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and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

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Reflection on the Readings of 19th Sunday in ordinary time year A

On this nineteenth Sunday of ordinary time, the Church joyfully reminds us that Jesus our Savior is always close to us. He calms the storms of our life. He lifts us from the depths and restores our peace. The presence of the storm, and all that it represents, makes us confused, and afraid in life. Thus, it equally deprives us of our peace. There is something interesting about today's readings. This is simply the fact that all the three great figures and personalities (Elijah, Paul, and Peter) we encountered in today's readings were in one way or the other embattled. As such, their peace was threatened. First, Elijah was fearful, and ran away from Ahab and his wicked wife Jezebel, who wanted him dead at all costs. Second, Paul was ravaged by sorrow and anguish due to the unbelief of his "fellow brothers of Israel." This was a great burden that threatened his peace of mind. Third, Peter was sinking right in front of Jesus, due to fear, his lack of faith and courage. This is the dilemma of our lives. In one way or the other, our peace is threatened.

In the first reading, the embattled prophet Elijah encountered God, and his peace was restored. A very significant lesson for us in this reading is that, when we are internally calm and away from the distractions of life, we hear God speak to us. To say that God spoke to Elijah after the gentle breeze, is simply to say that Elijah experienced peace of mind. God came at the appropriate time, not in the mighty wind, not in the earthquake, not in the fire, but after a gentle breeze. So, contrary to what some of us think, God speaks to us when we are internally recollected and calm. Often, we seek God with distracted minds. In such a state, we may not encounter Him. It is when we are recollected, that we hear him speak to us.

In the second reading, Paul expresses his grief for his people (fellow Jews). This was because they rejected the good news. His sadness and grief were so great that he lamented: "I will willingly be condemned, if it could help my brothers." In order words, he was not at peace because of their situation. Therefore, Paul teaches us that we must not always think about ourselves alone. Rather, we should equally be concerned about the welfare, salvation, and peace of others. It is through this that we derive our own inner peace. When others are saved, our peace is guaranteed.

In today's gospel, the disciples of Jesus experienced the storm of their life, and Jesus was available to calm it, and equally, restore their peace. "Storms" are part and parcel of our human existence. They are inevitable in this world, just as the waves are inevitable in the sea, and death is inevitable to us. Sometimes, they hit us so hard that we are crushed, devastated, and almost annihilated. Like the disciples of Jesus, each one of us experiences the storm in diverse ways in our lives. That is, the storm that robs us of our peace. However, when they encounter

Christ, our peace is restored, and they disappear.

Finally, as Christ said to Peter, so he also says to us today: "Courage! Do not be afraid, it is I." So, all we need to do is to trust Him, and keep walking without the fear of sinking. Like Peter, we must step out with faith and courage against the storms of our life. Therefore, let us hold on firmly to Jesus, who calms our storms and restores our peace.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then the LORD said to him,

"Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." (1 Kgs 19:11)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

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. (Rom 9:1-3)

Gospel:

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)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ is always coming to us in ways that we do not expect. Ways that shock us. Ways that frighten us. Ways that seem impossible. Are we ready to accept him however he comes, amidst whatever fear and doubt we are battling with in our hearts?

Observances for the week of August 13, 2023

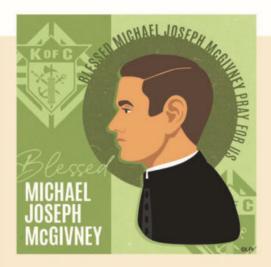
Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Tuesday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Stephen of Hungary
Saturday: St. John Eudes, Priest

Next Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Blessed Fr. Michael Joseph McGivney was a diocesan priest from Connecticut born to an Irish immigrant family. Together with men from his church, St. Mary's in New Haven, he founded what is now the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization — the Knights of Columbus.

Prayer

Founder of the Knights of Columbus God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan. You called Your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of Your servant prompt us to greater confidence in Your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of Your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present. Through Christ our Lord.

(Prayer Source: https://www.fathermcgivney.org/)

MASS INTENTIONS & CELEBRANTS August 12th - August 20th

8/12/2023	Saturday	4:00pm	+Connie Valera	Fr Wilfred
8/13/2023	Sunday	8:00am	+Judy Dingeldine	Fr Joe
8/13/2023		10:00am	+Howard Ashley	Fr Wilfred
8/14/2023	Monday	8:00am	+James E McElenney	Fr Joe
		6:00pm	For The People of St Stevens	Fr Wilfred
8/15/2023	Tuesday	8:00am	+ Gerald Svetlik	Fr Joe
8/15/2023		6:00pm	For The People of St Stevens	Fr Wilfred
8/16/2023	Wednesday	8:00am	+Gunther Kremer	Fr Joe
8/17/2023	Thursday	8:00am	+Reverend Wm. P. Healy	Fr Wilfred
8/18/2023	Friday	8:00am	+Maureen Pivec	Fr Wilfred
8/19/2023	Saturday	4:00pm	+Irene Sylvester	Fr Joe
8/20/2023	Sunday	8:00am	+Danny Darlas	Fr Wilfred
8/20/2023		10:00am	+Michel Tunney	Fr Joe

Happy Anniversary

Gary & Gail Assenmacher	8/19/1967	Michael & Donna Branson	8/21/1965
Jose & Maria Curbelo	8/17/1991	David & Lydia Dahl	8/9/1981
Joseph & Patricia Downs	8/27/1966	Mary & Marty Hobby	8/6/1983
			"40 years"
Donald & Harriet Jagielski	8/1/1956	William & Anna Janicki	8/23/1958
			"65 years"
Steve & Jean Karich	8/13/1988	Stephen & Christine McGrat	h 8/4/1990
	"35 years"		
Jay & Carole McIntyre	8/5/1979	Gary & Kathleen Neffenger	8/29/1964
Gerard & Christine Nelem	8/8/1970	James & Beatrice Ording	8/27/2000
John & Shari Schugardt	8/12/1995	Thomas & Fabiola Scotto	8/21/1990
Paul & Victoria Shimp	8/20/1966	Joseph & Mary Spicka	8/30/1969
Tom & Mary Vitolo	8/24/1974	Burt & Janet Williams	8/6/1977
Leland & Marth Williams	8/20/1970	Tom & Mary Toloso	8/24/1974
Nick & Nikki Galovich	8/20/1966	Glenn & Theresa Godwin	8/4/1958
			"65 years"

The Martha's are returning to St. Steven's Parish!

We are in need of volunteers for the Martha's for funeral luncheons and other special events. If you are interested in becoming a part of the ministry, please contact Yadi at 480-895-0818.

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*PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH

9:00AM - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATEWIDE 4TH DEGREE FN MTG - HALL 2:45PM - 3:45PM LITURGY CONFESSIONS 4:00PM - LITURGY MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH

8:00AM - LITURGY MASS 10:00AM - LITURGY MASS

MONDAY, AUGUST 14TH

8:00AM - LITURGY MASS 9:00AM - GRIEF SUPPORT 6:00PM - SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY VIGIL

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 8:00AM - LITURGY MASS 6:00PM - LITURGY MASS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16TH

8:00AM - LITURGY MASS 9:00AM - CHURCH CLEANING 11:00AM - LEGION OF MARY - RM2 11:00AM - STAFF MTG - OFFICE CLOSED 5:00PM - R.E. WITH YADI-RM2, RM3, HALL

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17TH

8:00AM - LITURGY MASS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18TH

8:00AM - LITURGY MASS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH

2:30PM - SVDP MEETING - HALL
2:45PM - 3:45PM LITURGY CONFESSIONS
4:00PM - LITURGY MASS

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH

8:00AM - LITURGY MASS 10:00AM - LITURGY MASS

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^{*}Calendar Subject to Change - check with individual ministry to confirm dates & times



Vigil on Monday, August 14th, 6:00pm

Masses on Tuesday, August 15th, 8:00am and 6:00pm

If you still have not taken the Safe Environment Renewal Training, Yadi will once again be hosting the online training in the Hall

on Tuesday August 22nd

from 9am - 11am

BRING YOUR LAPTOPS OR IPADS CALL YADI FOR MORE INFO AT 480-895-0818

To ALL of our Wonderful St. Steven's Volunteers*

THIS INCLUDES All Ministries/Organizations and Volunteers who serve St. Steven's Church

CORRECTION - DATE CHANGE:

Adult Formation will start on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2023 we will have two sessions: 8:45am - 10:00am and 4:30pm - 5:30pm in the Great Hall

O.C.I.A(RCIA) Order of the Christian Initiation of Adults will begin Sunday, September 10, 2023 from 11:15am - 12:30pm

Contact Yadi for application information before attending 480-895-0818 or email at Yadira@ststevensaz.org

St. Vincent de Paul Society is open to all those who seek to live their faith, loving and committing themselves to their neighbors in need.

(Rule, Part 1, 3.1)

Please stop by one of our upcoming meetings to learn more about SVdP: Aug 19th, September 2nd at 2:30pm in the Hall

Do you know someone who needs help with rent, utilities, medical or food? St Vincent de Paul Help Line is

623-289-6744, press 7 to leave a message and someone will return your call or send an email to svdp@ststevensaz.org

This has been a brutal summer for our neighbors who are without housing.

St. Vincent de Paul is asking for your donations to provide bottled water to our homeless.

On the weekend of August 19th & 20th, SVdP will be collecting donations to provide bottles of water to our homeless. Please use the envelopes featuring water bottles on them, located in the church pews. Donations can be placed in the SVdP blue buckets or sent to the address on the envelope. Thank you so much for your continued generosity. God Bless your good works and God Bless You!!

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Link can be found on our facebook page Phoenix Magnificat

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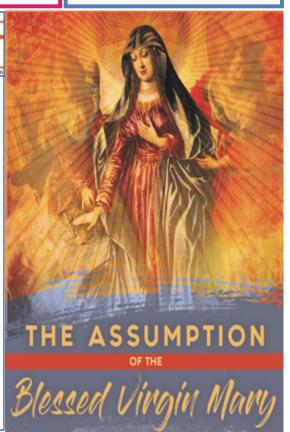
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We will gratefully accept new members at anytime.

Contact:

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