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Sunday, August 13th, 2023



19TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

Sat. Aug 12	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	† Wally & Sophie Paterak (Chris Meyo & Family)
Sun. Aug 13	9:30am	† Joseph & Marion Mullin (Colin & Teresa Walters)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo
Mon. Aug 14	9:30am	No Mass
Fr. Jacek is away this week. He will celebrate Masses from August 15-18th privately.		
Tues. Aug 15	9:30am	Amelio Mastracci, Lila Habib, Darryl & Jennifer Nohara & Fam. (Annette Mastracci & Fam.)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR CANCELLED
Wed. Aug 16	9:30am	Janan Aycho (Annette Mastracci & Fam.)
Thurs. Aug 17	9:30am	† Angelina Addario (Vince Addario)
Fri. Aug 18	9:30am	† Cecil Shannon (Racz Family) Matthew Addario (Vince Addario) Rico Mastracci (Annette Mastracci & Fam.)
Sat. Aug 19	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	† Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo)
Sun. Aug 20	9:30am	Intentions of Anne Wrabko Primose (Colin & Teresa Walters)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.
Offertory July 30th, 2023 \$1,280.00
Offertory August 6th 2023- \$2,180.00
Maintenance August- \$150.00
Hall Floor Renovation Collection To Date: \$11,054.55

Offence Declarations: If you are a parish volunteer involved with high risk ministries, you are required to submit an Offence Declaration form to the diocese each year. Forms were mailed a few weeks ago. Please submit your form to the chancery office as soon as possible. Your co-operation is appreciated.

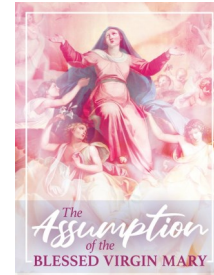
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A man at my parish was struggling to overcome a habitual sin. He said to me, "Father, I know the chance that I will commit sin again is really high. Why should I keep confessing my sins? Isn't that dishonest?" Anyone who has felt the tyrannical power of sin — and who hasn't? — has pondered this kind of question.

I responded to him, "What was the probability Peter would walk on the stormy water?" After some silence, he said, "Zero. But when Jesus called, he did it." I could tell my penitent friend was re-framing the question from his own weakness to the greatness of the Lord's love for him. The question for us should not be one of human probabilities about our sin, but rather whether or not we will trust the Lord's grace in our lives.

This week the Lord is calling you and me to do the impossible: overcome sin with love. The only way to do that is to trust *he* is calling, and then to walk with the eyes of faith locked on him. And if we sink, he will raise us up again and again. Of that, we can be 100% sure.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15th



The Assumption: A Sign of Hope
 Is the resurrection a concept or reality? For many of us, the resurrection of the dead may be a stray idea we recite in the Nicene Creed. Heaven we discuss. But resurrection? The feast of the Assumption is a reminder to us that heaven gets even better! We pray that the souls of the faithful departed would soon be united to God in heaven. The truth is, the separation between our souls and our bodies was not God's original plan for things. It's one of the results of the Fall, of original sin. At the end of time and Jesus' second coming, our bodies and souls will be reunited. Lest we forget, Mary's Assumption is the reminder. Today, we celebrate that Mary is enjoying what we, too, hope to participate in — complete joy in heaven with our God, experienced body and soul. Today and every day, let's pray for those who have died and that we may meet them again in the heavenly kingdom.

Our Lady of the Assumption Prayer

Mary, Queen assumed into heaven, I rejoice that after years of heroic martyrdom on earth, you have at last been taken to the throne prepared for you in heaven by the Holy Trinity. Lift my heart with you in the glory of your Assumption above the dreadful touch of sin and impurity. Teach me how small earth becomes when viewed from heaven. Make me realize that death is the triumphant gate through which I shall pass to your Son, and that someday my body shall rejoin my soul in the unending bliss of heaven.

From this earth, over which I tread as a pilgrim, I look to you for help. I ask for this favour: (Mention your request). When my hour of death has come, lead me safely to the presence of Jesus to enjoy the vision of my God for all eternity together with you.

Cleaners needed!!!: The church cleaning has been done by a dedicated group of volunteers over many years. At this time we have three teams. Four to five teams would be ideal. If you would like to help or need more information, please call the office soon.

Congratulations to Emily Danecker & Dakota Troup who were married in our parish on August 5th. Best wishes for a long and happy life together.

Sunday, August 20th, 2023



20TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

Mon. Aug 21	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. Aug 22	9:30am	Wade McColl (Annette Mastracci & Fam.)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. Aug 23	9:30am	† Jack & Dorothy Walters (Colin & Teresa Walters)
Thurs. Aug 24	9:30am	Intentions of Vulcan & Arwen (Colin & Teresa Walters)
Fri. Aug 25	9:30am	† Bob House (Teresa & Tony) Roberto Mastracci (Annette Mastracci & Fam.)
Sat. Aug 26	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	† Gerard Gosselin (Vince Addario)
Sun. Aug 27	9:30am	† Brian DeChamplain (Colin & Teresa Walters)
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses

Children's liturgy will resume on September 10th. Children's liturgy is designed to introduce our parish children to the Word and allow them to participate fully in the liturgy. On a rotating schedule, the Children's Liturgy volunteer leads the children in an age-appropriate liturgy of the Word downstairs in the church hall during the Sunday 9:30 Mass.



St. Ann Family Pasta Take Out
Our next dinner will be on Thursday, Sept 7th from 3-6pm. Pasta dinner including 4 meatballs, salad and roll (\$15), Dozen meatballs (\$15), 30oz container of Sauce (\$8).

At this time, we have containers of frozen meatballs & sauce available to purchase. Phone the office to place an order.

Total profit from the August 3rd dinner was \$1,316. Thank you to everyone for your support!

The Pasta Dinner Fundraising Committee has committed to help pay for costs for renovating the hall kitchen with profits from future events. Your support at these events will help them reach this goal.

Donations of supplies/food for these events are always welcome and help defray our operating costs: Pasta — Penne Rigate, Large 100oz cans of "San Marzano" tomatoes (It's a red, white and green can from Costco), Tub of pre-peeled garlic, Extra virgin Olive Oil, vinegar, sugar, sea salt, parsley, sweet onion, bread crumbs, romano cheese, lettuce, carrots, eggs. Phone or email the parish or speak to Vince Addario. Any donation is welcome!

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The suffering of a child symbolizes uniquely terrible evil as well as despair about the future. This week's Gospel gives a "limit" case in which Jesus encounters this evil in the form of a mother with a suffering daughter. What he does is stunning and massively helpful for us if we bravely ponder the details.

The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and begs his mercy. "My daughter is tormented by a demon," she declares to him. Shockingly, he responds first with silence, then with a dismissive comment, and only then finally accedes to her third request. Is this simply a lesson in perseverance in our petitions to God, who is like a genie in a bottle? Does that justify the humiliation and pain this woman suffers? Is the Lord cruel?



I don't think so. Notice how the encounter ends. She compares herself to a dog at the table of a master. Jesus responds by praising her great faith and fulfills her deep desire. Somehow this non-Israelite woman intuits that this harrowing situation is not dumb suffering. She senses that the door of God's family is, in Jesus, being opened to her and her loved ones. She trusts she is at the Lord's table, and her desires will be fulfilled and that all her sufferings — and her daughter's, too — will lead a great banquet. In our sufferings this week, the Lord wants us to treat him less like a genie in a bottle and more like the Master who has taken us — lost little dogs that we are — into his home forever. Trust that and keep praying in the face of evil.

The Prayers God Always Answers

When I was a child, my mother bought a book called "The Prayers God Will Always Answer." I remember my anticipation as I cracked the spine and turned to the first page.

I had been spending a lot of time asking God — begging God, actually — over and over again for some specific things that were not materializing. Frankly, it was beginning to feel a lot like that time I asked Santa Claus for a new house, only to wake up on Christmas morning to find ordinary, non-house-shaped presents under the tree — and a growing sense of suspicion that my faith had been ill-placed.

To the great disappointment of my pre-teen heart, my mother's book was not a directory of magical phrases God is compelled to obey. It was a list that included things like "Forgive me" and "Help me." I tossed it aside, disappointed.

I marvel at the wisdom and the confidence of the Canaanite woman who persists in begging Jesus to heal her daughter. She is ignored, and still she will not be deterred. The disciples try to dismiss her — still, she presses on. Christ himself challenges her, and her faith makes her ready with a reply.

Somehow, I am sure that even if Christ had said, "No, it cannot be done for you as you wish," she would have still dropped to her knees and worshiped him, because she knew what I did not: God is not a vending machine, and he's not the genie from "Aladdin." Prayer is not a negotiation, but a relationship.

The story of the Canaanite woman is not a story about how to get God to give you what you want. It is a story about the prayers God always answers.

"Then Jesus said to her in reply, 'O woman, great is your faith!'" — Matthew 15:28

