



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 8, 2021



## 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die."  
- Jn 6:48-50

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**WEEKEND MASSES:**  
**SATURDAYS AT 5PM**  
**SUNDAYS AT 8AM & 10:30AM**

**DAILY MASSES:**  
**MON, TUES, WED, \* , FRI & SAT AT 8AM**

**\*COMMUNION SERVICE:**  
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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, August 7**

8:00am: Living & Deceased  
Parishioners of Immaculate  
Conception Parish  
5:00pm: Parishioners of Immaculate  
Conception Parish

**Sunday, August 8**

8:00am: Catherine Menoni  
10:30am: George Emmett Phoenix, Jr.  
John De Rose  
Liliana Lamberti

**Monday, August 9**

8:00am: Rugero Pieracci

**Tuesday, August 10**

8:00am: James F. Dolan

**Wednesday, August 11**

8:00am: Carmen Pinon

**Thursday, August 12**

8:00am: Margaret Vena

**Friday, August 13**

8:00am: Maria Lanaque Velasquez

**Saturday, August 14**

8:00am: Living & Deceased  
Parishioners of Immaculate  
Conception  
5:00pm: Judy Cullen  
Angelo Facciponti  
Susan Mayfield

**Sunday, August 15**

8:00am: Parishioners of Immaculate  
Conception Parish  
10:30am: Otto Cortesi  
James & Patricia Hauer  
Gaspere De Luca



REST IN PEACE

**Rosemary Casey Brundage**

October 7, 1929 - July 27, 2021

*May the faithful departed rest in peace.*

“

**HOLD YOUR EYES  
ON GOD AND LEAVE  
THE DOING TO HIM.**

”

ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL

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## Father Mike's Homiletter – August 8, 2021 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Scripture:** 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:2-9; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51

There are a lot of food images in this week's readings, as there have been in the readings for the last few weeks. Since summer is the season of outdoor grilling and picnicking, the readings may be well suited to the calendar, apart from their content. But we study the Scriptures each week for their message, not their seasonality, and this week's readings have quite a bit to say.

In our first reading, Elijah is fleeing Jezebel – after he won a contest with the pagan prophets of Baal and ordered their execution, Queen Jezebel, a follower of Baal, promised she would do the same to Elijah - who decided it would be best to skip town before she could fulfill her promise. He fled, but he was discouraged: enough already, he says to God, let me die in peace. Tired from his flight, he lies down to rest. An angel wakes him and urges him to eat – thoughtfully providing a hearth cake and water with which to wash it down. Elijah eats and drinks and tries to go back to sleep. The angel appears again – eat and drink, otherwise you will be too tired for the journey. Elijah was probably thinking “what journey?” But he eats and drinks again, and somehow has the energy to go on – he walks to the mountain of God. Discouragement is part of life, and God is always there to help us push through it. As we saw this week, a number of the Olympic athletes did not do well in one event, but, with the support of teammates, came back to medal in a later one – discouragement overcome!

Our Gospel has the Jewish leaders in Capernaum murmuring against Jesus – in a rerun of the reaction He encountered in Nazareth – “We know him, and his family. What's this about coming down from heaven?” They miss the big point – all life comes from God, and Jesus is the essence of God's life come down to guide and shepherd us to eternal life. By a mystery we cannot fathom, He gave us His flesh and blood in the Eucharist – as a way of remaining a part of Him all our lives. In Baptism we are incorporated into the Body of Christ, and sent to be Christ to others, uniting them with us and the Lord.

This Sunday's collection for the Mission Co-operation Appeal is one way we can fulfill the call to be the Body of Christ to others. While Roman Catholics are the largest individual denomination in the U.S. - unfortunately, the second largest denomination is *former* Catholics - we are still only about 25% of the U.S. population, and “Nones” are the fastest growing “religion” in our country. There are many other belief systems in our country and around the world with whom we are called to share our faith in God and to offer a place in the Body of Christ. Catholic missionaries have been doing this on our behalf for centuries. They leave home, family, all that is familiar, and make new homes with other peoples, sharing the hardships of those who live in the most difficult conditions on earth: those starving or scraping out a sparse living from scrub farmland; those in refugee camps around the world; those without clean water, roofs over their heads, or schools to give them the tools to improve themselves and their communities; those in areas overrun by terror and hatred. Only after sharing the lives of their people can missionaries begin to share the Good News of the Gospel.

We can be missionaries – even from the comfort of our own homes. First, we can pray for those who are on the front lines of the mission effort and the people they serve. Like Elijah, they can become discouraged, ready to give up, without the resources they need to make a difference. Our prayers can be the angel who appears to encourage them to walk further on toward the mountain of God. And our financial gifts can be the hearth cake and fresh water which gives them the resources to make a difference for those they serve. Many missionaries deal first with the lack of food, water, shelter and education which their people face, before they can begin teaching them of the joy it is to know Jesus. The Little Flower is a patron of missions, though she never left her convent in France, because she prayed constantly for those on mission. Fellow missionaries, let's remember we are the Body of Christ on earth – and all around the earth – and give generously of our both prayers and our funds.

Peace!  
Father Mike

## 2021 Food Truck Thursdays

Food Truck Thursdays return this summer! Enjoy a variety of food and drinks and a wide range of musical performances beginning July 8, 2021. Food Truck Thursdays will run weekly from 4:30 PM to dusk through September 9 in Jens Jensen Park - Roger Williams Ave. between St. Johns Ave. and Dean Ave.

### August 12:

Surprise Local Guest Opener  
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6:00-8:00 PM



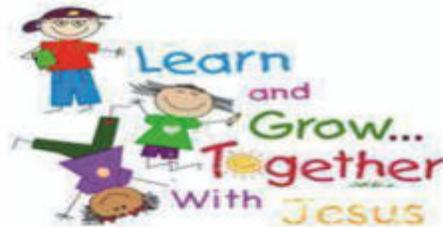
## Food for Thought...

Bread for myself is a material question. Bread for my neighbor is a spiritual one.

-Nikolai Berdyaev

Our first task in approaching another people, another culture, another religion, is to take off our shoes, for the place we are approaching is holy. Else we may find ourselves treading on men's dreams. More serious still, we may forget that God was here before our arrival.

-Max Warren (1904-1977)



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

## PREP

# REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

2021-2022 classes begin for students in Grades K-8 on 9/19/21 at 9 a.m. Please use the link below to register and view the class calendar.

<https://www.icparish.org/> <https://www.icparish.org/Prep-Registration>

Any questions, please contact Barb via email [PREPOffice@icparish.org](mailto:PREPOffice@icparish.org)

We are excited to see all our new and returning families this fall!



## 2021 Missionary Cooperation Plan

The Missionary Cooperation Plan collection weekend is this weekend August 7-8, 2021.

Missionaries are not able to be with us due to the global pandemic. Instead we will learn about the 104 mission causes that will benefit from the collection virtually. Here is information about just three of these groups:



The **School Sisters of St. Francis** are an international community who, for almost 150 years, strive to be the Face of Jesus for people of all ages and abilities through ministries in education, health care, pastoral care and social services. One particular mission in Bangalore, India includes the Asha Bhavan Home, where elder women who have been abandoned are given a safe place to live with dignity and love. The Sisters provide nourishing food, medical services and compassionate care to about 24 destitute mostly elder women who have been abandoned by their families. Many are

bedridden, mentally challenged or extremely fragile in mind and spirit. The sisters provide these women with help and hope, enabling them to regain not only their health, but also their sense of self worth and self respect.

The **Diocese of Kiyinda-Mityana** is located in a rural region of Uganda. The diocese will soon begin celebrating its 40-year anniversary. One major goal for this year is to provide clean drinking water to all regions. The diocese has already begun to distribute small water containers to various households for the storage of drinking water. As well, the diocese intends to provide poly-fiber tanks to all diocesan Catholic schools. The filters make it safer for consumption as rainwater is a proven source of clean and safe water. Many water sources located in low areas become polluted in the rainy season. This will ensure accessibility to clean and safe water and hygienic practices like frequent washing of hands.



The **Missionaries of St. Francis DeSales** recently initiated a new mission in Ecuador within the Apostolic Vicariate of Esmeraldas. Thousands of Catholics reside in the Vicariate, spread over a wide geographic area with few roads. The people of this region are largely of African or indigenous Indian descent and most do not have the opportunity to practice their faith due to the scarcity of priests and church buildings. The Vicariate is divided into "substations" with many having churches in disrepair with roofs or walls missing or lack of windows that leave the building unsafe.

Masses are held in homes where there is little room for the faithful. This has resulted in many people falling away from the faith. In spite of the obstacles, in 2020 the missionaries have baptized 192 children and gave First Communion to an additional 112.

Please pray for these and more mission causes sharing the Bread of Life around the world. The local churches cannot support these ministries by themselves. So, if you are able, please place cash or a check, made out to our parish, in the second collection basket. Or you may give online, using a credit card at [www.wearemissionary.org/give](http://www.wearemissionary.org/give) Each donation will be distributed evenly to all 104 participating mission causes.

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## “Pop-Up” Rummage Sale

Following Archdiocesan and City of Highland Park Health & Safety Guidelines,  
we are pleased to now announce that we will host a

“Pop-Up” Rummage Sale on Friday, August 27th and *tentatively*, Saturday, August 28th  
(assuming enough items to sell)

**To be successful with this mission, we need everyone’s help!**

***Donations are now being accepted !!!***

### Accepted Items for the Sale

This year we can accept select items:

Furniture\*  
Tools/Sports equipment  
Outdoor garden and patio  
Household/ Kitchen Items/ Lamps  
Children’s Toys/Games/Clothing  
Electronics  
Treasures  
Shoes  
Gently Used, Clean Clothing:  
Men, Women, Children

Please See Exclusions

Note: \* We cannot pick-up Furniture this year. It can be dropped off at the Garage.

### Exclusions

We cannot accept the following:

No China Cabinets  
No Entertainment Centers  
No Sofa Beds  
No Upholstered Furniture that is torn, ripped or stained  
No Car Seats that do not meet current Safety Guidelines  
No Cribs not meeting current Safety Guidelines  
No High Chairs not meeting current Safety Guidelines  
No Mattresses  
No Tube TV’s  
No Commodes  
No Linens  
No Art  
No Books  
No Holiday

Please help us get ready for the Sale by volunteering individually or as a family

**Sorting Schedule begins Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Daytime Monday – Friday 9am-12

Evening Tuesday and Thursday nights 6pm-8pm

Furniture donations, please contact Annie at 847-323-2950 or [danzmack@aol.com](mailto:danzmack@aol.com)

To volunteer or if you have any questions please reach out to Adele at

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