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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 9, 2020



**PETER SAID TO JESUS,
“LORD, IF IT IS YOU,
COMMAND ME TO COME
TO YOU ON THE WATER.”**

MATTHEW 14:28



ASCENSION OF OUR LORD PARISH

OFFICE HOURS:

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM.
SUNDAY: 8:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.

DAILY MONDAY - FRIDAY

12:00 NOON

CONFESSIONS

THURSDAY: 11:30AM-12NOON
SATURDAY: 3:15 - 3:45 PM.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

8:00AM ~12NOON ~6:00PM

BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please call the parish office for information about our baptism schedule and preparation requirements.

WEDDINGS

Bride, groom or parents must reside in parish area and be registered parishioners. Please contact the parish office to prepare for your wedding at least six months in advance of your proposed wedding date and before making any preparations for a hall.

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 9, 2020

8:00 AM Intention of our Parish Family
10:00 AM †Dr. James Gagnon - Jane Gagnon
†Dr. Michael Gagnon - Mom
†Patrick Buckley - Family
†James Apostolina - John and Sara Gordon
†Marie Cordero - Vilma

Monday, August 10, 2020

12:00 PM †Jim Pratt - Jan & Paul Haley

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

12:00 PM †Danny Taylor - Maureen Greene

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

12:00 PM †Barbara Preston- Maureen Greene

Thursday, August 13, 2020

12:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of Tumino & Demma Families - K & M Demma Families

Friday, August 14, 2020

12:00 PM Lucinda Youngblood - Loving Morris Family

Saturday, August 15, 2020 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00AM Intention of the Presider
4:00 PM †Diane Klazura - Loving Husband
†Mariano Christofano - Dr. Barbara Santucci
†Julia Rose Clements - Family

Sunday, August 16, 2020

8:00 AM Intention of our Parish Family
10:00 AM †Marcella Keenan - Joe Keenan, Sr.
†Patrick Buckley - Family

† Denotes Deceased



It is I; do not be afraid.

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Dear Padre,

The Bible is critical to our Christian lives, but why is it so hard to understand?

The Bible is a unique piece of literature—perhaps the most distinctive in the world. In fact, it is not just one publication. The word *Bible* derives from a word meaning “library.” The Bible is a library of books—seventy-two books, to be exact—dating from antiquity, written and edited by authors known and unknown. It contains, as any library would, a vast array of literary forms and expressions. It covers more than 3,000 years of history. Reading and understanding the Bible, and living up to its precepts, is indeed a formidable task and will take us all a lifetime to do.

The first key to the Bible is noting that this isn’t just the work of human authors; it is the word of God. We acknowledge the human element of the Bible, the authors’ lived experience, the historical circumstances that form the background of the revelation. But we believe unequivocally that the truth and meaning of the Bible is the inspiration of God. The Catholic view is that God was able to reveal truth through the work of sacred writers.

The Scriptures are layered accounts. They begin with historical facts, followed by years of oral tradition, and ending with the author’s final version.

The best way to familiarize yourself with Scripture is to find a good Bible-study program or group. This will acquaint you with the history of Israel, the times and culture in which the Bible was written, and its rich variety of literary forms. Enjoy your biblical journey.

—Fr. Joseph Morin, CSsR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We must ensure that in the usual activities of every Christian community, in parishes, in associations, and movements, there actually be at heart the personal encounter with Christ who communicates himself to us in his word, because, as St. Jerome teaches us, “ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.”

—ADDRESS TO CATHOLIC BIBLICAL FEDERATION, JUNE 19, 2015

Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 10
 St. Lawrence,
 Deacon and Martyr
 2 Cor 9:6–10
 Jn 12:24–26

Tuesday

AUGUST 11
 St. Clare, Virgin
 Ez 2:8–3:4
 Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

Wednesday

AUGUST 12
 Weekday
 Ez 9:1–7; 10:18–22
 Mt 18:15–20

Thursday

AUGUST 13
 Weekday
 Ez 12:1–12
 Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday

AUGUST 14
 St. Maximilian Kolbe,
 Priest and Martyr
 Ez 16:1–15, 60, 63
 or 16:59–63
 Mt 19:3–12

Saturday

AUGUST 15
 The Assumption of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary
 Rv 11:19a;
 12:1–6a, 10ab
 1 Cor 15:20–27
 Lk 1:39–56

Sunday

AUGUST 16
 Twentieth Sunday
 in Ordinary Time
 Is 56:1, 6–7
 Rom 11:13–15, 29–32
 Mt 15:21–28

Parish News



*The Solemnity of the Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary is
Saturday, August 15th.*

*Because it falls on a Saturday the Assumption is
not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.*

*Mass will be celebrated
Saturday, August 15th at 9:00am.
Please register to attend.*



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SUPPORT OF ASCENSION OF OUR LORD PARISH.**

HELPFUL GUIDE TO REGISTERING FOR MASS AT ASCENSION OF OUR LORD PARISH

- Go to our parish website at www.ascensionofourlord.net.
- Click the link titled "[Click here to learn about our temporary Mass Schedule and how to register to attend!](#)"
- Scroll down in the message to the registration link and click on it.
- On the screen that appears, click the **green 'register'** button.
- On the following screen, select the Mass(es) that you would like to attend and for how many tickets and then click the **orange 'register'** button. Please confirm that you have selected the correct Masses. (Please note that registration cuts off one-hour before the scheduled Mass time.)
- After clicking the orange button, please read the message that appears before completing the registration form. Any part of the form that includes a **red ***, must be filled out or your order will not be processed. This step must be completed within 10 minutes or your tickets are released.
- After all of the necessary information has been completed, click the **orange 'register'** button.
- A confirmation message should then appear. A confirmation e-mail will also be sent to you within a couple of minutes to confirm your order. If you did not receive the e-mail, your order was not completed properly OR you did not enter your email address in properly.
PLEASE THEN CALL THE OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE AT 630-629-5810 DURING OFFICE HOURS OF MONDAY – FRIDAY 9AM-2PM. We thank you for your patience!

This Week's Calendar

MONDAY, AUGUST 10: 12NOON MASS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11: 12NOON MASS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12: 12 NOON MASS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13: REGISTRATION OPENS FOR WEEKEND
MASS ONLINE, 11:30AM - 12NOON CONFESSION - CORPUS
CHRISTI, 12 NOON MASS
FRIDAY, AUGUST 14: 12NOON MASS
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15: 9:00AM MASS - ASSUMPTION, 3:15PM
-4:00PM CONFESSION - CORPUS CHRISTI, 4:00PM MASS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16: 8:00AM AND 10:00AM MASS



Dear Parishioners and Friends of Ascension of Our Lord Parish,

WHEN IS THE CHURCH OPEN?

Our Parish Office is open Monday—Friday from 9 a.m.— 2 p.m. Currently, the main entrance is locked so we can better monitor who is in the building at any given time. Simply press the buzzer button on the left wall and Lynda or Tina will be able to let you in.

Effective this past Monday, August 3rd, weekday Mass resumed daily at 12 Noon. During the week, the Church opens at 11:30 a.m. On Saturdays, the Church will open at 3:15 p.m. for Confessions as well for the 4 p.m. Mass. On Sundays, the Church will open at 7:30 a.m. for the 8 a.m. Mass and at 9:30 a.m. for the 10 a.m. Mass.

DO I STILL NEED TO REGISTER FOR A TICKET TO ATTEND MASS?

Until further notice, please continue to register for Masses by going to our parish website or by calling the parish office during regular office hours. The purpose of registration is to keep to our current capacity numbers as well as a tool to provide for tracing in the event someone does get sick. We have had a parish in the Diocese of Joliet have to shutdown temporarily due to someone who contracted the virus. The information provided is kept for a month and then is destroyed. To speed up the registration process, please do your best to register online. Registration is open until one hour before each Mass. **Step by step directions are now available on the parish website.** A good way to know if your registration is complete is to check your e-mail as soon as you register. **If you do NOT receive a confirmation e-mail within five (5) minutes, your registration was not completed properly. Pre-registration will significantly speed up the check-in process.**

NEW CLEANING PROCESS HAS BEGUN!

Thank you to our volunteers who have been on our Cleaning team. Without them, we would not be sitting in Church today. Up until this point every pew and surface touched has had to of been disinfected after each Mass. As of last weekend we started to use a Fogger which sanitizes the air, as well as hard and soft surfaces. The cleaning will now be done by parish staff. The entire Church can now be sanitized in a matter of 10-15 minutes.

CAN I SIT WHERE I WANT IN CHURCH?

Since a Fogger is now being used for sanitation, it will now change our seating process. **As you come into Church you will be directed to sit in a section and you will get to select the pew that you go to.** However, the pews that are blocked off are to remain as-is. To help assist you where to sit in a pew, colored tape will be placed throughout the pew for proper social distance. Household may sit closer together, otherwise, you are to sit distantly. **To keep our Communion Procession organized, please sit in the section that the Greeters have asked you to sit in.**

Today's Gospel Reading—In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.

(adapted from <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/>)

Around the Diocese and Parish Neighborhood

PRAYER TO OUR LADY, HEALTH OF THE SICK DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC



O Mary,
You shine continuously on our
journey as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross,
united with Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman people,
know what we need,
and we trust that you will provide for those
needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.

He who took our suffering upon Himself,
and burdened Himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the Cross,
to the joy of Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother
of God. Do not despise our pleas — we who are put to
the test — and deliver us from every danger.
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

—Pope Francis, March 11, 2020
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JOIN OUR VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

All of you can now join the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society without leaving your home or current residence. In fact, you can join our Conference from anywhere in the world and help us help others. Our Members meet and greet virtually yet never leave the confines of their permanent or temporary residence. While Covid-19 restrictions and preventions are necessary, it is vital that our work with the poor and disadvantaged continues. Even after vaccines are found and the Coronavirus no longer threatens personal health, you can join our Society and its work and our ranks to provide what you can or wish to do to help those in need. You or your entire family can become SVDP Members and provide:

YOUR :

IDEAS

RESOURCES

ACTIONS

DEVOTED PRAYERS

We invite you all to consider joining and becoming a MEMBER of our Catholic Society which has now continued to help the poor and unwanted from across the globe since its founding by young French students some 185 years ago and guided by Nuns and the previous work of St. Vincent de Paul. Our Society has not changed in its purpose and *RULE* since then, just the conditions of the world in which we now live. Call us for an opportunity to help others without ever leaving your home again.

Our office telephone number is 630-953-4419. Call us and a Member-Volunteer will get back to you to answer any questions you may have or to join us and the work of our virtual and “striving to be VIRTUOUS” community.



The 42nd Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will be Live-Streamed on Sunday, August 23 at 2 pm from the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years, are welcome to view the Live-Stream celebration and receive an anniversary certificate sent in the mail. Bishop Richard E. Pates will celebrate the Mass and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding promises. To receive your certificate in the mail, please register by August 14 by calling the Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334 or register online at <https://bit.ly/3fBY3VN>.

INTERESTING READ

**Christ Summoning Saint Peter
to Walk on the Water, after 1627**
After Giovanni Lanfranco, Italian, 1582-1647
Chicago Institute of Art (COI)

**Peter said to Jesus,
"Lord, if it is you, command me
to come to you on the water."**

Matthew 14:28

Nineteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 9, 2020

In Matthew's Gospel, Peter often serves as a representative of Jesus' other disciples, and of all who strive to follow Jesus. When Peter desires to imitate Jesus by walking on the water in the middle of the storm, maybe wishing to show how strong his faith is, he encounters his own limitations and his need to be rescued by Jesus. Jesus then says to Peter, with tenderness as well as with challenge, "O you of little faith." Jesus accepted the fragile and limited faith of Peter and the other disciples and loved them unconditionally.

The early church identified with Peter, as people with a "little" faith. Their faith was not fully mature, nor as extraordinary as others' faith might seem to be. But they knew that their faith, however small or imperfect, was real and true. We might remember that our own "little" faith is cherished by God. God loves us as we are, and always seeks to form us toward a fully mature Christian life of faith.

GROUNDING IN GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Today's passage from Saint Paul's letter to the Roman begins an extended reflection, in Chapters 9-11, of Paul's coming to

terms with the mixed but generally negative reception of his fellow Jews toward his proclamation of Christ. He was concerned for the Jewish people certainly, but also for the members of the early church, who were both Jew and Gentile. His primary concern was that their Christian faith should always be grounded in God's faithfulness. So Paul rejected any notion that God somehow had abandoned Israel or God's covenant with them.

As Catholic teaching confirms, especially in the Second Vatican Council, the Church shares with the Jewish people in the tradition of God's faithfulness. We are to acknowledge and repent of the Church's participation and complicity in the darkness of anti-Semitism, both in the past and today. We pray continually with and for the Jewish people as our sisters and brothers in faith.

Today's Readings: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

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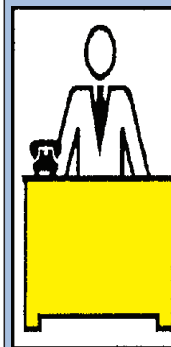
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