

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 9, 2020

Peter's courage led him not only to be the only disciple who spoke to the ghost who could be Jesus, but also to dare to walk on water as he did during a violent storm. But when he realized what he was doing, he lost faith. His faith resembled that of someone, in the metaphor we heard a few weeks ago, whose seed of faith was planted on rocky ground. It immediately sprang to life but then withered for lack of roots. On rocky ground on rocky waters, Peter's faith at this point is not well-anchored. We will see these rocks again when Jesus is arrested and Peter denies him three times. But we know that in the end Peter is the rock. The extravagance of the sower is finally rewarded. Our faith may grow slowly and haltingly, but we are never abandoned.

It's no accident that when an angel appeared in the scripture, the first thing the angel generally says is, "Do not be afraid." Angels appear much as Jesus did in this passage—like ghosts, like otherworldly presences. Men and women visited by angels or by the presence of God usually initially react with fear. To cope with fear, they call upon their faith. We too struggle with fear: fears about our family, our health, our finances, our future. Faith can help steady us as we struggle with our fears, can enable us to walk through raging waters.

Saint Paul is so selfless that he would sacrifice his own salvation for the sake of the salvation of Israel, "my kindred" (Romans 9:3). We can imagine going to great lengths for our kin, meaning someone in our family, but for Paul, kinship includes an entire people. His affection for those close to him extends to entire peoples, indeed all humanity.

Question of the Week

How can I overcome the fears and doubts I have in my life?



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Saturday, August 8, 2020

Vigil Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Tiffany Page – David Madison – Diana Villavaso – Intentions Sandra and John Guillory

Sunday, August 9, 2020

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8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Earthy B. Lazard – Walter Banks, III – Melvina Kepp – Freddie Thomas – Lawrence Miller, Jr. Betty Cates – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Memory Britsch – Calvin Tate, Sr. – Jerome Lomba, Sr. – Carl Goldman – Tiffany Page – Intentions of Calvin Tate, Jr.

10:30a.m. Shirley & Lamar Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Gloria Lewis – Mildred Wheeler – Intentions Sandra and John Guillory

12:00p.m. David Madison – Tiffany Page – Intentions of St. Maria Goretti Parishioners

Monday, August 10, 2020

8:30a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Winchell, Sr. – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Tu Tran – Tiffany Page – David Madison – Claudia Claude – Intentions of Stacy Martin – Therol Humphrey – Henry Martin

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Tiffany Page – David Madison – Eric Vincent Johnson, Sr. – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Henry Martin – Blair McDonald

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Tiffany Page – David Madison – Claudia Claude – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Therol Humphrey – Henry Martin

Thursday, August 13, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Tiffany Page David Madison – Intentions of Calvin Tate, Jr. – Stacey Martin – Therol Humphrey – Henry Martin

Friday, August 14, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Claudia Claude – Tiffany Page – David Madison – Intentions of Stacey Martin

Saturday, August 15, 2020

8:30a.m. Intentions of Zina Page and Family – The living and deceased members of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

“No matter what is happening in this world TRUST GOD in everything.” No Eucharistic Adoration until further notice.

General Guidelines for Mass Attendance:

Please enter the door in the front to check in.

Please wear a mask during Mass aside from receiving Communion.

Every other pew in the Church will be roped off.

Be mindful of social distancing and maintain six feet of distance from others at all times.

The sign of peace may be expressed by means of a smile and/or a nod of the head. No physical sign of peace will be exchanged.

When Mass is over, please do not gather in groups in the Narthex and continue to maintain social distancing.

Sign-up for the desired mass the day before for week day masses and by 12:00pm (noon) on Saturday for all week end masses at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4ca8a822a6fd0-covid19>.

Guidelines for Receiving Holy Communion:

Please bring hand sanitizer to use before receiving Communion.

During Communion, please maintain social distancing in the line by spacing out six feet from the person in front of you.

Communion will be distributed by means of the sacred Host only.

Out of consideration and concern for others, we ask everyone to receive Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue.

When approaching the priest for Communion, place your hand flat atop your other hand. The priest will place the Host over your hand and then let go of the Host to avoid any contact with your hand.

Deacon Terrel Broussard is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom Bible Study.

Bible Study 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 2020

Time: August 3, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada) Dial in: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Join the Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88250294033>



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of Eric Johnson.

The Sanctuary Lamps in the Chapel this week will burn for the intentions of Henry Martin and Therol Humphrey.

Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of the land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade the land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you, O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

We welcome everyone into our parish. If you have not filled out a census card, the cards can be found on the table at the entrance of the church.