

Christi simus, non nostri. + We belong to Christ, not ourselves.



St. Dominic receives the Rosary, St. Mary Parish Anacortes

August 9, 2020—19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

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Saturday: 5 PM

Wednesday Mass: 9 AM
Anointing of the Sick: By Appt.
Confession: Friday 4:00—5:00 PM

Rosary begins 30 min.
before all Masses

ALL PARISH EVENTS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

*The church may be opened upon request
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Confession: Sunday 7:30 -7:45AM
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DUE TO COVID19 RESTRICTIONS, ALL MASSES ARE BY RESERVATION ONLY AND WILL BE HELD ON THE ST. COLUMBAN CAMPUS

MISSION STATEMENT - WE ARE A CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY THAT SEEKS TO PLACE GOD FIRST, TO KNOW HIM, AND TO GROW IN HOLINESS TOGETHER. WE STRIVE TO LIVE THE GOSPEL THROUGH THE EUCHARIST, IN OUR TEACHING AND WAY OF LIFE.

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SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

WELCOME! Please contact the office to register as a parishioner, for questions about any announcement, how to prepare for a sacrament, schedule a funeral or Mass Intention or to update your contact information.

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Mass Intentions

Pray for all those affected by Covid-19 and for first responders and caregivers.

Aug 12—Ezequiel Leonides Makinster
Joaquin Arthur Makinster

In Our Prayers

Loving God, we join with others of your people here asking you to hold in Your hands Mona Guffey, Joseph Waters, Maria Teresa Siegemund, Oneida Blagg, Jess and Jessica Nash, Dawn Bauer, Don Troyer, and Michael Mauss, and all those in harm's way.

Rest in Peace: Terry Christianson, Fr.
Michael Ritter, Fr. Thomas Timmons

Financial Stewardship

St. Columban St. Peter

Weekly Goal	\$5,762	\$712
Aug 2	\$2,727	\$557

From a sermon on the Transfiguration of the Lord by Anastasius of Sinai, Bishop

It is good for us to be here

Upon Mount Tabor, Jesus revealed to his disciples a heavenly mystery. While living among them he had spoken of the kingdom and of his second coming in glory, but to banish from their hearts any possible doubt concerning the kingdom and to confirm their faith in what lay in the future by its prefiguration in the present, he gave them on Mount Tabor a wonderful vision of his glory, a foreshadowing of the kingdom of heaven. It was as if he said to them: "As time goes by you may be in danger of losing your faith. To save you from this I tell you now that *some standing here listening to me will not taste death until they have seen the Son of Man coming in the glory of his Father.*" Moreover, in order to assure us that Christ could command such power when he wished, the evangelist continues: *Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter, James and John, and led them up a high mountain where they were alone. There, before their eyes, he was transfigured. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. Then the disciples saw Moses and Elijah appear, and they were talking to Jesus.*

These are the divine wonders we celebrate today; this is the saving revelation given us upon the mountain; this is the festival of Christ that has drawn us here. Let us listen, then, to the sacred voice of God so compellingly calling us from on high, from the summit of the mountain, so that with the Lord's chosen disciples we may penetrate the deep meaning of these holy mysteries, so far beyond our capacity to express. Jesus goes before us to show us the way, both up the mountain and into heaven, and—I speak boldly—it is for us now to follow him with all speed, yearning for the heavenly vision that will give us a share in his radiance, renew our spiritual nature and transform us into his own likeness, making us forever sharers in his Godhead and raising us to heights as yet undreamed of.

Let us run with confidence and joy to enter into the cloud like Moses and Elijah, or like James and John. Let us be caught up like Peter to behold the divine vision and to be transfigured by that glorious transfiguration. Let us retire from the world, stand aloof from the earth, rise above the body, detach ourselves from creatures and turn to the creator, to whom Peter in ecstasy exclaimed: *Lord, it is good for us to be here.*

It is indeed good to be here, as you have said, Peter. It is good to be with Jesus and to remain here forever. What greater happiness or higher honor could we have than to be with God, to be made like him and to live in his light?

Therefore, since each of us possesses God in his heart and is being transformed into his divine image, we also should cry out with joy: It is good for us to be here—here where all things shine with divine radiance, where there is joy and gladness and exultation; where there is nothing in our hearts but peace, serenity and stillness; where God is seen. For here, in our hearts, Christ takes up his abode together with the Father, saying as he enters: *Today salvation has come to this house.* With Christ, our hearts receive all the wealth of his eternal blessings, and there where they are stored up for us in him, we see reflected as in a mirror both the first fruits and the whole of the world to come.

Pax et bonum
Fr. Dean

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For daily Mass readings and Event Calendar please see our Monthly Insert, found in the narthex and on our website.

Faith Formation

All Faith Formation classes will resume in September

Registration is available through the summer



PARENTS OF RETURNING STUDENTS

Please check your email regarding the 2020-21 Faith Formation year. If you did not receive an email, please contact Katie in the Faith Formation Office to make sure you are on our mailing list.

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R.C.I.A.

R.C.I.A. classes for the 2020-2021 year will resume

in September. If you would like more information, please contact Katie in the Parish Office:

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If you are interested in baptizing your child and would like more information, please contact Katie Hennigan in the Parish Office.

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Bonus Bulletin Content!

To save on printing, some extra bulletin content will now be exclusively found in the online edition of our bulletin, which is also emailed weekly to parishioners.

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All Masses will resume with modifications, see below for details

MASS RESERVATIONS

In accordance with the Governor's instructions and guidance from the Archdiocese, public Mass at our parish has resumed. Attendance will be limited to 70 people and reservations must be made in advance.

To make a reservation, please contact the Parish Office.

360-458-3031 ext. 5
Mon-Thurs from 9AM-2PM

Reservations end every Thursday at 2PM and please note that leaving a voicemail does not confirm your reservation.

Weekend Mass:

Vigil	5PM
Sunday	8AM
	10:30AM

Weekday Mass

Wednesdays at 9AM.

**This will also be by reservation only and reservations end Tuesdays at 2PM.*

Confession

Fridays 4-5PM
Sundays from 7:30—7:45AM

Important Things to Remember

- ◆ Masks will be required and only persons from within the same household will be seated together.
- ◆ Please arrive at least 20 minutes early for Mass. You will be checked in by a Greeter and then seated by an Usher.
- ◆ We recommend you bring your own missal with you for the readings as they will not be provided.

Knights of Columbus
Aug 22 - 2nd Annual Coats for Kids Car Show 9-2PM



Coffee Hours-Women's Club



Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass Times

Saturday Aug 15th 9AM

Please contact the parish office to make your reservation for either of these Masses no later than Thursday Aug 13th.

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Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you to all who returned your pledges. The Catholic Appeal Campaign supports over 60 ministries and services in the Archdiocese. Once our goal is reached, every dollar and every prayer will be returned to the parish and mission for our special projects. *Please do not send blank envelopes as it delays the process.*

Goal for St. Columban: \$29,466

Total Pledged as of
\$25,158 85% of Goal

Goal for St. Peter: \$4,651

Total Pledged as of
\$5,864 126% of Goal

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HOW CAN YOU FIND CLARITY IN AN ELECTION YEAR?

The best way to get clarity is by forming your conscience. Your conscience is not something that allows you to justify doing whatever you want, nor is it a mere “feeling” about what you should or should not do. Rather, conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil.

The Church teaches that we must work to form conscience through prayer, learning, and conversation, so we can be prepared to make decisions whenever the opportunity arises.

RESOURCES

[What does it mean to form my conscience?](#)

[Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship](#)

[Catholic Social Teaching](#)

[USCCB website](#)



DEVELOPING A WELL-FORMED CONSCIENCE IS ONE WAY TO FIND CLARITY.



HOW TO FORM YOUR CONSCIENCE

1. Be open to the truth and what is right.
2. Read the Bible and the teachings of the Church.
3. Examine the facts and background information about various choices and be discerning in where you gather information.
4. Prayerfully reflect to discern the will of God.
5. Seek the prudent advice and good example of trusted leaders and others to support and enlighten our conscience.
6. Learn about the authoritative teaching of the Church.
7. Pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help us develop our conscience.
8. Regularly partake in an examination of conscience to hear God’s voice in your life.

HERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

1. When has my conscience guided me to “do good and avoid evil”?
2. What are some key resources I can use to form my conscience?
3. What do I do to regularly form my conscience? What more should I do?

Walking on Water!



In today's Gospel reading Jesus did an amazing miracle- He walked across the sea! This was a sign that He was more powerful than nature.

Peter knew that he was supposed to follow in Our Lord's footsteps, so he asked Jesus to call him to come and walk on the water too. When Jesus called him, Peter got out of the boat and started walking on the water too! But soon he noticed how windy it was and got scared. As soon as he got distracted from Jesus, he started to sink, until Jesus took him and helped him up.

We are supposed to follow in Our Lord's footsteps too. When Jesus wants you to do something, He will give you the grace you need to do it, just like He gave Peter the power to walk on the water. If you lose sight of Jesus and only think about how hard it is, you won't be able to do what God asks, just like Peter when he started to sink. If you realize that you're having a hard time doing the right thing, it's time to turn back to Jesus!



Answer to puzzle on front: Jesus walking on the water. Answer to Flowers for Our Lady: Mary was assumed, body and soul, into Heaven!

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Saint Claire of Assisi August 11

<p>CLARE WAS THE DAUGHTER OF A WEALTHY COUNT IN ITALY IN THE 1200'S. SHE WAS DEVOTED TO GOD AND WASN'T INTERESTED IN WORLDLY THINGS.</p>	<p>SHE HEARD SAINT FRANCIS PREACH WHEN SHE WAS 18 AND DECIDED TO GIVE HER LIFE TO GOD. <i>God calls us to love poverty.</i></p> <p><i>Hmm... I could be poor like Jesus!</i></p>
<p>ONE NIGHT SHE WENT TO ST. FRANCIS WHO CUT HER HAIR AND GAVE HER A ROUGH TUNIC.</p>	<p><i>Did Father let you come?!</i></p> <p>HER FATHER TRIED TO FORCE HER TO COME BACK, BUT SOON HER SISTER JOINED HER!</p>
<p>THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE POOR CLARE SISTERS. THEY LIVED IN TOTAL POVERTY.</p> <p><i>We will not own even our home.</i></p>	<p>WHEN ATTACKERS CAME, SHE HELD UP A MONSTRANCE WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN IT AND THEY RAN AWAY!</p>
<p>CLARE WAS MADE THE ABBESS OF THE SISTERS. SHE LIVED A HIDDEN LIFE BUT DREW PEOPLE TO LOVE POVERTY LIKE CHRIST DID. SHE DIED IN 1253.</p> <p><i>It is so much easier to love God when one owns nothing!</i></p>	

ST. CLAIRE KNEW THAT HAVING NICE THINGS CAN KEEP US AWAY FROM JESUS. SHE GAVE AWAY EVERYTHING SHE HAD SO SHE COULD BE VERY CLOSE TO HIM, WHO HAD GIVEN UP EVERYTHING TO DIE ON THE CROSS FOR US. WE, TOO, SHOULD BE READY TO GIVE UP ANYTHING THAT GETS BETWEEN US AND GOD.

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The Kids' Bulletin

August 9th, 2020
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel reading, the disciples were out at sea in a boat when they saw something that surprised them.

What was it?
Use the code to find out!

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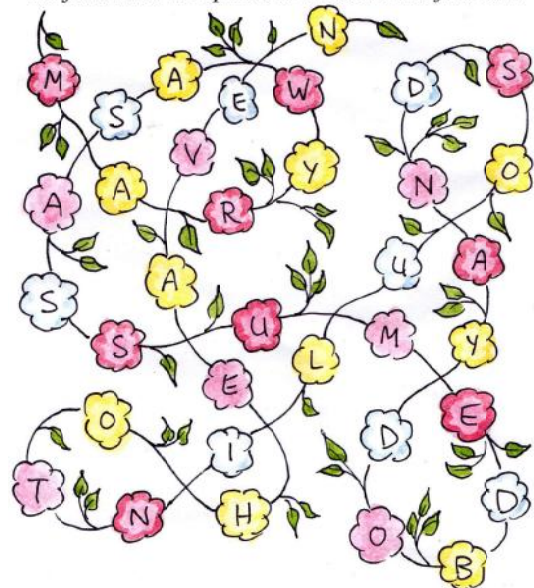
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Flowers for Our Lady

This Saturday, August 15th, is a feast day of Our Lady.

What are we celebrating?

Follow the line, starting at M, and put the letters from the flowers in the spaces at the bottom to find out.



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Eyes on Jesus

August 9, 2020

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ET IESUS EXTENDENS MANUM APPREHENDIT PETRUM
TENUITQUE EUM IN DEXTERA SINISTRAE FIDELI QUARE
DUBITASTI MATH 14:31

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At Home with Faith

Our children are increasingly burdened by anxiety and worry. We can help them a great deal by teaching them how Jesus wants to help us, just like he helped lift Peter from the water when Peter was frightened at sea.



Read

Take time to read and reflect on the Scriptures for this day.

Don't have access to a Bible?

Visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings or download an app such as *Laudate* or *iBreviary* to access the Mass readings.

Late at night, in a boat at sea, the disciples see Jesus walking to them on the water. Peter wants to come to Jesus and asks Jesus to help him to walk on the water. At first, Peter is successful. But then, frightened by a strong wind, Peter begins to sink.

All of us can identify a little with Peter here. We want to be like the action movie heroes who pursue the good without fear or hesitation. In reality, we're more like Peter; distracted from our purpose by fear and anxiety. Even so, we can still follow Jesus. The key is taking those first steps forward and asking Jesus for help.

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

The Lord was in the tiny whispering sound.

Psalms 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

Lord, let us see your kindness.

Romans 9:1-5

I wish for my people to receive Jesus.

Matthew 14:22-33

O you of little faith, why did you doubt?

At Home with Faith

Talk

Here are some reflection questions to help you have **Great Conversations** with the whole family.

Teach your children to direct their intellect, senses and will to Jesus:

- **Start out by acknowledging our own experiences when we were frightened by powerful forces in nature, like the wind and waves at sea.** Don't use frightening imagery, (they don't need more to worry about!), but let them know that experiencing anxiety is normal.
- **Sit with your children and practice using our senses to refocus.** Maybe go into the garden and pick a flower or sit in the grass and look really closely at a blade of grass or dandelion and focus intently on how it looks, feels and smells. Encourage them to pretend they are seeing it for the first time ever. If you have food from the garden, encourage them to taste it like it was the first time. Really spend time on this and let them know God made these things for us to know and enjoy.
- **Now encourage them to ask Jesus for help and to feel free to do it a lot.** Tell them about how Jesus will take our hand if we ask him for help. A great prayer to teach them for this is the Jesus Prayer:

"Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

Let them know that Christians have prayed this prayer for more than 1,500 years and Jesus loves to hear us say it.



The Pew Research Center found that 70% of teens believe that anxiety is a major problem for their peers.

God made us with a longing to be in communion with him, and the only place we can fully experience that communion is heaven. Should we be really be surprised that we are anxious?

Peter sinks when his attention shifts from Jesus to his fear of the wind and waves. The same thing happens to us. Our minds can easily become flooded by our fears when we think about all the things we need to do or all the things that could happen and we realize that we have so little control over the "wind and waves" of the world around us.

We help our children enormously when we let them know that, until we are in heaven, it's totally normal to be anxious at times. The key is to shift our focus from what we fear to whom we love. If we turn our attention to Jesus and ask for his help, he will grab our hand just as quickly as he grabbed Peter's.

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

Matthew 14:27

**For more resources, including previous issues of
At Home with Faith, visit us online at:**

<https://marriagefamilylife.seattlearchdiocese.org/athomewithfaith>

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 9-15, 2020

August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary!

The **Assumption** of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation, and we're looking forward to seeing you here at Mass!

Mary was always a virgin, both in conceiving Jesus, giving birth to him, and remaining virgin ever after. God granted her this privilege to emphasize that this was a unique moment in history—the birth of Jesus who is the Son of God and the Son of Mary. The liturgy of the Church speaks of Mary as “ever virgin.” In the early Church some denied this, arguing that the Gospels speak of the brothers and sisters of Jesus, and thus maintained that Mary did not remain a virgin after the birth of Jesus. But already in the fourth century, theologians pointed out that the Greek word for brother used in the New Testament can refer also to cousin. A second explanation was that these brothers and sisters were children of Joseph by a previous marriage. However, it is the constant teaching of the Church that Mary remained a virgin even after the birth of Jesus. In her virginity, Mary lived a life dedicated exclusively to her Son and his mission. Her example has been followed by some of Christ's disciples who have lived lives of consecrated virginity and celibacy from apostolic times to the present.

In the mystery of her Assumption, Mary experiences immediately what we all will experience eventually, a bodily resurrection like Christ's own. “The Immaculate Virgin . . . when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of death” (CCC, no. 966, citing LG, no. 59).

Finally, in Mary we behold what the Church is already like during her pilgrimage of faith—and what the Church will become at the end of the journey. “Mary figured profoundly in the history of salvation and in a certain way unites and mirrors within herself the central truths of the faith” (LG, no. 65).



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BULLETIN

Saint Clare of Assisi

DATES: 1193–1253

FEAST DAY: AUGUST 11

Though 10 years younger than her townsman, Francis of Assisi, Clare was drawn to his radical message of serving God in abject poverty. Despite objections from her aristocratic family, who wanted her to marry, she gave up the world with Francis' help and founded the Second Order of St. Francis, known worldwide as the Poor Clares. For 40 years, she guided the San Damiano community, whose nuns included her sister and widowed mother. She served the other nuns who went out to beg, was often sick because of their hard life, and was proclaimed a saint just two years after she died.



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2020

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2020

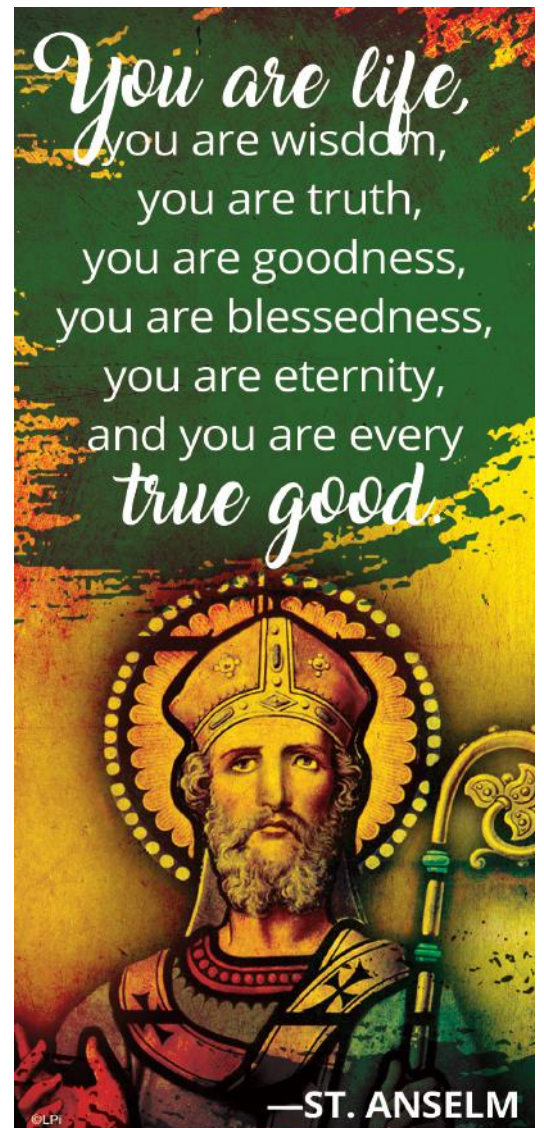
- SUN 8/9** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
- MON 8/10** 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
- TUE 8/11** Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- WED 8/12** Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [4b]/Mt 18:15-20
- THR 8/13** Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/Mt 18:21—19:1
- FRI 8/14** Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/Mt 19:3-12
- SAT 8/15** Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28. Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
- SUN 8/16** Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2020

- Sunday:** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
- Tuesday:** St. Clare, Virgin
- Wednesday:** St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
- Thursday:** Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
- Friday:** St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
- Saturday:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Next Sunday:** 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

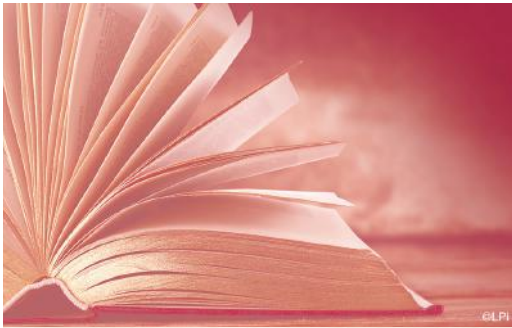
LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

There is something very sacred about silence. Silence connects us. It is where the heartbeat of all of creation — and its life blood and source — are embraced and where oneness is experienced. When in the presence of an environment that is silent, the worries, tribulations, struggles, and challenges of life seem to fade away, and we can experience a peaceful whisper. We can call that whisper God. Through the practice of contemplative prayer, we can find our way to that inner place of silence even in the midst of great distraction, busyness, and noise. The silence becomes one with us and grounds us. When we become friends with silence, friends with God, we can hear the gentle whisper of God's voice saying, "Come, stay here. Trust me and you will not fall."



Lord,
help
me see

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING:

"Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by."
(1 Kgs 11a)



PSALM:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)



SECOND READING:

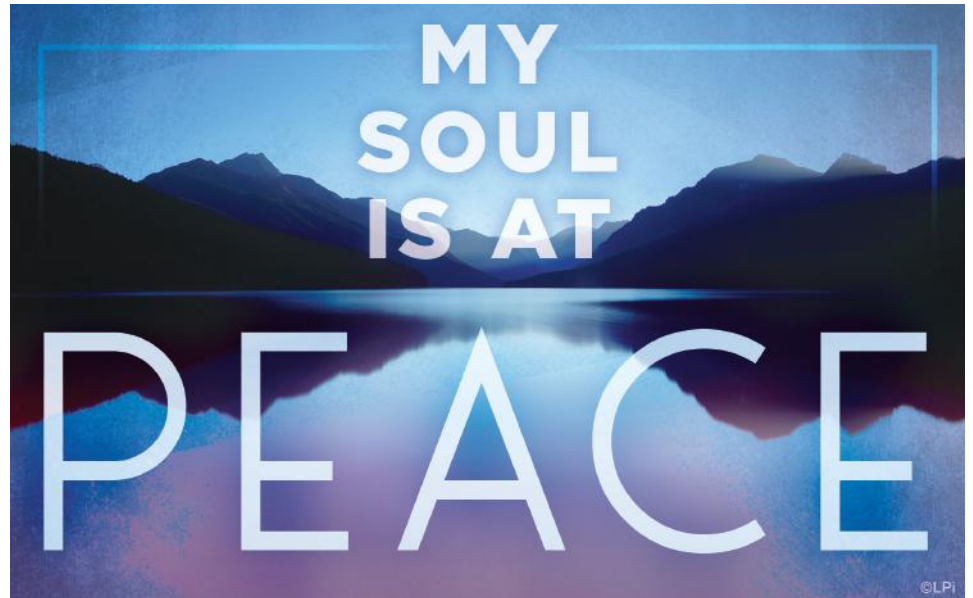
For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh.
(Rom 9:3)



GOSPEL:

Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" (Mt 14:29-30)

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Be still and know that I am God. Silence is sacred. Silence speaks the language of the soul and is the foundation of all life and eternity itself. Silence takes us beyond the limits of our minds and allows us to seek and to love the essence of all love, perfect love, and being. In silence, we can be non-verbally present to things and to God in ways that words cannot accomplish. We can discover, encounter, and be present to truths that our minds struggle to conceive and then set aside the boxes we put around things when comprehending them is challenging. We can know the unknowable and touch eternity when we encounter the core silence in our souls.

We can do this even on a noisy street and in the midst of the greatest distraction. Once we have made friends with silence, the rambling noise of the world no longer seems to matter, and we can carry a deep forgiving peace within us, even when physical silence cannot be found. We know that we are loved, cared for, sustained, nourished, embraced, and carried. There is nothing to fear in silence, and I can be present to myself in the same way that God is present to me. I can see myself as God sees me. All of my faults, weaknesses, imperfections, failings, and sinfulness melt away in the abundance of God's mercy. All of the worldly things we see as being important no longer are.

It is in silence that all of the barriers that divide us disappear. There is no more "yours" and "mine" but only the oneness of "ours." There is no longer a need to "figure things out," and we tap into our desire to simply let things be. Silence is creative and powerful and gives us hope. Silence is God's greatest blessing. God became one with humanity in silence. It allows us to be one with all of creation, with the moon and the stars and all of the creatures God has made. The smallest particle of creation radiates with beauty. Silence allows us to soar beyond ourselves and connect in ways that the mind can only imagine. When all is quiet, we begin to see that it is only our fear that keeps us from the Lord. It is our fear that causes us to sink and to fail. We can hear the gentle whisper that tells us to reach for God's hand. We discover that we yearn for the salvation and wholeness that only God can give to us. Be still my soul and be at peace.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Being Human is to Doubt

Humans doubt. It's what we do. We doubt ourselves and we doubt others.

Before any of us say anything about Peter's doubting the words of Jesus that told him he could get out of his boat and walk on water, we need to get real with ourselves: How would I respond in the same situation? I remember when I was child taking swimming lessons. One day I simply tightened up my muscles and sank. The lifeguard pulled me up and asked what happened. I said I did not know. The truth is that I was sinking under the weight of my own doubt. I did not believe I could do what clearly, I was told I could. That was only in five feet of water in a pool! Now that I'm older, I can look back and laugh. But an adult, the swimming pool is life, and I would be lying if I said that there are no longer times I find myself sinking due to new doubts.

Much of our doubt comes about because of a lack of trust in God. We place our trust in material things, wealth, or imperfect people instead of the One who is worthy of our trust 100 percent of the time. Our stewardship is often hampered by our doubt that God will provide all that we need. If I give more, I may not have enough to survive! When we place all our trust in God, not only do we find that we have been given all we need - our doubt that cause us to sink in the pool of life fades away. We don't suddenly become perfect in our trust, and there will be times when we find ourselves with concerns again. However, it is in those moments we find that He is still there, speaking the words we need to hear: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Marian Feasts

Question:

Why does Mary have so many feast days and names?

Answer:

Christians first began celebrating feast days in honor of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in the fifth century. That celebration (originally called the Feast of the Dormition and now known by Roman Catholics as the Solemnity of the Assumption) was celebrated on August 15. Very soon, however, other special days dedicated to Mary began to appear in Jerusalem, Rome, and other major cities of the Christian world. These days of feasting became important parts of the life of the community. But, more importantly, each of these unique celebrations became an opportunity to focus on a different facet of the Christian faith, as believers focused their attention on specific events or mysteries of the lives of Mary and her Son.

Over the centuries, some of these celebrations became universal (such as the Assumption on August 15, the Immaculate Conception on December 8, and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1). Other celebrations were more closely tied to certain religious orders (such as the Carmelites celebration of "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" on July 16 or the Servite Friars feast of the "Seven Sorrows of Mary," which is now celebrated as the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15).

In more recent times, Marian apparitions (like Guadalupe, Lourdes, and Fatima) have inspired special liturgical celebrations. Pope Francis has added two new celebrations of Mary to the Church's calendar: The Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church (on the Monday after Pentecost) and the Commemoration of Our Lady of Loreto (on December 10). The various titles of Mary (like those we find in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary) help us to reflect on different aspects of Mary's faith and the ways that the Holy Spirit is at work in her and through her, especially as the Mother of Jesus.

In the end, whatever the event or mystery being celebrated in a particular liturgy or the title of Mary being used, we are invited to always see Mary in connection with the saving work of her Son. She is, of course, a patroness and protector for every Christian, but she is also a model of discipleship and contemplation: "Having entered deeply into the history of salvation, Mary, in a way, unites in her person and re-echoes the most important doctrines of the faith: and when she is the subject of preaching and worship she prompts the faithful to come to her Son, to his sacrifice and to the love of the Father" (Lumen Gentium, 65).

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But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

- Mt 14:30-31

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

The Lord taught the prophet Elijah not to look for him in the usual places. When have you found God's voice in an unexpected circumstance?

Second Reading

Paul was puzzled and deeply saddened over fellow Jews (God's covenantal people) who did not believe that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah. What convinces you of Jesus' identity as our Lord and Savior?

Gospel Reading

Peter shows himself to be a man of "little faith" when faced with the grave danger of drowning. Who are the people in your life who show a depth of faith in times of extreme duress?



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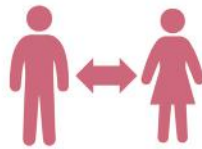


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To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



Wash Your Hands

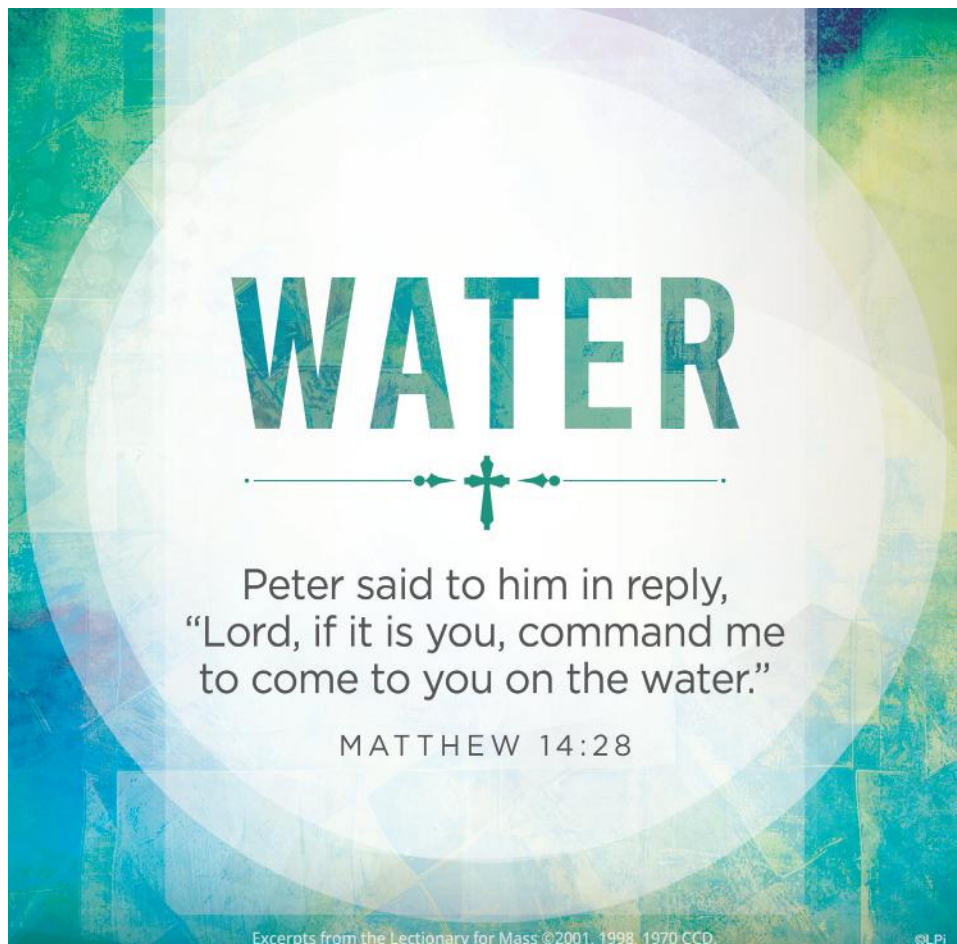
Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.

Don't Touch Your Face

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

Keep Your Distance

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.



Peter said to him in reply, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”

- Mt 14:28-30

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One night the disciples were caught in a storm, out in the middle of a lake. The winds were strong. The waves crashed against their boat. But Jesus was so powerful, he walked on that stormy lake. Then he completely stopped the storm. No problem you have is ever too big for Jesus. He can do anything. Put all your trust in him.

PRAYER

Jesus, I thank you for showing me how powerful you are.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

When you are afraid, ask Jesus for help. Remember how powerful he is.



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