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Peter Walks on Water : “Why did you Doubt?”

Matthew 14: 22-43

The story of Jesus walking on water appears in three of the four gospels (Matthew, Mark, John). Only in Matthew do we learn Peter also walked on water! What can we learn from this? **1)** Look for Jesus and keep looking to Jesus, especially when life is a tumultuous storm. **2)** When Jesus commands you, obey Him. Jesus told Peter to “come” to Him on the water. Even though it made no sense, Peter did what Jesus said. **3)** Faith is simply taking the next step. Peter took one step to get out of the boat and onto the water. Peter was doing just fine when he was focused on the next step. **4)** Faith unleashes the supernatural. Peter did not experience the supernatural power of God that allowed him to walk on water until he trusted as evidenced by his actions. **5)** Fear will sink you. When Peter had faith, he walked on water. When he had fear, he sank in the water. The same is true for us. Fear will sink us. **6)** Jesus saves us from many things. Jesus not only saved Peter from hell, but on this occasion ,Jesus saved Peter from drowning. **7)** A little faith is better than no faith. The Lord Jesus spoke of Peter’s “little faith”. This means he was capable of even greater sustained faith. The disciples in the boat apparently had no faith. **8)** You can choose to worry or worship. In an instant, the men went from worrying about their circumstances to worshipping their Christ.

How is your worship going?



Going Back to Church? If you’re just returning to the Church after being away for a while it can be daunting. **1. Go to confession** If you’re returning to the Catholic Faith, you’ll want to receive the Eucharist as soon as possible. But if you’ve been weighed down by sin — especially serious sin — you should first go to confession. Going to confession after a long time can be intimidating. Let the priest you are confessing to know how long you have been away and you are nervous about confessing again. Many priests are more than happy to gently lead you through your confession. **2. Join a parish and get to know the people there.** Our religion is not a solitary practice. Every baptized Catholic is incorporated into the Mystical Body of Christ. Many parishes have events to bring people together outside of Mass. One type of event to consider attending is an adult religion or theology class. Many parishes or diocesan centers have these, and they can be a great way to dive deeply into the rich teachings of the Church. **3. Be patient with yourself and trust in God** Above all, don’t be discouraged by how much you have to do to get back into the rhythm of Catholic life.



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August 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary On August 15, the Feast of the Assumption is widely celebrated all over Christendom. This holy day marks the occasion of the Virgin Mary's bodily ascent to heaven at the end of her life. Assumption celebrations are accompanied by festivals, colorful street processions, fireworks, and pageantry. While a "feast" is not actually required, there is a longstanding tradition of blessing the summer harvest. There are even special "Assumption" recipes incorporated into family dinners. The devout light candles, attend masses, and say prayers for peace all over the world.

History of the Feast of the Assumption In the third and early fourth centuries AD, apocryphal (widely believed but not official) writings mused upon the Dormition/ Assumption of Mary, none of them attaining the status of dogmatic belief. Then, in the fourth century, the bishop Epiphanius of Salamis wrote about the varying philosophies concerning the nature of the Virgin Mary's passing, identifying three factions of belief but remaining unable to establish a broad consensus. He concluded, "No one knows her end." By the eighth century, an apocryphal text called the "Transitus Mariae" had become so general-

ly accepted, John of Damascus was able to establish its storyline with the church as the official story from that point forward. In the West, also in the eighth century, Pope Sergius encouraged celebrations for the Feast of the Assumption, and Pope Leo IV confirmed the Feast as official. The holiday has not only survived but also has thrived to this day, despite the church never having pointed to any concrete historical or explicit Biblical evidence (the Biblical citations being only metaphorical), nor fully admitting the story's reliance on "The Apocrypha". **TRADITIONS OF THE DAY** Every country, which celebrates the Feast of Assumption has its charming traditions. In many Eastern countries, ladies with the name 'Mary,' or having a name derived from 'Mary', welcome everyone to their homes in honor of the Blessed Mary. Celebrations are marked grandly with colorful festivals, street processions, pageantry, and fireworks displays.

Hosting a feast is not a requisite, but there are special recipes for the occasion incorporated into family dinners.

Join us for Bible Study

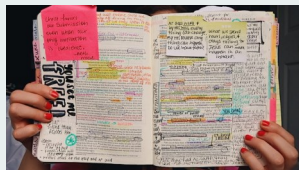
1st and 3rd Thursday
1:00 & 7:00 PM
Via ZOOM

1:00 pm Meeting
ID: 87233018319
Passcode: 689472

Contact:
Carolyn James
(323) 394-5441

7:00 pm Meeting
ID 811 5705 8134
Passcode: 6FuFf7

Contact:
Elsie Dixon
(310) 410-2962



Feast of the Assumption Salad

8 medium-size ripe tomatoes, sliced, 1 red onion, finely chopped, 1 cup pitted black olives, drained, 1/3 cup chopped fresh basil, 1/4 cup chopped fresh oregano

1/4 cup chopped fresh Italian parsley, 1 cup cubed feta cheese

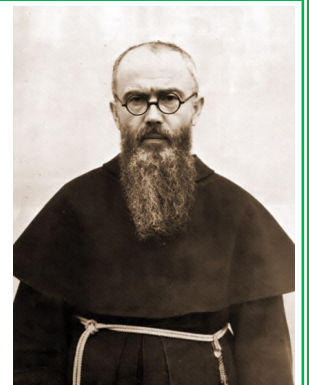
Vinaigrette

1/2 cup plus 2 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil, 5 Tbsp. red wine vinegar, 1 garlic clove, minced, Salt and freshly ground pepper

Whisk the vinaigrette ingredients together until thickened. Let stand for about 1 hour before using to steep the garlic. For the salad, arrange tomato slices on 6 to 8 salad plates. Sprinkle the onion and olives among them. Sprinkle the herbs evenly, then add the cheese cubes in the middle of each dish. Whisk vinaigrette just before serving and drizzle evenly over each plate. Serve immediately.

August 14: St Maximilian Kolbe OFM

Conv. (born Raymund Kolbe; Polish: Maksymilian Maria Kolbe; 1894–1941) was a Polish Catholic priest and Conventual Franciscan friar who volunteered to die in place of a man named Franciszek Gajowniczek in the German death camp of Auschwitz, located in German-occupied Poland during World War II. He had been active in promoting the veneration of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, founding and supervising the Niepokalanów monastery near Warsaw, operating an amateur-radio station (SP3RN), and founding or running several other organizations and publications. On 10 October 1982, Pope John Paul II canonized Kolbe and declared him a martyr of charity. The Catholic Church venerates him as the patron saint of amateur radio operators, drug addicts, political prisoners, families, journalists, and prisoners. John Paul II declared him "the patron of our difficult century". His feast day is 14 August, the day of his death. Due to Kolbe's efforts to promote consecration and entrustment to Mary, he is known as the Apostle of Consecration to Mary.





Join us for Coffee and Donuts

After 10:00 Mass
Every Sunday!

WHERE? In the Hall



Stephen I of Hungary



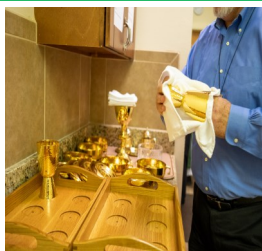
Be humble in this life, that God may raise you up in the next. Be truly moderate and do not punish or condemn anyone immoderately. Be gentle so that you may never oppose justice. Be honorable so that you may never voluntarily bring disgrace upon anyone. Be chaste so that you may avoid all the foulness of lust like the pangs of death.

AZ QUOTES

What is a Sacristan???

In nearly every parish, there are men and women who do the quiet work of preparing for and assisting at Mass. Sacristans may be asked to do any number of different things: from ordering wine and hosts, to bookmarking liturgical books for the altar; from lighting candles to even helping clean-up after the Mass has ended. The job description is custom built for you **with the help of your pastor.**

Still interested? Contact the Parish Office (323)293-4877.



Backpack Sunday
Our Backpack Sunday, School Supply and Backpack Distribution was a huge success again this year. A special Thank you and many "grateful hearts" go out to Lady Michele Dancy the Ladies Auxillary and the Junior Daughters who sponsor this event. And a special "thank you" to the Parishioners who donated backpacks and supplies.

Check this out!!!

Our Very Popular "Friday Prayer Group"
Every Friday in the Rectory

For More Information:

Contact Dolly Guidry at (323) 293-0056



Please submit your Bulletin Articles and Pulpit Announcements
AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE.

If you have questions, pls contact the office at (323) 293-4877



LITURGY SCHEDULE

AUGUST 14, 2023
MONDAY
TO SUNDAY,
AUGUST 13 2023

Monday, August 14, 2023

8:00 Communion Service-
Live-Streamed and In-Person

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

8:00 Communion Service-
Live-Streamed and In-Person

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

8:00 am Mass
Live-Streamed and In-Person

*Thursday, August 17, 2023

8:00 am Mass
Live-Streamed and In-Person

*Friday, August 18, 2023

8:00 am Mass
Live-Streamed and In-Person

*Saturday, August 19, 2023

3:00 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, August 20, 2023

10:00 am Mass
Coffee & Donuts
Parish Hall
Following Mass

Other Sacraments
(as Scheduled)

Mass Intentions

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***LOTW: Liturgy of the Word**

PARISH STAFF

DCN JIM CARPER, PLD
MSGR LORETO GONZALES
FR MARCELLINUS MBATA
DCN EMILE ADAMS, RIP
DAVID CHRISTENSEN
EMANUEL HOLDER
CLARENCE DIXON
MARGARITA HURST
MARINA AYALA

(OFFICE VOLUNTEERS)
TERESA CARPER

1 Corinthians 15:58

*Oh Lord, help every worker to
work wholeheartedly for the
church. Help them to remember
the work they do in the church is
not in vain as Your Word
declares Your work is never
wasted.*



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*Mass Intentions

Saturday August 12, 2023:

Rev Fr Alan Roberts, RIP

Sunday, August 13, 2023:

Brian Evans (Living)

Perry Humphry, SR (RIP)

Suggested Donation? \$10.00 each

Did you know? August 12/13, 2023

What to do if a child discloses abuse to a peer

Abuse victims often struggle to disclose what has happened to them, especially children. This struggle may be due to fear or shame, but studies show it is easier for children to disclose abuse to a trusted person. In adolescence, that is often another peer. This makes it important to educate children about what to do if a friend discloses abuse. Teach children the importance of not keeping unsafe secrets, and how to help their friends by sharing these “secrets” with a trusted parent or other adult. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Barriers Minors Face to Disclosing Child Sexual Abuse” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/. [Read the VIRTUS® article “Barriers Minors Face to Disclosing Child Sexual Abuse” here.](#)



YOU'RE INVITED TO
SAINT BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH
FREE



WITH FREE PIZZA & BEVERAGES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH 5PM
EL SÁBADO, EL DÍA 19 DE AGOSTO 5PM

PARISH HALL (SALON DE LA IGLESIA)
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CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT
SPACE IS LIMITED
LLAMAR A LA PARROQUIA PARA HACER RESERVACIONES
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CALL AND LEAVE A MESSAGE AT THE PARISH OFFICE WITH YOUR NAME, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN YOUR PARTY AND YOUR PHONE NUMBER. MINORS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.
HAGA LA LLAMADA HOY Y DEJE UN RECADO CON TU NOMBRE, LA CANTIDAD DE PERSONAS EN TU FAMILIA Y TU CELULAR. MENORES TIENEN QUE ESTAR ACOMPAÑADOS CON UN ADULTO.