

St Anthony Church

Sunday, August 9, 2020

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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

SHORT PRAYERS



A priest was spending part of his vacation with his brother and family in Illinois. One hot, muggy night they decided to go swimming in a nearby lake. Some other groups had the same idea, among them several adults who had too much to drink. The priest and his relatives were having a great time when suddenly a scream split the air: "Help! Help!"

One of the adults who was drunk had waded out where the water was up to his neck, lapping his chin and mouth. His friends on shore kept shouting: "This way, Ernie, this way." But Ernie was confused and scared as he kept on shouting: "Help! Help!" The priest waded and swam out close enough to grab Ernie's hand, but not close enough to be clutched by Ernie. "Come on, Ernie, this way," the priest kept saying as he slowly pulled Ernie to shallow water.

In this weekend's Gospel, we read about St. Peter who thought he was drowning

and who called out to Jesus: "Lord, save me!" In both these stories, there is a point I would like to emphasize: both St. Peter and Ernie cried for help in just a few words. Their prayer was brief, to the point. It is interesting to note how many asked Christ for favors in a few words. It gives us a hint on how to approach Christ.

How did people pray to Jesus? Last Sunday we heard the disciples tell Jesus that the crowd had nothing to eat. Next Sunday we will hear the mother of a possessed girl cry out: "Lord, help me!" Today we hear Peter's cry: "Lord, save me!" "Lord, have pity on my son!" was the plea of the father whose son was possessed (Mt. 17:14). Even when they had a prayerful question they expressed it briefly: "Good master, what good work shall I do to have eternal life?" asked the rich young man (Mk. 8:30). Remember the short prayer of the blind man: "Lord, that I may see." Really, even the Our Father is made up of a number of brief prayers: "Thy

will be done ... give us bread ... forgive our sins."

We would do well to model some of our prayers after the brief prayers of those who talked to Jesus on this earth. Not that we will neglect the formal, official prayers of the Church, but because often we haven't the time or mental energy to make up a longer prayer of our own, and because shorter prayers can be offered any time, any place.

Try using such short prayers before meals. Instead of the usual meal prayer simply say: "Thank You, Lord, for this food." As you back out of the garage: "Lord, give us a safe journey." After a close call on the highway: "Thank You, Lord, for saving us." Someone has suggested: "Count to ten before you speak an angry word." Here's a better idea in half the words: "Lord, help me to be patient." Above all, try these brief prayers daily. Talk to Jesus in your own words, in a few words.

God bless you.



Each year, we have the opportunity to unleash the Gospel through our Catholic Services Appeal. The valuable ministries, programs, and services our CSA funds benefit so many in our parish and across the Archdiocese of Detroit and beyond. When we support the CSA, together we *Fuel the Movement* to unleash the Gospel.

St. Anthony will take up the Catholic Services Appeal during Masses the weekend of August 25/26. You will soon receive information about the CSA in the mail as a request from Fr. John to join him in supporting the CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services. We invite all parishioners to reflect on God's blessing in their lives and make a pledge to our 2020 CSA as Christ's disciples.

Everyday Stewardship

Being Human is to Doubt

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

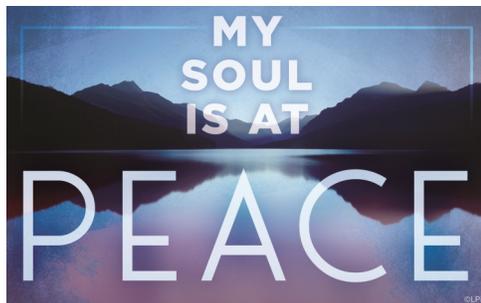
Before any of us say anything about Peter's doubting the words of Jesus that told him he could get out of his boat and walk on water, we need to get real with ourselves: How would I respond in the same situation? I remember when I was child taking swimming lessons. One day I simply tightened up my muscles 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

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	Readings	Mass Intentions
Saturday August 8 th St. Dominic	Hb 1:12—2:4 Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b] Mt 17:14-20	6:00 John Landoski † rb Jim & Carolyn Larkin
Sunday August 9 th 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8] Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33	8:30 AM Estella Szolek † rb Joyce, Darlene & family 10:30 AM Roger Simpson † rb sister, Starr Burke
Monday August 10 th St. Lawrence	2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5] Jn 12:24-26	8:00 AM Pfc Edward Bies † rb family
Tuesday August 11 th St. Clare	Ez 2:8—3:4 Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14	8:00 AM John Landoski † rb Teresa Caudill
Wednesday August 12 th St. Jane Frances de Chantal	Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [4b] Mt 18:15-20	8:00 AM Olivia Whittaker ♥ rb Babcia
Thursday August 13 th Sts. Pontian, & Hippolytus	Ez 12:1-12 Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 Mt 18:21—19:1	8:00 AM Wendell Clift ♥ health & well-being rb Marcel & Linda LeBlanc
Friday August 14 th St. Maximilian Kolbe	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c] Mt 19:3-12	8:00 AM Josephine Terlaak † rb Dena Whittaker
Saturday August 15 th Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc] 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56	6:00 Francesca Coccimiglio ♥ healing & remission rb Barb Coccimiglio-Brown
Sunday August 16 th 20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 56:1, 6-7 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4] Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28	8:30 AM Fr. John Hollowell † rb the parish 10:30 AM Todd Atchinson † rb Kurt Atchinson & Jayne Atchinson, his parents



August 15th & 16th Ministers of the Liturgy

	6:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
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Our Friends, Family and Loved Ones . . .

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The prayer list is updated monthly. To continue prayers or to add the names of your loved ones, please contact the parish office.

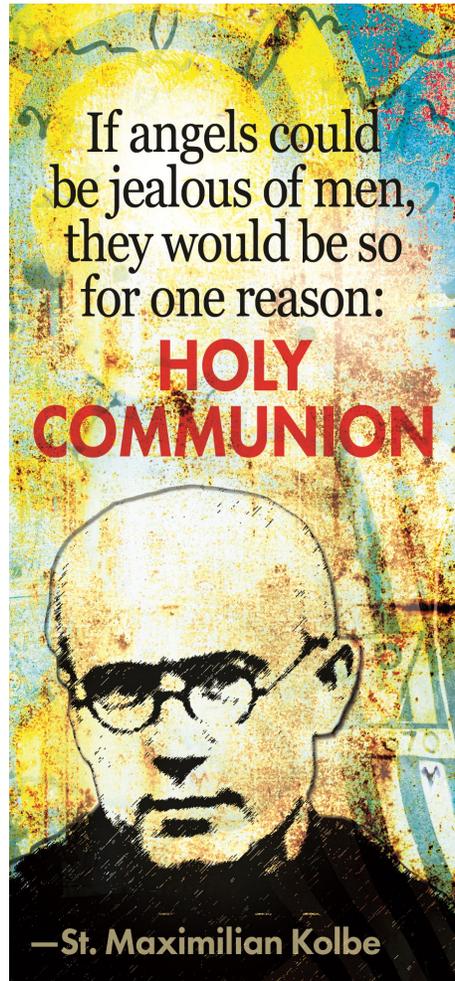


Do you know someone who would like to:

- Learn more about the Catholic Faith?
- Return home to the Church and more actively practice his/her faith?
- Prepare for Baptism?
- Join the Catholic Church community?
- Have other needs, requests or questions addressed?

Or perhaps this describes you?

Every year, the Catholic Church welcomes thousands of new members and returning members through the process of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Call Darrel Recker (572-0157) or Carol Uhal (485-7544) for information about how to get started!



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Faith Community of St. Anthony Parish, Belleville, open to the Spirit as disciples of Jesus Christ, envision our mission as Proclaiming, Witnessing and Celebrating the Kingdom of God among us through Service, Healing and Reconciling Love.

August 9, 2020

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9A, 11-13A | Rom 9:1-5 | Mt 14:22-33

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Have you ever felt agitated? Sometimes it's about nothing in particular. Other times it can stem from something we said, a regret, a broken relationship, or just an overall sense that something in our life is off-kilter. That feeling comes to mind when I picture Peter walking across that water in the wind toward Jesus. He panicked, even with Jesus in plain sight! That feeling of agitation can throw us off balance, too. Rather than looking down at the choppy water, Jesus encourages us to keep our eyes fixed on him. We may not be able to walk on water (don't try this at home!), but we'll find peace even on the stormiest of days.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

"Lord, save me!" I think Peter gets a bad rap for shouting out to Jesus when the waves start crashing about. After all, it took courage for him to "walk on water" in the first place. Likewise, we need to give ourselves credit for taking "leaps of faith" in our lives - whether that means a young person embracing his or her baptismal vocation and choosing to receive the graces and gifts in the sacrament of confirmation, remaining strong in our faith and keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus despite turmoil in the Church, or continuing to pray and seek God's presence on the darkest and most difficult of days. On those more difficult days, we should feel free to shout "Lord, save me!", confident that Jesus will stretch out his hand and uphold us. Likewise, we, too, can be the calming face of Christ to others - extending our hands to comfort, reassure, or just be present with others as they face the storms of life.

ACTION/PRAYER Have you ever played a sport that required intense focus? Often, coaches will encourage athletes to "see" in their mind the successful completion of whatever they are attempting, in order to avoid distractions. When life feels out of whack, we can set our gaze on Jesus through prayer, or perhaps by marveling at nature's beauty. It can also help to remember or keep a journal about moments when we had a palpable experience of God's presence.



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Are you looking for a way to have fun in the outdoors and learn more about your faith? TTSG is a growing Catholic catechetical apostolate that takes boys aged 6 – 18 outside to learn about their faith in an exciting way. The Troop will be having campouts, pilgrimages, fireside masses, outdoor confessions and rosaries. We will be learning about knot tying, Latin prayers, how to cook over campfires and play capture the flag. Are you a young man aged 6 -18 and this sounds like something you are interested in? Or are you a father or father-figure for a young man that you would like to spend more time with? If so, then please contact Chip Faitel to learn more at 734-697-2988 or chipfaitel@gmail.com. You can also visit <https://troopsofsaintgeorge.org> to learn more.

American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered ministry for girls ages 5-18. Our mission is to "build women of integrity" through faith, service, and fun.

Curious?

Our program year begins Thursday,
September 10, 2020.



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*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." -
Philippians 4:13*

Dipping in the Well **Marian Feasts**

Why does Mary have so many feast days and names?

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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