-100years) and power in his attempt to destroy the Church. This terror-inducing experience inspired Leo to pen the St. Michael prayer in its original longer form. In 1886, Leo then ordered a shortened form of the St. Michael prayer to be added to the Pian prayers. The post-Mass prayers finally received their final form when Pope St. Pius X in 1904 added the three-fold "Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us."

In the year following a peaceful agreement between the Church and Italy in the Lateran Treaty of 1929 that created the Vatican City State, the prayers were then given a new purpose: the conversion of Russia. One recalls that on June 13, 1929 Our Lady informed Sister Lucia: "The moment has come in which God asks the Holy Father to make, and to order that in union with him and at the same time, all the bishops of the world make the consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart, promising to convert it because of this day of prayer and worldwide reparation." In 1952, Pope Pius XII reaffirmed the purpose of the prayers, namely for the conversion of Russia.

The leonine prayers continued until the Second Vatican Council. While the Council's liturgy document *Sacrosanctum Concilium* said nothing about their suppression, the committee charged with implementing the reforms (headed by Fr. Annibale Bugnini) took it upon themselves to suppress the prayers in the document *Inter Oecumenici* of March 1964. The document went into effect the following November.

The timing is curious: the year the St. Michael prayer is removed is the year culture began a major visible swing towards the decadent. Over the following decades as Satan's palpable grip over society and the Church was increasingly felt, more and more parishes began reintroducing these needed prayers. St. Michael, *defend us!*



Father Jason K. Barone,
Parochial Administrator,
St. Jude Catholic Mission (Sapphire) &
Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Mission (Highlands)

Priests' Retirement & Benefits

(2nd Collection - Sept 4 & 5)

The dedicated priests who served us in the past now deserve to live out their retirement years in dignity. St. Jude Catholic Church has been assessed \$6643.00 (3% of the parishes' annual offertory) for the Priests' Retirement and Benefits Plan. This collection provides funds for both diocesan and religious order priests' retirement plans, as well as health benefits for diocesan priests when they retire. Please be as generous as you can in the 2nd Collection which will start this weekend. A 2nd collection will be taken each weekend thru the month of September until our assessment is met.

Facts

- 28 retired diocesan priests currently receive benefits.
- There are 84 diocesan priests in active ministry.
- There are 9 religious orders serving the Diocese of Charlotte. There are currently 23 religious order priests for whom contributions will be made.
- The total assessed amount to fund the priests' retirement & benefits program is \$1,500,000.00 which is broken down as follows:
 - 75% for pension contributions for diocesan priests' retirement plan, benefits & health plan.
 - 17% for pension contributions for religious order priests' retirement plans.
 - 5% for administrative fees
 - 3% for fundraising costs
- The average retirement age for a priests is 70 yrs.

Volunteers Needed

St. Jude Catholic Church is in need of volunteers in the following areas:

Pastoral Council

- Vice President
- Outreach Coordinator

Outreach

- Ladies of St. Jude



Church Calendar

Monday, Sept. 6, St. Jude Prayer Group, 3:00pm

Tues., Sept. 7, Prayer Blanket Ministry, 10:00am

Thurs., Sept. 9, Adult Catechesis, 9:30-10:30am

Thursday, Sept. 9, Emaus, 6:00pm

Thurs., Sept. 9, Knights of Columbus, 7:00pm

Friday, Sept. 10, Adoration, 12:30-1:30pm



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