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AUGUST 9, 2020 | NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 2020

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

— Psalm 85:12

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).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26 Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111,

131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62:

Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 [59-63];

Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: <u>Vigil</u>: 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

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;

Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Nagasaki Memorial Day

Monday: St. Lawrence Tuesday: St. Clare

Wednesday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal Thursday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus Friday: St. Maximilian Kolbe

Saturday: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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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WEEK of August 9, 2020

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Weekly Reflections by Fr. Celestine Tyowua

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 9, 2020

"OH, MY GOD!"

Three men, a Catholic, a Protestant and a Muslim, were discussing the best positions of prayer. "Kneeling is definitely the best way," the Catholic said. No, said the Protestant, "I think standing with hands outstretched to heaven is more effective." I disagree, the Muslim said, "The most effective prayer position is bending the whole body and with the head touching the floor." An electrician happened to be passing by and overheard their discussion. He butted in. "Hey, guys! The most effective praying position I ever had was when I was hanging upside down from an electric post with a live wire right above me."

Peter cried in the gospel: "Lord, save me!" That was a real and serious prayer. And he meant it. This is an important lesson. Many times, we do not really mean what we say. In our daily conversation we hear people say, "See you later!" But they do not really intend to see each other later in the day. The word later could mean next month or some time next year or never. The word "sorry" is spoken so very often, but it comes out only as an expression, devoid of sincere repentance. Unfortunately, a similar thing happens with name of God. How many times in a day do we hear the expression, "Oh, my God"? Young people nowadays use the euphemistic acronym for this: "OMG!" This is using the name of God in vain! It is a violation of the second commandment! We, therefore, begin to wonder. Do we really mean the words we use in our prayers? When we pray the Our Father, do we understand with it means? St. Edmund reminds us, "it is better to say one "Our Father fervently, devoutly than a thousand with no devotion and full of distraction."

This Sunday, let us reflect on the need for sincere and genuine prayer. Nowadays, people find it harder and harder to pray. The world we are living in makes us all busy with so many things and activities, mostly unnecessary ones. And when we are busy, the first activity that we drop is prayer. "I'm to busy, Lord! I have no time to pray or to go to Church, (now with the pandemic is a big excuse for some). We say to God, I will talk to you later when I'm done." We need to follow the example of Jesus. Who can be busier than Jesus? His ordinary day is spent moving around, teaching, curing the sick, expelling demons and helping the needy. The gospel of (Mk 3:20) says, that Jesus would be busy that he had no time to eat, but he did not ever drop prayer from his schedule. He went up the hill to pray just after feeding five thousand people. St John Vianney says; "Prayer is union with God" let us ask Jesus to calm the storms in our lives today and always.



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NEW INSTRUCTIONS FROM ARCHBISHOP CORDILEONE ON CONTINUED CHURCH CLOSURES MEMO TO PRIESTS

July 30, 2020

For over four months now we have been deprived of the usual way in which we Catholics keep holy the Sabbath. As a sacramental Church, it is in our nature, indeed it is our very identity, to physically gather together to worship and share in the Eucharist. I'm sure that you, just as I, are very concerned about the long-term effects this will have on our people's spiritual health.

As you might imagine, many people are giving me advice (sometimes more like orders!) about what I should do, and it is often contradictory. I detect no unified sense of how the Church should proceed in these unprecedented times. Please know, though, that I have been working very hard over these past several months to try to convince our local authorities in the City and County of San Francisco (which still allows only outdoor gatherings with a limit of 12) that we can resume in-person worship services in a safe and responsible way. I have spent countless hours in crafting communications and in telephone conversations and Zoom meetings with city officials, leading health specialists, legal experts, religious leaders and others, culminating in a Zoom meeting July 8th with (among others) Mayor London Breed, San Francisco Health Officer Dr. Tomás Aragón, and His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco (as the various Eastern Orthodox congregations in San Francisco are also eager to resume their Divine Liturgy services).

By means of this memo, then, I would like to give you a brief overview my efforts in this regard, as well as some words of encouragement and guidance along with an invitation to join me in being more personally spiritually engaged.

Review of the Situation

All throughout these conversations, I have spoken of how we want to be partners with the City in caring for our people – not just for their physical and financial health, but mental and spiritual health as well – emphasizing, too, the many different ways in which we have been supporting our local government in the effort to stem the spread of the virus and come to the aid of those in need.

With regard to local health orders in San Francisco for reopening for public activities, I have pointed out the two separate considerations of indoor and outdoor services, comparing us to similar (or even identical) secular activities.

The City had been allowing indoor retail at 50% capacity, but not allowed any indoor religious services at all. The concern here from the perspective of health experts is that in a retail store, people enter to make a purchase and then leave, without spending much time indoors; it is much riskier for a group of people to spend an extended period of time inside the same space. However, at larger retail outlets it is quite possible for people to spend an hour or more in the store, while we can keep our services to under an hour; moreover, the employees in the store are indoors continuously for many hours at a time.

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In addition, a church can be a much safer place than a retail store, because it is a more controlled environment: the people are stationary; we can insure social distancing; we can insure that people are wearing face coverings; we can keep the doors open to allow air flow; we can sanitize high touch areas between services.

With regard to outdoor services, you are all well aware that preplanned and scheduled street protests have been allowed to continue unhindered, while the limit of no more than 12 people still applies to everyone else, including us. Yet here again, an outdoor worship service is a much safer event than a protest, since the people are stationary, social distance is respected, and the participants are wearing masks.

Unfortunately, despite all of these efforts and explanations, and despite hearing words of approval for our Archdiocesan safety plan that was submitted to the City's Recovery Task Force, there has been no change in the health order in San Francisco. Indeed, with counties now going on the state's watch list and health orders changing rapidly, it is sometimes difficult to keep track of it all. This is what resulted in the confusion that led to the City Attorney sending inspectors to conduct surveillance in our churches.

Pastoral Care for Our People

Thank you for the continued pastoral care you give to your people. Please continue to do so, always in keeping with the local health orders of your county.

- 1. I would especially ask you to do everything possible to make Mass available to your people. Given the limits on numbers that have been imposed on us, I am asking each priest (except for the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) to be willing to celebrate up to three Masses on a Sunday, as necessary to respond to the demand. People who want to attend Mass will seek it out; making more Masses available will minimize the risk that some Masses may become overcrowded with people having to be sent away. Also, continue to celebrate daily Mass, and for those parishes that have the capability, continue to livestream all Masses.
- 2. Please do your best to provide the other sacraments to your people as well, especially Reconciliation and Penance. The safety protocols of the Archdiocese provide for a safe way that Confessions can be kept to a regular schedule.
- 3. Please bear in mind that, while we are preparing for a full return to public Masses in the safest way possible, some parishes, especially in the City of San Francisco, may be under added scrutiny at this time.
- 4. Last but not least, please regularly remind people to follow the safety practices necessary to curb the spread of the virus. This is real, it is dangerous, and it has to be taken seriously. The resurgence is due in no small part to people becoming lax once the shelter-in-place rules began to be lifted. Please urge these practices upon them; absolutely do not give them the impression that the coronavirus is not a serious threat to the physical health of our community. In particular, please regularly remind your people to observe the "three W's":

In particular, please regularly remind your people to observe the "three W's":

- Wear a face covering (it's the simplest and most effective thing one can do);
- Watch your distance (when in a group, keep six feet apart);
- Wash your hands.

Prayer and Fasting

Allow me to end on a more positive note. First of all, a truly happy one: as you know, this Saturday Deacons Ben Rosado and Ian El-Quito will be ordained priests, and so welcomed to the Presbyterate of our Archdiocese. While only a small representative group of the clergy can be present, it is a time of rejoicing for our Archdiocese, so I ask you to hold them in prayer on that day and to follow the Ordination Mass via livestream if you can. Since we cannot all be together on that day and welcome them in the usual way, please make an effort to reach out to them whenever that opportunity presents itself. Please join in prayer as well for the deacons who will be ordained on the successive Saturdays (transitional deacons on August 8 th, and permanent deacons on August 15 th).

Finally, it is my conviction that, with all that is going on in our society at this time, we need to redouble our efforts on the spiritual level. In particular, in addition to adoration, we have to reclaim an authentic and serious spirit of fasting. Fasting has traditionally been understood to mean no more than one meal in the course of a day. I am asking you to join me in observing Friday as a day of fast (unless your health condition cannot allow for it): please abstain from at least one meal on Fridays, and more than one if possible. Let us storm heaven with prayer and fasting for a restoration of public worship unhindered, for a swift end to this pandemic, for health care workers and researchers, and for government officials who must make very complicated decisions for the overall well-being of our communities.

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Fr. Celestine's Weekly Reflections for last week 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 2, 2020

LET JESUS FEAST WITH YOU!

In a book entitled *Healing through the Mass* by *Fr Robert DeGrandis* S.S.J. he wrote about an experiment NASA did with a special kind of camara that could see the energy levels in the human body. This is then seen on a monitor. This energy shows up as an aura around the body. NASA's interest in the experiment was to investigate the effects of space travel on astronauts in the orbit. Experimenting in a hospital they discovered that when a person is dying, the aura around a person is thinner and thinner until a person dies. And so, the scientists who were carrying out this experiment or investigation where in a hospital behind a two-way mirror. Suddenly the scientist could see with their camara another person coming into the room of the patient they were experimenting upon. Then the man took out an object from his pocket and did something so that in the camera the whole room was filled with light and with their camera they could no longer see what was happening. They ran into the room to see what was causing so much light to appear in their camera. They discovered that the dying man was being given Holy Communion by a Priest. Afterwards with their camera, they could see the aura around the man brighter and energy increased. One of the scientists who was doing this experiment later became a priest even though he was in his fifties.

The dying man was strengthened by receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. Jesus in Holy Communion was food not only for the body but especially for the soul. The feeding of the multitude of people today symbolizes the Eucharist we celebrate every day, as much as physical food is important even more is our spiritual food. Jesus takes care of us physically and spiritually too. When we let Jesus feast with us, we receive all the blessings we so desire. Isaiah invites us today to God's feast "come to the waters all you who are thirsty; though you have no money come!....listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy"

We can enjoy this feast every day. Living everyday with God in our lives is enjoying the feast. There is so much energy when we feast with God that blinds NASA camera. If we are so caught up in life, we might not even realize that we are missing out on a feast with God every day. The words from God in our readings today are invitations to us now also to feast with God every day, as a result of the pandemic you can have "spiritual communion" A day without God is day wasted. When you invite God to your home to feast with you, you will never lack because God will provide for you like he did for the people who were with him and were hungry.

SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (EDITH STEIN) (1891-1942) August 9

"Come," Edith gently whispered, taking her sister Rosa's hand, "let us go for our people!" These were Edith Stein's last words as the Nazis, enraged at the Dutch bishops' condemnation of their genocide, took into custody all Catholic converts from Judaism. Born Jewish, but non-practicing from her teens, Edith's search for truth led to a doctorate in philosophy, a brilliant career as professor and author and, finally, to the *Autobiography of Saint Teresa of Ávila*, which she read in one sitting, then declared, "*That* is the Truth!" Baptized on January 1, 1922, observed then as the feast of Jesus' initiation into the covenant of Abraham, confirmed on

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A conservative Protestant Church in a sleepy fishing village had to find a new minister. Over the protests of Jimmy, the senior Elder, a woman was hired as the new Pastor.

After the Reverend Gayle had been there a few weeks, Tom, a member of the congregation, offered to take her out fishing. Jimmy reluctantly agreed to allow them to use his boat for the day's outing, but insisted that he lead the expedition.

The trio got into the boat and motored out on the lake. When they got ready to fish, they realised that all their tackle had been left on the dock. Tom concluded that they would just have to go back and get it. Reverend Gayle said that wouldn't be necessary, and she got out of the boat and started walking across the water toward the dock.

Jimmy, who refused to be impressed by Gayle's miraculous abilities observed, "See I told you we never should have hired that woman. She can't even swim."

The hit animation film *Shrek* was praised by critics for many things but most especially for the clever way it quoted from several other much-loved animation films. When writers do this it's called "intertextuality," where one text uses another text to tell the story. Some of the references in *Shrek* were obvious; others took a little longer to reveal themselves. Some were used in a new way that turned the original story upside down. Whether any of us got all or none of the references didn't affect the enjoyment we derived from the film, it only added to what was already a great tale.

The story of Jesus walking on the water is in a similar vein to *Shrek*. In eleven verses Matthew quotes several other stories in the Old Testament, uses them in his own way and re-interprets all of them in reference to Jesus. It might be lost on some of us who just enjoy the power of the story, but none of this intertextuality would have been lost on Matthew's first hearers.

Poor old Job found God in the midst of a storm, and winds and waves are a usual Old Testament shorthand for the perils of life. The image of the boat was an early symbol for the Church and Matthew has all Jesus' disciples in it. Jesus hovering over the waters has echoes of the action of the Spirit in the first account of creation in Genesis. Even Jesus restoring calm to the sea follows on from what the Prophet Jonah had done before. For the keen student there is much more besides.

Matthew's account is magnificent on its own terms, but with these details we can see he is also interested in a theological message. Jesus, the Son of God and Lord of creation, remains faithful to the disciples, no matter how treacherous the seas or how great their fear. He has come to them so that they may be saved and recreated as the Church who recognizes that he is the fulfillment of creation, the one whom Israel has been longing to see and embrace.

And what does all this mean for us?

We are inheritors of Matthew's faith. We're here because we believe that Jesus is the Son of God who has saved us from ourselves and from destruction. But it also means that in every storm that threatens our lifeboat Jesus comes to call us to faith, to catch us when we think we're drowning, to accompany us back to safety and to bring calm to the troubled seas of our life.

Aren't we lucky Jesus never learnt to swim?

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February 2, the feast of Jesus' Presentation in the Temple, Edith entered the cloistered Carmelites in Cologne, transferring to a convent in Holland when she realized that, because of the Nazi persecution of the Jews, her presence could imperil the safety of the other nuns. She died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz as a daughter of Israel and of the Church.

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Mass will be in the Church.

Holy Days 7:30 AM, 9:00AM, and 7:00 PM

Confessions: 9:10 AM—9:25 AM and 11:10 AM—11:25 AM on Sunday & 4:20 - 4:50 PM Saturday or as requested, just call the Parish office or approach any priest

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Wednesday—after the 9 AM Mass with benediction at 12 Noon Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotions: Friday after 9:00 AM Mass

Perpetual Help Devotions: Every Saturday after 9:00 AM Mass First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after the 9:00 AM Mass with the Exposition, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 10:30 AM

First Saturday Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary begins at 8:30 AM with the Rosary, then Mass & Benediction

Baptisms by appointment

Baptismal Preparation—Every 1st Saturday of the month in the Pastoral Center - 1:30 PM—You need to register for the class ahead of time.

Baptism Ministry (Sewing Group): Every Monday 1-3 PM in the Pastoral Center Event Room

Marriages: Contact Pastoral Center 6 months in advance.

Sundays 12:30-2:30 PM. Flanagan Center

Lectio Divina (Chinese): Every Saturday—Church—3:00 PM Lectio Divina: Tuesday 10—11 AM (Pastoral Center) Bible Study Group (Chinese): Every Wednesday—7:30 PM Flanagan Center

St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting— every Monday at 6:30 PM (Pastoral Center)

Holy Name Ladies Aid: every 1st Wednesday of the Month at 12:30 PM (Pastoral Center)

Senior Club: every Thursday at 11:30 AM -2:30 PM (Flanagan Cen-

Holy Name Choir Practice: every WEDNESDAY at 5:30 PM in the Pastoral Center

The Gabriel Project: Contact Rose Tang (415)793-0967

Legion of Mary: every Tuesday at 7:30 PM

Youth Ministry: First Sunday of the month 10:30 AM—12 Noon including Mass. Contact person: Sr. Cristina & Team (415)664-8590

Blood Pressure Screening: every 2nd Wednesday from after the 7:30 AM Mass until 11 AM (Pastoral Center) except July & August Hospitality: Every Wednesday after the 7:30 AM and 9 AM Masses

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