

August 13, 2017

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Oh you of little faith, why do you doubt?”

Matthew 14:22-33

In the first reading we find Elijah going up to Mt. Horeb to see the Lord. Prior to this account Elijah, as the only prophet of Yahweh alive, worked a tremendous miracle before throngs of people. He challenged 400 prophets of the pagan god Baal to create a fire that would consume a sacrifice prepared for their god. He told them that they could not use a fire to start it. Instead they must call on their pagan god to ignite the wood.

When they failed, Elijah prepared a similar offering to God and had the wood soaked in water. He called on God to start the fire and the wood blazed up. This caused the people who witnessed this miracle to turn on the pagan prophets and they slew them.

This incident incensed King Ahab and his queen Jezebel who sent out troops to kill Elijah. Elijah runs away to Mount Horeb. He questions why does God not protect him. So we see today how God reveals himself to Elijah. Not in the whirlwind, or the earthquake or the fire but in a whispering wind. A wind that only those who can perceive it will notice God's presence.

In the gospel, we find that Jesus goes alone to the mountain and prays. Shortly before He goes Jesus works the miracle of feeding the multitude with a few loaves and fishes. Now He must go off alone to communicate with God.

The gospel writers often showed Jesus going off alone to pray. Through prayer Jesus comes to know the will of God, His Father. Prayer lies at the heart of how we come to know God's will for us in our lives.

We as Christians are called to be a people of prayer. Yet we lack an understanding of what prayer is all about. Prayer embodies our communication with God. Prayer involves the total human being. It is our need to fulfill a longing within us to know and do God's will. Yet so often, we seek God in the noise and busy-ness of our daily lives and not in the quiet moments of reflection and contemplation.

Why pray? We long for a oneness with God. Deep in our hearts we recognize that without a solid relationship with God all life takes on a trivial quality. Yet the simplest albeit the most difficult, the easiest and at the same time the hardest way in which we put God at the center of our lives lies in prayer. Jesus shows us in the gospels that even the Son of God needed time to pray.

Fr. Walter Austin

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Schedule

Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, August 14th 6:00 pm (Vigil)

Tuesday, August 15th 8:30 am

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



**Is Jesus still waiting
for you to come?
Become an Adorer.**



Needed: Mondays at 5pm & Fridays at 2pm

PLEASE CALL 652-2615

Adorers of the Perpetual Adoration wish to thank Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for the following favors:

- Thank you, Jesus, for my daughter's successful surgery.
- Thank you, Lord, for having me walk again. In Jesus' name, Amen!

Human Trafficking

What can we do about human trafficking locally?

Become aware—What is human trafficking? It is the exploitation of humans for profit. It knows no boundaries.

Where does it occur? Right here, in our Archdiocese.

How do I identify it? For a list of potential red flags and indicators of human trafficking to help you recognize the signs, go to

<https://traffickingresourcecenter.org/what-human-trafficking/recognizing-signs>

What do I do if I think I see it? The 24/7 toll free National Human Trafficking Resource Center's hotline is 888-373-7888 for anyone who needs help or knows someone who needs help, or to report a potential human trafficking situation. Callers speak with specially trained NHTRC Call Specialists. Support is provided in more than 200 languages. All communication with the hotline is **strictly confidential**. Reports/tips may also be reported online at

<https://traffickingresourcecenter.org/report-trafficking>

Missionary Appeal – August 19th & 20th

Fr. Joseph J. Arackal V.C., a Vincentian Missionary Priest from India, will be speaking at all Masses next weekend to make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missions. The Vincentian Congregation was founded in Kerala, India and is modeled after the Congregation of the Mission founded by St. Vincent de Paul. Missionaries work in all parts of India and in several countries in Africa. They need our help to carry out their many missionary, educational, and charitable activities, and they need our financial support for the training of young men studying for the priesthood. Please be generous when considering your offering.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES



PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday, August 14 <i>St. Maximillian Kolbe</i>	
8:30 am	Steve Navarre
6:00pm (VIGIL)	Our Parishioners
Tuesday, August 15 <i>The Assumption</i>	
8:30 am	Norman & Verna Millet, Deborah Acosta, Jessica Fournet, Lynn Hymel, Jr., Rory Grawl, Betty & Conrad Hymel, Olga & John Porteous, III
Wednesday, August 16 <i>St. Stephen of Hungary</i>	
4:30pm	Residents of Place duBourg
6:00 pm	Lester Savoie
Thursday, August 17	
8:30 am	Jeffrey & Patrick Cupit
Friday, August 18	
8:30 am	Wayne Whitey Lasseigne
Saturday, August 19 <i>St. John Eudes</i>	
4:00 pm	Conrad & Brady Families, Stuart Torres, Clarence & Myrtle Torres, Francis Vicknair, Rory Grawl, Raphael Vanasse, Paul & Mary Lato, Grace Lamonte, Rita Zeringue, Lawrence & Rodney Acosta, Gloria Maurin, Jerry Sander, Tom & Teresa Bautsch, Josephine Marino McKenzie, August "Gus" Pique
Sunday, August 20 <i>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
8:30 am	Evan Simoneaux, Bruce Simoneaux, Waguespack & Simoneaux Families, Gwen Booth, Joseph, Vincent, & Felicie Favorite, Daryle Lauffer, Barbara Mondello, Lester Savoie, Janice Hidalgo, Souls in Purgatory
10:30 am	Deacon Paul & Philip Dupuy
5:00 pm	(en espanol) Our Parishioners
7:00 pm	Lilly Simoneaux

Monday, August 14	
6:00pm	Vigil Mass
Tuesday, August 15	
8:30am	School Mass
8:30am	KC Corporate Communion
5:00-7:00pm	Soccer Registration – school lobby
6:00pm	Dynamic Catholic Prayer Group – Church
6:30pm	Bereavement Team Meeting – PPH
Wednesday, August 16	
6:30pm	Welcome/Hospitality Ministry Mtg. – Parish Office
7:00pm	RCIA – Parish Office
7:00pm	KC General Meeting – KCH
7:00pm	Spanish Lector & EMHC Training – PPH
Thursday, August 17	
12:30-3:00pm	Hearty Meal – DBH
7:00pm	Spanish Bible Study – PPH
Friday, August 18	
No School Mass	
7:00pm	Black Catholic Ministry Southern Potluck Kickoff Meeting – PPH
Saturday, August 19 Team 3	
Vincetian Missionaries Appeal	
At all Masses	KC Wheelchair / Walker / Adult Diaper Drive
Sunday, August 20 Team 3	
Vincetian Missionaries Appeal	
At all Masses	KC Wheelchair / Walker / Adult Diaper Drive
8:30am	Altar Society Monthly Mass
11:30am-2:00pm	Soccer Registration – school lobby

VIGIL LIGHT for August

- In memory of Huey Waguespack

CHAPEL CANDLES THIS WEEK BURN FOR:

- Birthday Blessings for Chris Perrin

Black Catholic Ministries Kick-Off

Friday, August 18th 7:00pm – Piovan Parish Hall
Southern Potluck, Door Prizes

Please join us in prayer as we begin our ministries in the River Parishes. Please contact Roxanne Keller at 504-442-2723 for more info.

Welcome/Hospitality Ministry

The Welcome/Hospitality Ministry will have a meeting on **Wednesday, August 16th** at 6:30pm in the Parish Office. Anyone interested in learning about this ministry is welcome to attend!

Support our Catholic Church through bulletin advertisement!

For contract information, contact the Parish Office at 985-652-2615 or aolrectory@gmail.com.

YOUTH NEWS

Upcoming CYO Events

Jr. High CYO: Friday, Aug. 25th 3:30-5:00pm – PPH

Sr. High CYO: Sunday, Aug. 27th 5:00-6:45pm – PPH

Confirmation Meeting

There will be an Informational Meeting for new Confirmation students and parents on Wednesday, August 30th in Church after 6:00pm Mass.

Church Debt Collection Progress

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