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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (AUGUST 5TH & 6TH, 2023)

Donation	\$6,211.00
Donation Online	\$2,250.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$8,466.00

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023 GOAL \$36,577

As of 8.13.23, Gifts Received \$23,796

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 13, 2023

19th 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.

— Father John Muir

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Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year A

Homily by Father Paul Thanh Vu

God brings peace to us

The Gospel today tells us about Jesus' disciples were afraid of the storm, and Jesus walking on the sea towards them to bring them peace. That is the main theme of today's 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time. There are details in the Gospel that tell us why the disciples were afraid, even though most of them were fishermen, having to live at sea day and night. The first reason was that it was the fourth watch of the night. The Bible often describes the dark as the hour of the devil. As in the description Judas left the banquet to sell his Master to the Jews. *After eating the bread, Judas went out. By that time it was already dark (John 13:30).*

The second reason is that the Jews considered the sea a den of demons. Besides that, there were waves surrounding them, making them afraid. In the past, pagans used to worship polytheism. Gods of mountains, gods of the sea, and so on... When floods occur every year, people believe that they have done something wrong, making the river or sea gods angry, so the water rises and destroys houses and kill them. Therefore, each year they offered a sacrifice of a baby or a virgin to satisfy the god's anger and spare their lives. The Jews lived among pagan peoples, so they were more or less influenced. Perhaps the disciples thought that the devil was surrounding them and wanted to kill them? This time was different from the time when Jesus slept in the boat with them, so they still relied on Him. But this time, Jesus was not with them, so they were very scared.

For that reason, when Jesus suddenly appeared, walking towards their boat, they thought it was the devil. But Jesus reassured them, *"It is I, do not be afraid!"* As long as the Lord's presence is there, the disciples are always at peace, even when facing storms. Just as when Peter was focused on the storm, he was drowned, but when he looked up to the Lord and cried out to the Lord, the Lord immediately stretched out his hand to help him. The image of Jesus walking on the sea also has a spiritual meaning that God has power over the devil. He is the almighty One to whom all things must submit.

I experienced this when I was in Vietnam, after the event of 1975, when the Communist took over South Vietnam. My family moved from Saigon city to a country side to live like farmers. We were very poor. My father was forced to prison, we stayed at home struggled to live day to day. We had to clear forests, planted rice, beans, and corn to make a living. But at first, when I was not used to farming, the crops were not very fruitful, so life was very difficult. There was a time when we was about to starve to death. At that critical moment, two my uncles from Australia sent some money to my family. Jesus rescued us through the support of our uncles, and we escaped death.

Yes, we all have faced many difficulties and challenges in our life. If we trust in the Lord, pray to the Lord, He will certainly reach out to help us, both physically and spiritually, just as He saved his disciples. The boat of the Church, which has experienced more than 20 centuries before storms of persecution and opposition, has always stood firm as the Lord promised: "I will be with you every day until the end of the world". May God help us to always believe in His love and power. I wish all of you will have a very nice and peaceful week. Amen.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then the LORD said to him,
"Go outside and stand on the mountain before
the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." (1 Kgs 19:11)

Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your
salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading:

My conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing
me witness
that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in
my heart.
For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut
off from Christ
for the sake of my own people. (Rom 9:1-3)

Gospel:

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)

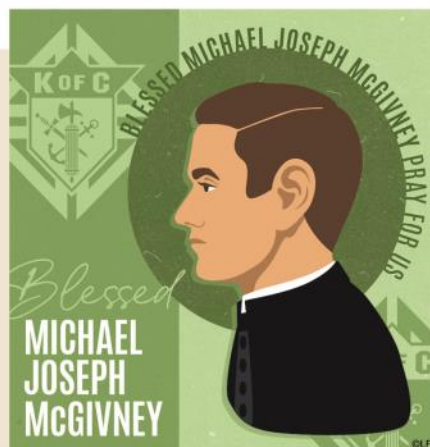
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ is always coming to us in ways that we do
not expect. Ways that shock us. Ways that frighten
us. Ways that seem impossible. Are we ready to
accept him however he comes, amidst whatever
fear and doubt we are battling with in our hearts?

Observances for the week of August 13, 2023

- Sunday:** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Tuesday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Stephen of Hungary
Saturday: St. John Eudes, Priest
Next Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Blessed Fr. Michael Joseph McGivney was a diocesan priest from Connecticut born to an Irish immigrant family. Together with men from his church, St. Mary's in New Haven, he founded what is now the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization — the Knights of Columbus.

Prayer

Founder of the Knights of Columbus
God, our Father, protector of the poor
and defender of the widow and orphan,
You called Your priest, Blessed Michael
McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian
family life and to lead the young to
the generous service of their neighbor.
Through the example of his life and virtue,
may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ,
more closely, fulfilling his commandment
of charity and building up his Body which
is the Church. Let the inspiration of Your
servant prompt us to greater confidence
in Your love so that we may continue
his work of caring for the needy and the
outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify
Blessed Michael McGivney on earth
according to the design of Your holy will.
Through his intercession, grant the favor
I now present. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.fathermcgivney.org/>)