

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 13, 2023

*“Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.”*

— *Psalm 85:12*

### THE PRESENCE OF GOD

After the miracle of Jesus walking on water, the disciples exclaimed, “Truly, you are the Son of God” (Matthew 14:33). Most Christians will probably never experience such a dramatic miracle. Like Elijah, we await the manifestation of God in other moments. Perhaps the biggest challenge for the believer is to be constantly attuned to the possible presence of God in the everyday events of life. This is a stance that takes some people years to develop. Others seem to find the Lord easily in the simple things. As the week unfolds, let us look for the presence of God in the little things around us. Perhaps, like Elijah, we will be surprised at what we find. And, like the disciples, we can add our voice to the confession, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD said to Elijah: “Stand on the mountain; the LORD will be passing by” (1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a).

**Psalm** — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

**Second Reading** — To the Israelites belong the covenants, the law, and the patriarchs; and from them comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5).

**Gospel** — As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified (Matthew 14:22-33).

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Monday:** St. Maximilian Kolbe

**Tuesday:** Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Wednesday:** St. Stephen of Hungary

**Saturday:** St. John Eudes

### ~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

#### OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PRAYER

**Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, we believe in your triumphant assumption into Heaven where the angels and saints acclaim you as Queen of Heaven and earth. We join them in praising you and bless the Lord who raised you above all creatures. With them we honor you.**

**We are confident that you watch over our daily lives, and we ask that you intercede for us now. (mention your request) After this earthly life, show us Jesus, the blest fruit of your womb, O kind, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary.**

**O, Queen assumed into Heaven, pray for us. Amen.**

### REFLECTION

Fear is one of the most paralyzing and painful experiences in life. There are many things we can fear, but most often, the cause of our fear is the evil one trying to deter us from faith and hope in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel passage for this weekend is from the story of Jesus walking on the water toward the Apostles during the fourth watch of the night as they were rowing against the wind and being tossed by the waves. When they saw Jesus walking on the water, they were terrified. But when Jesus spoke to them and got into the boat, the wind immediately died down, and the Apostles remained there “completely astounded.”

The boat on the stormy sea has traditionally been understood to represent our journey through this life. There are countless ways that the evil one, the flesh and the world fight against us. In this Gospel, Jesus sees their trouble from the shore and walks toward them to come to their aid. His reason for walking towards them is His compassionate heart.

Often in times of fear in life, we lose sight of Jesus. We turn in on ourselves and focus on the cause of our fear. But our goal must be turn from the cause of fear in life and look for Jesus who is always compassionate and is always walking toward us in the midst of our fear and struggle.

Reflect, today, upon whatever it is that causes you the most fear and anxiety in life. What is it that leads you to interior confusion and struggle. Once you identify the source, turn your eyes from that to our Lord. See him walking toward you in the midst of whatever you struggle with, saying to you, “Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid!” (Matthew 14:27)

### CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC) is the primary source of funding for many critical ministries. We are impacting the lives of our brothers and sisters both spiritually and physically – but there is still much to do. We must continue to fund programs focused on charitable works, outreach, education, and evangelization. Every gift to the CASC allows us to continue to fulfill the mission that has been entrusted to us. Your participation is highly appreciated and let us reach our goal (\$19,882.00) by fulfilling the pledge and generous contribution. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** The second collection next weekend will be for Disaster Assistance. Please be generous.

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$3,262.00	\$2,945.00
Number of Families contributing	54	44
Total Pledge for 2023	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (29 Weeks)	\$98,797.00	\$100,208.00
Received to Date	\$80,861.00	\$65,407.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$17,936.00	\$34,801.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$139.00	\$5,698.00

Ten ladies contributed last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$50.00	\$49,445.00

Two people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

### BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$71,565.00

### CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2023 GOAL
\$5,041.00	\$19,882.00

POOR BOX totaled \$83.00.

9 CHILDREN contributed \$53.00.

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Eddie Michael and Sheryl in thanks for Easton on his 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
2. The Family of Tommy Suedle in loving memory of him on his 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
3. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

THANK YOU to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

### AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>: FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY is a *Holy Day*

*Of Obligation*. Mass will be celebrated this Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

#### A SPECIAL BOND

*I miss you more than you will know  
Your voice and your bright smile,  
And though we must be separated  
It's measured in mere miles.*

*No one on earth could take your place  
You've come to mean that much,  
We've shared our hearts and Jesus' love  
Through you, I've felt his touch.*

*So come what may in this old world,  
From now until the end,  
I know for certain we'll remain  
The very best of friends.*

### MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** For Pete Patrick on his Birthday.  
**Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Eddie Carroll on the Anniversary of his death and in honor of the Blessed Mother on the Feast of the Assumption.  
**Wednesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory; for Jimmy Gorman; and for peace in all families.  
**Thursday:** For Tom Patrick on his Birthday.  
**Friday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood; and for the repose of the soul of Mary Rat on the Anniversary of her death.

### READERS

- Sat. Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Mary Martha & Paris  
**Sun. Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Lauren Ashley  
**Sat. Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Julie Ann & Christina  
**Sun. Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Lauren Ashley & Macy

### READERS – WEEKDAYS

- Monday** - Monroe  
**Tuesday** - Paris  
**Wednesday** - Dayna  
**Thursday** - Natalie  
**Friday** - Macy

### ALTAR SERVERS – WEEKEND

- Saturday 4:00 P.M. August 12<sup>th</sup>  
Creed & Drew

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

- Monday** - Theresa Hun  
**Tuesday** - Jack's Mary Rita  
**Wednesday** - Julie Ann  
**Thursday** - Cathy Carroll  
**Friday** - Rosie Cat

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

- Saturday 4:00 P.M. August 12<sup>th</sup>  
**Right** Jack's Mary Rita  
**Left** Cathy Carroll

- Sunday 10:00 A.M.  
August 13<sup>th</sup> August 20<sup>th</sup>  
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