

AUGUST 12 & 13, 2023
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Today's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with last week's Gospel about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Feast: August 15th

The feast of Mary's Assumption into heaven. It is one of three feasts of Mary that are Holy Days of Obligation for Catholics in the United States. January 1 is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, and December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. The belief was not defined as dogma, however, until 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven.

The Gospel for this holy day recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. Mary responds to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel. Mary's Magnificat, in particular, echoes the song of praise offered by Hannah, the mother of Samuel.

The Gospel for this day reminds us that Mary's Assumption into heaven is best understood with regard for the full spectrum of Catholic beliefs about the person of Christ and the person of Mary. Only Mary, who was born without stain of original sin—the Immaculate Conception—could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. This is called the Immaculate Conception. Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of the redemption that her son has won for all of humanity. The Church, therefore, recognizes Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all.

The Gospel highlights Mary's faith. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.



**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY IS
A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.**

THERE WILL BE 2 MASSES.

12:05PM IN ENGLISH AND 6:00PM IN SPANISH.



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH FOR
THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.



**REGISTRATION FOR CATECHISM CLASSES 2023-2024
OF OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH**

**FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE
NO EXCEPTIONS**

LAST DAY FOR ENROLLMENT:
FRIDAY, AUGUST 18TH @ 5:30pm - 7:00pm

IF IT'S THE FIRST TIME REGISTERING YOUR CHILD FOR
FIRST COMMUNION,
YOU WILL NEED TO BRING A
COPY OF THE BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE.

CONFIRMATION:
YOU WILL NEED TO BRING
COPIES OF BAPTISMAL AND FIRST COMMUNION CERTIFICATES.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLY
THE DAY OF REGISTRATION.
(COMPLETED AND WITH PAYMENT)

\$75/CHILD AND \$65 /SECOND CHILD

FIRST DAY OF INSTRUCTION:
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH FROM 5:30PM – 6:30PM.

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT VERONICA RENTERIA:
707-357-2890 OR THE PARISH OFFICE: 707-964-0229.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

When a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized and would like Father Pacheco to pay them a visit to receive Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 707-964-0229 and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188.



EVERY **THURSDAY @ 11:00AM**, WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOLLOWED BY MASS AT **12:05PM**.



IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH, ON THE SOUTHERN WALL IS A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL TREE. ITS BRIGHT LEAVES REPRESENT PERMANENT MEMORIALS TO THE DEPARTED OF OUR PARISH.

FOR THE SUM OF \$200.00, YOU CAN GIVE TO THE PARISH SECRETARY, THE CORRECT SPELLING AND DATES OF THE DEPARTED AND IN DUE TIME THE LEAF IS PRINTED AND ATTACHED TO THE TREE, AS A PERMANENT REMINDER OF A LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 707-964-0229.

**MASS INTENTIONS
AUGUST 12 - 18, 2023**

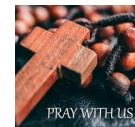
Saturday (12)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba † Antonio Furtado † Evelyn Costa †
	6:30pm	Mauricio Escobedo † María de Jesús Mendoza † María Bran Mandujano † Eleuterio Gaona † Francisco Sr., Angeles & Ignacio Rentería † Gerardo Escobedo (healing)
Sunday (13)	8:00am	Bryan Levy †
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (14)	—	NO MASS
Tuesday (15)	12:05pm	Carol Bruce †
	6:00pm	María de Jesús Mendoza †
Wednesday (16)	12:05pm	Michael & Margo Hamilton (Wedding Anniversary)
Thursday (17)	12:05pm	David Lotten (healing)
Friday (18)	12:05pm	Mat Yager (healing)

WEEKLY COLLECTION

AUGUST 5 & 6, 2023...\$2,360.00
LIABILITY INSURANCE...\$921.00

**THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
MAINTENANCE FUND
NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
BLACK & INDIAN MISSION**

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!



JOIN US IN PRAYING THE ROSARY
FROM SUNDAY – FRIDAY AT 5PM IN THE CHURCH.

*“Every family, every faithful, every religions community,
all united spiritually...I will accompany you from here.”*

POPE FRANCIS

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Oscar Tamayo, Gina Pivrotto, Antonia Rentería, Angie Gómez, Judy Halren, Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Felix Santillán, Martha Sánchez, Gerardo Escobedo, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater, Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Gina Pivrotto, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra.

**LET'S PRAY FOR ALL OUR FAMILY MEMBERS
AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY**

Jovany Baez, Justin Merfle, María de la Luz Ramírez, Rebeca Sánchez, José Araiza, Jr., Marina González, Alondra Jara, Sonia Jara, Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.



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gifts on a schedule that you choose, and can be set up with
a credit card, debit card, checking or savings account!*

*If you have any questions, please, contact
the Parish Office at 964-0229.*