



...After Jesus had broken bread with the crowd, he sent his disciples and everybody else away and went off to pray. While the disciples were in a boat, doing exactly what he told them to do, they found themselves in mortal danger. Instead of arriving safely home to bed, they were caught in wind and a storm that tossed them around until something like 5 a.m. When it seemed that things couldn't get any worse, they thought they saw a ghost coming for them.

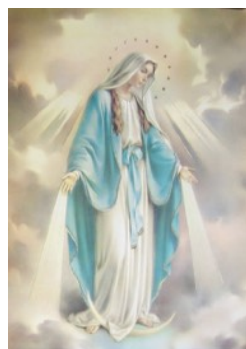
That's when they heard the same voice that had recently told them to share all they had with the hungry crowd. "Be of good cheer! It is I! Don't be afraid." That was Peter's cue. He was already facing death, so why not go for broke: "If it is you, command me to do what you are doing!" So Jesus said, "Come."

A few hours earlier, Peter and his companions had given away all their food, and when everybody had eaten, there were still 12 baskets of leftovers. Now, when they thought they were going to die, Jesus said, "Come." So, in a death-defying leap of faith, Peter started to walk on the water. It worked — at least until terror dragged his faith below sea level. Then there was nothing left to do but scream. It worked — Jesus stretched out his hand and asked, "Why did you doubt?"

Can you imagine the laughter when Peter would tell the story later? "Why did I doubt? Are you kidding? Maybe it was the storm, or the wind, or, just maybe it had something to do with the fact that we're disciples, not ducks! We aren't very accustomed to walking on water!"

Nothing in this story indicates that the disciples thought God had sent the storm that endangered them, nor does the Book of Kings say God wanted the king and queen of Israel to try to kill Elijah. Elijah discovered that God's whispering is more powerful than wind, earthquake and chariots. That's because in the midst of a noisy, violent world, we have to strive to hear God's whisper. Hearing God's voice demands intention and attention.

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## AUGUST 15 ~ THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory.

Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven. ~ [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org)

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Monday~Friday: 9:00 AM to 12 Noon

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### MISSION STATEMENT

*"Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we the family of St. Stephen Catholic Church nurture and sustain our faith through Love,*

### MASS SCHEDULES (Main Church)

Monday ~ Communion Service Only, 8:00 AM  
Tuesday ~ Saturday ~ 8:00 AM  
Saturday (Main Church) ~ 4:00 PM  
Sunday (Main Church) ~ 7:30 AM  
Sunday (Main Church) ~ 10:00 AM

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:15 to 3:45 PM  
or by appointment

### DEVOTION

The Holy Rosary is said 30 minutes before Mass



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**MEDITATION OF THE DAY**

**Another League**

MAGNIFICAT® ~ Sunday, August 9, 2020 ~ Vol. 22, No. 6

**W**e'd never leave the boat  
without the Son of Man  
calling us to come  
and walk these mountain waves,  
churning valleys,  
white-capped plains—  
without worry?  
The Master of the sea  
has pierced the depths  
below our sinking feet  
and surfaced with leviathan thrust  
to brace our thrashing hands  
and be with us.  
The Spirit at our back  
we stride the surf  
with strengthening trust.  
We never could have dreamed  
the deep below our feet,  
obedient squall!  
Our destiny—another league  
where wind and waves agree—  
the Father's all.

~ Rita A. Simmonds

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**19th Sunday In Ordinary Time** (continued from front page)

Peter and his companions learned that God listens to our pleas. The disciples wanted an end to the storm and Jesus invited them to walk on the troubled water. Rather than meet our expectations, God offers to save us in ways we might think impossible. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, the Jesuit scientist and mystic, is quoted as saying, "What paralyzes life is lack of faith and lack of audacity." Peter and friends were learning that that faith is an audacious way to live. A bit like deciding to walk on water, half-measures simply won't do.

It takes faith to put our whole heart into praying "Lord, let us see your kindness." It takes audacious trust to be open, to let go of our expectations and dare to accept the salvation God offers.

Today let's sing it again and again, and with all our heart: " Lord, let us see *your* kindness, and grant us *your* salvation."

[St. Joseph Sr. Mary M. McGlone serves on the congregational leadership team of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.]

~ [ncronline.org](http://ncronline.org)



**WEEKLY OFFERINGS:**

THIS WEEK: \$1,755.00

LAST WEEK: \$2,456.00

**MAHALO!**

*We are grateful to all who generously contribute their time, talent and treasure to our Parish Community.*

**2020 SCHEDULES**

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

**GROUP 6**

Friday, August 7, 2020

\* Sui Kozuma

Patti Silva ~ Leona Auerbach ~ Sue Ann Yasuoka

Rose Paraz ~ Meriam Ladrillono

**GROUP 1**

Saturday, August 15

\* Cathy Devaney

Glenn Abcede ~ Marissa Abcede

Caroline, Ed, & Kawika Hasegawa

Mary Tom

**LECTORS**

Saturday, August 8, 2020 ~ Sr. Marykutty, Scott Bell

Saturday, August 15, 2020 ~ Randy Tom, Sue Ann Yasuoka

Sunday, August 9, 2020

7:30 A.M. ~ Chester Hughes, Patti Silva

10:00 A.M. ~ Knights of Columbus

Sunday, August 16, 2020

7:30 A.M. ~ Sr. Marykutty, Chester Hughes

10:00 A.M. ~ Frank Jordan, Wesley Fong

**RESPECT LIFE**

Juanita Ruis, Respect Life Coordinator

**Healthcare Help for the Unemployed**

As healthcare costs continue to rise, obtaining access to adequate medical care can be challenging, particularly for single women in poverty. According to 2014 statistics, 75 percent of women who chose abortion were low income. The financial strain of medical care can often place significant burdens on both pregnant and parenting mothers. 2016 data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reveals that 15 percent of women in the United States received inadequate prenatal care. As we walk with mothers in need, we pray that our efforts will help mothers and their children gain access to quality, life-affirming medical care and address this fundamental need.

In August we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the feast day of St. Monica (mother of St. Augustine), who spent much of her life as a single, widowed mother, dedicated to caring for her children. Through your prayers, please ask for their intercession for all mothers facing difficulties.

~ [usccb.org](http://usccb.org)



**"LIVING FAITH"**  
Daily Catholic Devotions  
Saturday, August 8, 2020  
[www.livingfaith.com](http://www.livingfaith.com)

ST. DOMINIC

**Impossible is Nothing**

**Amen, I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "Move from here to there," and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.**

Matthew 17:20

Are there challenges in your life that seem insurmountable? Are there addictions that no amount of willpower can control? Are there relationships that seem beyond the point of restoration? Are there situations that escalate, bills that pile up, health concerns that limit or frighten you?

If nothing is impossible for God, then the only thing limiting his power to work miracles on our behalf is our lack of belief in his sovereignty, and our lack of faith that is inhibiting our ability to receive.

It's time to stop pouring energy into raging for our limitations, and pour our energy into believing big. It's time to stop complaining and worrying, and start asking God for help, with the full and faithful expectation that our needs will be met.

Release. Trust. Believe.

Nothing will be impossible for you.

~ Kristin Armstrong



**"LIVING FAITH"**  
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**A Whisper in the Silence**

**After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.** 1 Kings 19:12-13

I have sought God in many ways over the course of my life. I searched in the busyness and "doing" of my life, hoping that if I worked hard enough I might be loved. I cried out in times of sickness and confusion, hoping I might be heard. I have no doubt that God has seen and heard me.

But this ancient story of the prophet Elijah reminds us that sometimes the best way to find God is just the opposite of our kicking, screaming, doing and crying. Very often, the most direct way to God is in the silence "at the back of the cave." We need to retreat from the noise, lower our voices and be quiet enough to hear the voice that whispers, "Here I am."

*Father God, come to me in the silence of prayer.*

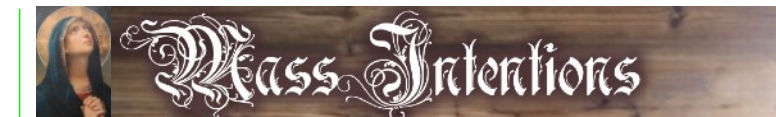
~ Steve Givens

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**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**



In today's Gospel, Jesus utters the most frequent command in the Bible, "Don't be afraid," when He says it to Peter, and the other disciples in the boat, as they see Jesus walking on water toward them. They thought they were seeing a "ghost coming for them," until Jesus identifies himself as the Lord. Peter, seemingly acting as a "doubting Thomas" says, "If it is you, command me to do what you are doing!" And



**Sunday, August 9**

**7:30 A.M. Mass**

✠ Jack Wong

✠ Al Tagab

✠ Alan Leong

✠ Cheri Allen

Healing Prayers For:

Bernard Ho

Wayne Silva

**10:00 A.M. Mass**

✠ Vera Asbitomi

✠ Karen Lee

✠ Salvador Solidum

✠ Sam Chun

✠ Steve Aki

✠ Helena Kim

✠ Al Tagab

✠ Trudy Tokuda

\*Healing Prayers For:

\*Nancy Contrades

\*Milton Tadaki

\*Julie Galves

\*Stephanie Baron

\*Milton Choy



**Monday, August 10**

**8:00 A.M. Communion Service**

For the Deceased of the Parish



**Tuesday, August 11**

**8:00 A.M. Mass**

Healing Prayers For: Mary Souza



**Wednesday, August 12**

**8:00 A.M. Mass**

✠ Steve Aki



**Thursday, August 13**

**8:00 A.M. Mass**

For All The Souls In Purgatory



**Friday, August 14**

**8:00 A.M. Mass**

For the Sick And Homebound



**Saturday, August 15**

**8:00 A.M. Mass**

✠ Don Yee

**4:00 P.M. Mass**

✠ Doreen & Francis Chia

✠ Nancy & Raymond Tom

✠ Betty Lowe

✠ Beatrice Tom

✠ Henry George, Jr.

**LEGEND:**



= Birthday Blessings



= Wedding/Anniversary Blessings



**Prayer Requests**

**For The Sick & The Homebound**

Nancy Asato, Bernard Ho, Margaret Robello, Wayne Silva, Mary Souza, Carrie Talwar, Richard Wong

**\* For The Deceased Of The Parish \***

Steve Aki, Kenneth Asato, Ron & Tomiko Asato, Vera Asbitomi, Benito & Rosario Bautista, Rosalie G. Cadiz, Dr. Joseph & Priscilla Chang, Doreen & Francis Chia, Betty & Albert Chong, Sam Chun, Steve Fujii, Eileen Green, Ron Kano, Betty Lowe, Karen Lee, Frederick Lum, Salvador Solidum, Al Tagab, Beatrice Tom, Gladys Wong, Jack Wong, Clement Yee, Don Yee

Jesus replies, "Come." Because Peter still doubts his ability to walk on water, he falters, crying out to the Lord to save him! Jesus reaches out his hand and asks Peter, "Why did you doubt?"

Will you doubt and become paralyzed by lack of faith when the Lord calls upon you in a whisper? To hear His voice "demands intention and attention." Do not be afraid...and call out to Him, "Here I am Lord!"

*May the Peace of Our Lord be with you always!* ~ Fr. Mario



## 19th Sunday In Ordinary Time

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr

Readings from Breaking Bread™ 2020

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August 9, 2020

FIRST READING ~ 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a (115A)

A Reading from the Book of Kings

At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter. Then the Lord said to him, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the Lord; the Lord will be passing by." A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the Lord—but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake—but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire—but the Lord was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM ~ Psalm 85:9—14

*Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.*

SECOND READING ~ Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie, my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. 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. They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ~ Matthew 15:22-33

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if

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## DAILY READINGS



Monday, August 10

2 Corinthians 9:6-10

St. Laurence, Deacon & Martyr



Tuesday, August 11

Hosea 2:16, 17, 21-22

St. Clare of Assisi



Wednesday, August 12

Ezekiel 9:1-7, 10:18-22



Thursday, August 13

Ezekiel 12:1-2

Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus, Martyrs



Friday, August 14

1 John 3:13-18

St. Maximilian Kolber, Martyr



Saturday, August 15

Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24

Assumption of the Blessed Mother

[catholicreadings.org](http://catholicreadings.org)



20th Sunday In

Ordinary Time

August 16, 2020

St. Stephen of Hungary

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 (118A)

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

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SECOND READING

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

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GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

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The Gospel (continued)

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!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got in the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat

## MUSIC FOR

17th Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 8 & 9, 2020

BREAKING BREAD™



Entrance: [#562] Sing Of The Lord's Goodness  
[#457] Shepherd Me, O God  
[#211] Holy, Holy, Holy

Offertory: [#436] On Eagle's Wings  
[#469] Be Still & Know That I Am God  
[#466] In Every Age

Communion: [#429] Here I Am  
[#434] You Are Near  
[#439] We Will Rise Again

Recessional: [#441] Though The Mountains May Fall  
[#442] How Can I Keep From Singing  
[#639] One Lord



## THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

The Visitation

Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth and is praised by her as "blessed among women." (Luke 1:39-56)

See how the Holy Spirit greets the Virgin Mary through the mouth of Elizabeth: "Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb! And blessed art thou that hast believed, because those things shall be accomplished that were spoke to thee by the Lord."

Blessed indeed, for by this faith in the word of God the Virgin Mary became the Mother of Christ.

What finite creature has ever received honor such as this from the Infinite Being?

Mary gives all the glory to the Lord for the marvelous things which are accomplished in her.

From the moment of the Incarnation the Virgin Mother sings in her heart a canticle full of love and gratitude.

In the presence of her cousin Elizabeth she allows the most profound sentiments of her heart to break forth in song; she intones the "Magnificat" which, in the course of centuries, her children will repeat with her to praise God for having chosen her among all women: "My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my savior. Because He has regarded the lowliness of His Handmaid... Because He Who is mighty has done great things for me and holy is His Name."

~ ewtn.com

The Gospel (continued)

did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.