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NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM

SUNDAY: 7:30 AM & 10 AM

DAILY MASS:

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY: 8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 7:30 PM

FRIDAY: 8:30 AM

CONFESSIONS:

TUESDAY: 8:30-9 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-6:45 PM

SATURDAY: 8:30-9 AM & 4-4:45 PM

ADORATION:

TUESDAY: 7-8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-7 PM

FIRST FRIDAY: 9 AM-4 PM

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St. Saint Teresa of Ávila (AD 1572)

Saturday, August 8

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

Sunday, August 9

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Dale Pearson

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Jerry Fisher +

Monday, August 10

No Public Mass

Tuesday, August 11

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*

8:00 a.m. Jane Case +

8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, August 12

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*

6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*

7:00 p.m. Martin & Lois Simon +

Thursday, August 13

8:00 a.m. RJ Paxton

Friday, August 14

8:30 a.m. *No Public Mass*

5:30 p.m. Living & Deceased Priests

Saturday, August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. Ron Smith +

10:00-10:30 a.m. *Confession*

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

Sunday, August 16

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. E. Olmy and Laura
Olmstead Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Joe & Edith Baur

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Aug. 10 - St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr - 2 Cor 9:6-10 / Ps 112:1-2, 5-9 / Jn 12:24-26

Tues., Aug. 11 - St. Clare, Virgin - Ez 2:8—3:4 / Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 / Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wed., Aug. 12 - Weekday [19] - St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious - Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 / Ps 113:1-6 / Mt 18:15-20

Thurs., Aug. 13 - Weekday [19] - Sts. Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus Priest, Martyrs - Ez 12:1-12 / Ps 78:56-59, 61-62 / Mt 18:21—19:1

Fri., Aug. 14 - Weekday [19] - St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr - Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63 / (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 / Mt 19:3-12. Vigil Mass 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2 / Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 / 1 Cor 15:54b-57 / Lk 11:27-28

Sat., Aug. 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab / Ps 45:10-12, 16 / 1 Cor 15:20-27 / Lk 1:39-56

Sun., Aug. 16 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 56:1, 6-7 / Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 / Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 / Mt 15:21-28



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Holland, Matt Norris, and Michael Abercrombie.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 9, 2026

Welcome to Fr. Theodore Ekwem, who will be with us this weekend through Sunday, August 23rd. During this time, I am away on an informal "sabbatical" to complete my licentiate thesis through the Catholic University of America. A special "Thank you!" to Fr. Theodore for being with us on campus over the next two weeks and for the warm welcome that I know you will show him. For any parish needs, please contact the Parish Office.

This weekend (Aug. 8th/9th), the Church celebrates the **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Immediately after last week's miracle of the loaves and fishes, the disciples find themselves without the Lord and caught in an sudden storm on the Sea of Galilee. While they struggle against the wind and waves, Jesus comes to them walking on the water, reassuring them with the words: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter steps out of the boat in faith, but as soon as he turns his gaze from Jesus to the storm, he begins to sink. Like Elijah in our first reading, who encountered God not in the wind, earthquake, or fire, but in a gentle whisper, Peter must focus on the Lord in front of Him and not the storms around him. Both he and we are reminded that God is often found not amid the noise of life's difficulties, but in trusting His quiet presence in our lives.

Over the past several Sundays, Jesus has been forming us as His disciples: calling us by name, teaching us patience, and revealing Himself as the greatest treasure we could ever possess. This week, He teaches us one final lesson: **discipleship means keeping our eyes fixed on Him, especially when the storms of life rage around us.**

Blessed Solanus Casey often reminded people to "thank God ahead of time," choosing trust before answers came. Peter could walk on water only while his gaze remained on Christ. So too, the more we fix our eyes on Jesus rather than our fears, the more we discover that His hand has already been reaching out to us all along.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This coming Saturday, August 15th, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This is one of our greatest Marian feasts and is ordinarily a **Holy Day of Obligation**. In the United States, however, whenever the Assumption falls on a Saturday, the obligation to assist at Mass is lifted. This means that, though it is a day of great joy, the Solemnity of the Assumption is **not** a **Holy Day of Obligation** this year.

Though **not** a **Holy Day of Obligation** this year, we can still see the **Assumption** as a holy day of opportunity. You are warmly encouraged to join us as we honor Our Blessed Mother and give thanks to God with two special Mass times: A vigil Mass on Friday, August 14th at 5:30 PM and a special morning Mass on Saturday, August 15th at 9:00 AM. Please note, both Masses will be offered in the Church.

BASIC EVANGELIZATION TRAINING

Pope St. John Paul II famously declared, "Now is the time to commit all of the Church's energy to a New Evangelization." But many are left wondering: What does that actually look like? On Saturday, August 22nd, we will host **St. Paul Street Evangelization's Basic Evangelization Training**, one of the most practical and engaging evangelization workshops available today.

Whether you are hoping to better share Christ with your children or grandchildren, invite a neighbor back to Mass, accompany a coworker, or simply become more comfortable speaking about our Faith, this workshop is for you. It will help to equip you with practical methods and tools that can be used in everyday life to confidently share our Faith with joy and charity.

Jesus' final command to the Church was to "go and make disciples." If you've ever wanted to be more confident in living that mission, this workshop is for you. **Registration is free.** Please see the event information on the insert in this bulletin and consider joining us for this inspiring day of formation. ~Fr. David

Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Mike



Daily Mass on Friday, Aug. 14th will be a Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. in the Church for the Solemnity of the Assumption.

On Saturday, Aug. 15th, there will be a Special Mass at 9:00 a.m. in the Church.

BASIC EVANGELIZATION TRAINING

**SATURDAY,
AUGUST 22**

8:00AM-4:00 PM

- 8:00 AM Mass
- 8:40-45 Registration and hospitality
- 9:00 AM Start time
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 3:00 PM Live Lab

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PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Aug. 8** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Aug. 9** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Mon., Aug. 10** - *No Public Mass*
- **Tues., Aug. 11** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. (Chapel) / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Aug. 12** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. (Chapel) / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. (Chapel).
- **Thurs., Aug. 13** - Mass 8:00 a.m. (Chapel).
- **Thurs., Aug. 13** - Mass 10:30 a.m. at River Terrace Retirement Community
- **Fri., Aug. 14** - Vigil Mass Assumption - 5:30 p.m. (Church).
- **Sat., Aug. 15** - Mass 9:00 a.m. (Church) / Confession 10:00-10:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Aug. 15** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Aug. 16** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Mon., Aug. 17** - *No Public Mass*
- **Tues., Aug. 18** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m. (Chapel).
- **Wed., Aug. 19** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. (Chapel).
- **Thurs., Aug. 20** - Mass 8:00 a.m. (Chapel).

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 15TH & 16TH



MASS Cantors

5:00 p.m. Dan Lautzenheiser
7:30 a.m. Teresa Smith
10:00 a.m. Jay Crisp



Lectors

5:00 p.m. Stacey Coulardot
7:30 a.m. Carol Butler
10:00 a.m. Jacques Johnson



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. Laurisa Roper
7:30 a.m. Twilla Herr
10:00 a.m. Rick Singer



Servers

5:00 p.m. Angel/Zoe Soto, Landen Lautzenheiser
7:30 a.m. Annie Herr, Liam Harris, Adrienne or Ainsley Wagner
10:00 a.m. Charlie Andrews, Louis Andrews, Isaiah/Dominic Bedwell

ST. JOSEPH PARISH FINANCE REPORT

Weekend of August 1st & 2nd

Adult Envelopes - \$4,719.48
Loose - \$162.00
Repair / Rainy Day - \$1,785.43
Assumption - \$10.00
Paper Gator - \$31.52
NDFCU Elevate Check - \$100.33

Weekend Total - \$6,808.76

July '26 Online Giving - \$6,525.00
GNO t-shirts - \$26.00

Our weekly budget is \$5,101.40

We are **\$1,707.36** ahead of our budget for the month of August.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund - \$365.00

We ended July 2026 **\$9,617.78** ahead of our budget for the month.

Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are appreciated!



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through *Our Sunday Visitor*,



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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - July 2026

Utilities - \$1,054.61

Housing - \$440.03

Charitable Donations - \$408.00

Total Donations for June - \$1,902.64

Thank you for helping us help others!

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Myron "Mike" Bickley, husband of Mary Ann (Burk) Bickley, who passed away on Wednesday, July 29th.



Eternal Rest Grant unto him O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

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