



QUEEN OF PEACE

CATHOLIC PARISH

AUGUST 9, 2026 | 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome!

OUR WORSHIP SITES:

Our Lady, Mother of the Church

8747 W. Lawrence Avenue
Chicago, IL 60656

Masses:

Tuesday: 7:00 am
Thursday: 7:00 am
Sunday: 10:00 am

St. Eugene Church

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Mon.- Thur.: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Masses

Monday: 9:00 am
Wednesday: 9:00 am
Friday: 9:00 am
Saturday: 8:30 am
Sunday Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am
11:30 am

Confessions 3:30 pm on Saturday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Benediction 5:45 pm



OUR MISSION

We, the Catholic community of Queen of Peace Parish, centered in the Eucharist, strive to grow in our faith and our relationship with God as a welcoming people, working for peace and justice through service to others.



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FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICH

Today we celebrate the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The prophet Elijah lived about 800 years before Christ. Because he was loyal to God, he fell into disfavor with King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. He had to flee for his life to Mount Horeb (also known as Mount Sinai). As to listen to today's first reading, it will be helpful to know that wind, earthquake, and fire were traditional Old Testament expressions of God's presence.

In Chapters 9 to 11 of Paul's letter to the Romans, he addresses the painful question of why the majority of Jewish people failed to accept Christ. These were Paul's own people, and he was personally hurt by this. He still loved his Jewish heritage and in today's passage he lists seven wonderful blessings that God's Old Testament people have received. He then adds an eighth: Christ the Messiah.

Although our Parish Pastoral Council is on a well-deserved summer break, I want all in our parish to know they are still working very hard planning an event that we are hoping all in our parish will want to be a part of. It will be our "Queen of Peace Gala".

It has been a very long time since we have gathered as a parish to celebrate who we are as a community of faith as well as to raise funds for all the unplanned and unexpected maintenance and capital projects that we have been presented with over the past couple of years.

Our Parish Council feels strongly that we can both have a lot of fun, enjoy a great meal, be entertained and, at the same time, help our



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Eugene Church
Mondays 4 – 6 pm.
Benediction at 5:45 pm.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

In order to fully partake in the Mass, the Priest should be the last one in and the first one out.

Dress Appropriately ~ remember, you are in God's house.

parish, that we so much love, with the overwhelming expenses we are currently facing.

This upcoming Gala event will be titled: “All Is Bright”! Here we will be celebrating the light that our parish community brings to so many with an evening of faith, fellowship, dining and joyful celebration. In essence we will be gathering with family and friends as we come together to support the mission of our Queen of Peace Parish having a great time while doing it.

This exciting event will be held at Fountain Blue Banquets on Manheim Road in Des Plaines on Saturday, December 5, 2026. So, save the date! You will be hearing much more about this event in the fall. I don’t know about you, but I’m so looking forward to sharing in a gathering like this with all of you!

Thank you to our Parish Pastoral Council for all your work and effort in getting this “Gala” off the ground!

I just realized that Fr. Greg Rom will be celebrating his 6th anniversary here at Queen of Peace. It was in August/September of 2020 that he joined our staff.

Happy Anniversary Fr. Greg! We’re glad that you are here with us!

Fr. Rich Yanos

The Glories of Ireland



All are invited to join your fellow parishioners, family and friends on our next adventure as we discover “The Glories of Ireland” May 2 – 13, 2027. Brochures containing our entire itinerary are now available in the bulletin and brochure kiosks of our worship sites and at the parish office. To learn more about this exciting destination come and join us for an informational meeting on Monday night, August 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Hayes Center at Our Lady, Mother of the Church. All are welcome!



OUR MILITARY PARISHIONERS

Major Adamczyk
Ghaleb Azroui
Matthew Calderisi
Timothy Emmett Carolan
Melissa Rose Cortese
Andrew Dale, USMC
James Vincent Degrazia
Patrick Edward Dillon
Zbigniew Dudkowski
Matthew Scott Forrest
Dominic John Guerrieri, Jr.
Major Dirk Haller
Andrew Hopkins
Christopher Jenkins
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Keith Miller
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Holly Schippers
Michael Schippers, Jr.
Sean Sherlock
Sharon Sherlock
Phillip R. Simonsen
Tony Strzalka
Anthony Vanhanselaere

Saturday, August 8, 2026

8:30 am Mass at SE Church

Chillemi, Patel & Leydens Families
Joseph Marsillo, Jr.
Angeline Santella

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at SE Church

Mirno Della-Santina
Pamela & Tim Heider
Bruno Janus - Birthday Remembrance
Bozena Mogielnicki
Dominick & Lucia Notarvonata

Doreen Penkala
Carlito Radaza
Margie Szajowski
Rev. Fred Tomzik
Helen & Walter Wojtas

Sunday, August 9, 2026

8:30 am Mass at SE Church

Elzbieta Chojnowska
Augusto Di Brita
Mazur Family

10:00 am Mass at OLMC Church

John Catanese
John Muehlfelder, Sr. - Birthday Remembrance
Donato Parente
Jozef & Stefania Rebacz
Adela & Wincenty Dmochowski
S.I. For Matt & Sabrina

11:30 am Mass at SE Church

People of the Parish
Ed Barzowski
Brunetto & Cecilia Brunetto
Rosetta Favia
Conrado Morales - Birthday
Soledad Morales - 1st Death Anniversary

Monday, August 10, 2026

9:00 am Mass at SE Church

Pablo & Adela Gomez - 69th Wedding Anniv.
Pablo Gomez - 102nd Birthday
Lukasz Lirecki
Zlotorzycki, Brickman & Fahy Families

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

7:00 am Mass at OLMC Church

Juan Diaz
S.I. For Karoline O'Connor - Healing & Blessings
Maria Rizzo - 16th Anniversary of Death
Fred Rogers
Antonio Scardino

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

9:00 am Mass at SE Church

Jude, Minn & Ten Families
Myron Masley
Francis Noronha

Thursday, Aug 13, 2026

7:00 am Mass at OLMC Church

Souls in Purgatory
Dominic J. Nardi
S.I. For Konrad Snizek

Friday, August 14, 2026

9:00 am Mass at SE Church

Charles Dressner
Anna Scola
S. I. That everyone will know, love, serve & honor God the Father every day

Saturday, August 15, 2026

8:30 am Mass at SE Church

Domenico Lo Bello
All Souls in Purgatory, The Dying & Fallen
Away Christians
S.I. For Family

2:30 pm Wedding at SE Church

Carly Dee Crispino & Vincent Julian Di Tommaso

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at SE Church

Walter & Helen Block
Thoman Gierut

Wayne Greco
Bernice Hujar
Ryszard Kwiatkowski
Mary McDaniel
Jimmy McGuire

Joseph Pecora
Anna Piotrowski
Patricia Schippers

Sunday, August 16, 2026

8:30 am Mass at SE Church

People of the Parish
Jolanta Bogusz
Wieslaw Chmiel
Alice Guest
Lukasz Lirecki

10:00 am Mass at OLMC Church

Amalia Grossi
Patrick O'Regan & Lill & Pat
Barbara Snow
Malgorzata & Wladyslaw Lizak
Tom Szczech, Jr.
Jose Manuel Villalba

11:30 am Mass at SE Church

Mary Conroy
Dec'd Members of the Iorio & Esposito Fam.
Pearl & George Giovannoni
Marge Jankiewicz
Mario La Fronza
Hillard Mike Michalek
Michael Michalek
Michael Vito Parente

	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 08/15/26 4:30 PM - SE	Rev. Rich Yanos	C. Lim - WB M. Lim - B Rev. Yanos / J. Magnuson - C MB. Glynn - O L. Feist - WO F. Klus - Cup B M. Meo Cup O	L. Parillo S. Martinez	L. Olen
Sunday, 08/16/26 8:30 am - SE	Rev. Jacek Dada	D. Duszynski - WB R. Kennedy - B Rev. Dada / M. Cozzo - C P. Draniczarek - O G. Bermas - WO J. Cardella - Cup B J. Kolaski - Cup O	A. Czubek B. Villena	M. Egan
Sunday, 08/16/26 10:00 am - OLMC	Rev. Greg Rom	D. Sese - T J. Summers - T Rev. Rom / M. Walsh - C C. Capps - Cup T M. Marszalek - Cup T	G. Pilch J. Pilch	G. Pustay - 1st reading S. Melendrez - 2nd reading
Sunday, 08/16/26 11:30 am - SE	Rev. Robert Carlton	P. Paetsch - WB B. Berggren - B Rev. Carlton / C. Giacalone - C M. Holder - O S. Melendrez - WO L. Feist - Cup B J. Mroszczak - Cup O	W. Janus T. Janus H. Wyszowski	J. Sciafani



Join us on Tuesday, August 11, at 3 p.m., in St. Eugene School Annex Room 110



Come join us for a 30-45 minute walk after the 8:30am Mass at St. Eugene Church on Saturday mornings.

Whether you are looking to get a little extra exercise, enjoy the outdoors, or simply catch up with fellow parishioners, this group is for you! It's open to all fitness levels, all ages, and no marathon training required. Any questions, please contact Jodi at jod26@comcast.net.

QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH ANNUAL GALA

All Is Bright

Saturday, December 5, 2026
6:30pm

Fountain Blue Banquets
2300 Mannheim Rd,
Des Plaines, IL 60018

TICKET: \$125.00

Celebrate the light of our parish community at an unforgettable evening of faith, fellowship, dining, and joyful celebration. Gather with family and friends as we come together to support the mission of Queen of Peace Parish. Reserve your tickets today, and we look forward to celebrating with you!

Together, let's make this an evening where All Is Bright!

For gala inquiries, please contact 773-775-6659

Tickets are available for purchase at the Queen of Peace Parish Office





Queen of Peace Parish
Religious Education Program 2026-2027
 Provided at St. Eugene School



The Religious Education Program is provided by St. Eugene School. Please contact school office at 773-763-2235 for information about Religious Education Program or go to the school website and click on the Religious Education Tab to read or register your child.

- Regular Program Classes - Grades 1-7: Classes take place in a classroom setting with the overall work covered in class with the exception of the seventh grade students who complete additional papers and service hours in preparation for making their Sacrament of Confirmation in the fall of their eighth grade year. Classes are held on Tuesdays beginning October 6th and are held from 3:45-4:45 p.m.
- Independent Study Program - Grades 1 - 7: This class is for parents who want their children to complete their grade-level chapter work at home and want to use their church attendance as their participation in religious education. Please call school for details about this program.



ST. EUGENE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Mission Statement

St. Eugene School prepares and inspires students to achieve their full potential and lead meaningful lives, grounded in the teachings of our Catholic faith.

Vision

To be celebrated as a school where we recognize and celebrate the uniqueness of each child, which is affirmed through our instructional strategies, methods, and materials utilized to promote the continuous academic, spiritual, moral, emotional, and physical development of the whole child.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Joe Marley at 708-702-2726 Marley-j@comcast.net

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB



The Friendship Club will be off for the summer but we will return in September. Enjoy your Summer! See you soon!

Please contact Debra at dltimmreck@gmail.com or call 773-398-4472 if you have any questions.

The Friendship Club is going on an adventure on Sunday, December 20, 2026. The bus will leave the south parking lot of Our Lady, Mother of the Church at 12:00 and return at approximately 4:00.

We will be traveling to Lake Zurich to see The Real Story of Christmas - the entire life of Jesus from manger to resurrection-a Shepherd who saw it all. You will be transported back in time to Bethlehem for the very first Christmas. Cost of the trip is \$72.00. For more information and to make a reservation, please call Debbie at 773-631-6330.



Bible Study

Please join us on Wednesdays in St. Eugene School-room 110 from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Questions or comments please feel free to email Frank at fjizak@comcast.net Hope to see you there!



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Bulletin requests must be sent 2 weeks prior to the desired bulletin weekend to mgeurtsen@archchicago.org. We reserve the right to edit. Submissions will be placed in the bulletin if space allows and pending administration approval. Please call the parish office for the holiday schedule. Thank you.

Religious Education Program

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Please contact the Rectory Office for:

- Information about Sacraments of Baptism (Parents requesting Baptism for their child at Queen of Peace must be registered and active members of the Parish), Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Funerals.
- Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA)
- Request sacramental records such as baptism, confirmation, marriage, or other certificates.
- To register as a new parishioner.
- To schedule a Mass intention (Mass Intentions can be scheduled only in person at the rectory office).
- Make a donation or set up financial support options
- Get general information like office hours, event schedules, or directions to the church facilities.

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IN OUR HEARTS THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

† Queen of Peace Deceased Parishioners



May the souls of the faithful rest in peace.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

After another successful year, we will be taking a summer break. For July and August, with 12 or so ladies, we were able to make a donation of 200 shawls and lap robes for all residents of Harmony Nursing Center in Chicago.

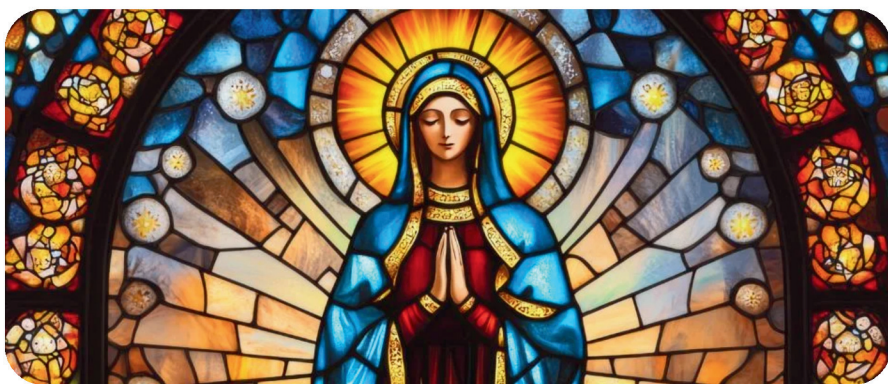
We also donated baby blankets to Maryville Crisis Nursery for their residents, and a Gift Shop, where they were able to make some profits for things they needed.

We hope more of you will join us next year to continue this ministry that is celebrating 20 years thanks to Shirley Schindler.

Thank you for all the many yarn donations.

Please call Pam Hoffelt
773-848-4586.





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Annabella Amato
Ralph J. Amelio & Victoria Amelio
Patricia Basili
Judy Bauer
Don Bellisario
Ludwika Bialo
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STEWARDSHIP

08/02/2026

4:30pm SE	\$2,877.00
8:30am SE	\$2,414.50
10:00am OLMC	\$2,316.00
11:30am SE	\$3,537.00

Online Collection	\$2,753.01
Mail	\$5,825.00

Sunday Total \$19,722.51

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SECOND COLLECTIONS

August 15

Assumption

August 16

Repair & Maintenance



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GOD PROVIDES IN MANY WAYS

As you may remember, Tuesday, July 14 was brutally hot. It was also grocery distribution day at St. Eulalia's Quinn Center. And distribution is done in the parking lot as cars slowly drive through. Just the kind of day that extra help can go a long way in serving clients and keeping volunteers safe.

And how did God provide? Six teenage boys, summer camp counselors for the Quinn Center's Day Camp, left their indoor activities and joined the group to help with set up and distribution. For strength, energy, and endurance, you can't beat teenage boys. Thank you to these special young men who stepped up to meet the challenge.

That day, 124 families, encompassing over 500 people, received bagged suppers and bags of groceries that helped them stretch their food budgets.

Two days earlier, our faithful Queen of Peace volunteers gathered to assemble those bags of groceries. We were lucky We got to work indoors! This is another example of God providing -- faithful people who share their time and energy on a Sunday afternoon to help folks who aren't as fortunate as they.

I recently ran into a quote from St. Teresa of Calcutta: "It's not about how much you do, but how much love you put into what you do that counts." There was a lot of love put forth by these volunteers. And please don't forget, your financial support of this ministry through your bi-monthly envelope is crucially important. You may not be in a position to help physically, but you show your love when your support enables us to buy the groceries that will be distributed. Thank you!

If you have any questions or would like to participate in this ministry, please contact Jan Magnuson at jan7744@comcast.net or at 312-806-7210. Our next bagging session will be Sunday, **August 9**. Meet at 2:00 by Door 4 in the parking lot at St. Eulalia.



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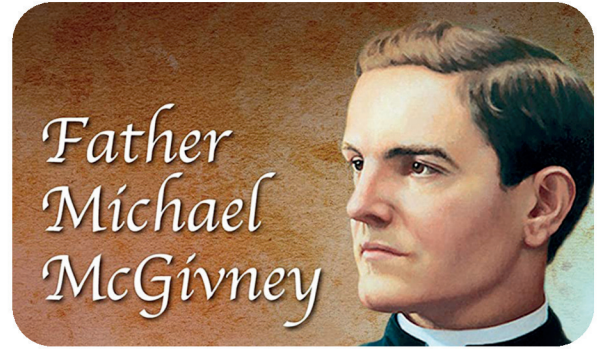


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ROSARIES FOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND CANONIZATION OF BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY

"The feast day of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Blessed Father Michael McGivney, is this Thursday, August 13. Please pray at least one Rosary this week for the Knights of Columbus, especially our parish Knights of Columbus, and for the canonization of their founder, Blessed Michael McGivney. Rosary Guild members are: Emily A., Lori G., James H., John I., Lita J., Evelyn K., Terri K., Lonnie M., Mary M., Ted M., Josephine N., Emilie P., Stefania P., Jean R., Demi S., and Shirley S. To join the Rosary Guild, please contact the parish office.



LIVING ROSARY

The feast day of the patron of the Living Rosary, St. Philomena, is this Tuesday, August 11. She is known as "Wonder-Worker," and interceded with God for the healing of Blessed Pauline Jaricot, founder of the Living Rosary. St. Philomena is also the patron of infants, youth, purity, and hopeless causes. In the Living Rosary, people pray a decade of the Rosary daily for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which is for the glory of the Most Holy Trinity, and also in honor of St. Philomena. To sign up to pray a decade each day, please reach out to the parish office.

Joyful Mysteries:

Annunciation - Lori G.
Visitation - Barb R.
Nativity - Josephine N.
Presentation - Karen R.
Finding the Temple - Mary M.

Luminous Mysteries

Baptism of Jesus - Barb R.
Wedding at Cana - Mary M.
Proclaim the Kingdom - Terri K.
Transfiguration - Emily A.
Institution of Eucharist - Emily A.

Sorrowful Mysteries

Agony in the Garden - Jean R.
Scourging at the Pillar - Jean R.
Crowning with Thorns - Mary M.
Carrying of the Cross - Mary M.
Crucifixion - Demi S.

Glorious Mysteries

Resurrection - Lita J.
Ascension - Marsha G.
Descent of Spirit - Terri K.
Assumption - Camille C.
Coronation - Camille C.



BOY SCOUT TROOP 943 EAGLE PROJECT SOCK AND HYGIENE DRIVE

Help Homeless Men and Women Veterans by Donating these New Items

Collecting August 17th – September 8th

My name is Noah Sokolowski from Boy Scout Troop 943 out of St. Monica Church. I am a junior at Ridgewood High School and have been scouting for eight years. I am working with VFW Post 8322 at 6940 W. Diversey Ave. to help collect supplies for homeless veterans. I picked this Sock and Hygiene drive to help people who are in need and don't have the means to get some basic necessities. I feel it is a need to help Veterans who have helped our country and giving back to them. Your help would be appreciated for me to achieve my Eagle rank and help homeless Veterans.





DATES, TIMES, LOCATION

Sep. 10 - Oct. 29, 2026
Thursdays at 6:30pm
St. Eugene Church

COST & REGISTRATION

\$40 for workbook and streaming.
Cash or check. Please make a check to
Queen of Peace Parish.
To register, please come to the Rectory
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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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jdada@st-eugene.org

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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 9, 2026

Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday:

2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday:

Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday:

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday:

Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday:

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday:

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28

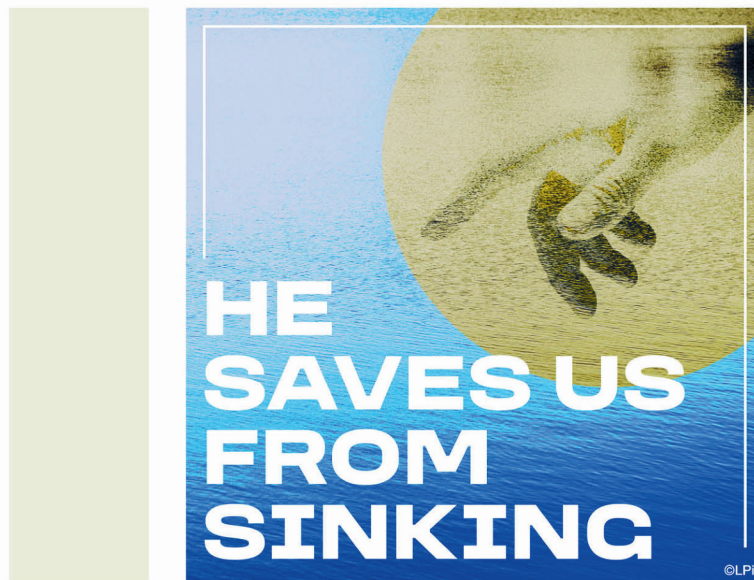
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday:

Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As a young, newly ordained priest, I admired a senior priest who was gifted, beloved, and had changed countless lives. But soon I learned that he had fallen in catastrophic and destructive ways. The painful juxtaposition of good and evil was complex to process. How could someone so seemingly good also be so broken and deceptive? It forced me to confront a sobering truth: leadership in the Church is no guarantee against weakness or sin.

Peter teaches that truth in this week's Gospel. When he sees Jesus walking on the sea, Peter does what leaders do. He goes first. **"Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."** But when he sees how strong the wind is, he becomes frightened and, beginning to sink, cries out, **"Lord, save me."** Immediately, Jesus stretches out his hand and catches him.

St. Thomas Aquinas observes that Peter overcomes the greater danger of the waves but falters before the lesser threat of the wind. This is the paradox leaders often face. It is not always the great trials that undo us, but the smaller, quieter temptations, such as subtle fears and compromises, that lead us to sink.

The good news is that Jesus does not abandon Peter. He saves him before it is too late. Our frail humanity lives within a rhythm of grace, risk, failure, and mercy. Jesus helps Peter overcome both the obvious and hidden sources of fear, and he promises to do the same for us. So, let us pray for all, especially our spiritual leaders.

— *Father John Muir*



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