



# SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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## 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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# Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am

### Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am  
& 12:00 pm

### Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm  
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

### Reconciliation

Saturdays ~ 11:00am—12:00pm  
in the Sister Carol Center (adjacent  
to church)

### Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

### Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7a mass  
outside in the school courtyard  
(weather permitting).

## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center is open  
Monday - Thursday from 8:30am-5pm  
Friday from 8:30-4pm

For mass intentions or any service we may be reached at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

For any urgent needs when we are not open, please call our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

**Baptisms:** Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form.

**Marriages:** Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

**Registration:** It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity.

**RCIA:** Please call the Parish Center (586-777-3670).

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, at this time please register at [stjoan.church](http://stjoan.church) and we will contact you by phone to get further information OR by calling us at 586-777-3670 during office hours.

## Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Though we have returned to public masses we will continue our Live Stream Broadcasts of all celebrations.

- Weekdays - 7 am Mass - (Monday thru Friday)
- Saturdays - 4 pm and 6 pm Masses
- Sundays - 8 am, 10 am & 12 pm Masses
- Thursdays - 7 pm Holy Hour

Go to: [livestream.stjoan.church](http://livestream.stjoan.church) to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.



**Driving Mrs. Daisies:** As I mentioned in last week's edition of TALLer Tales, I spent a good part of a week recently traveling with my mom and my sister

Jackie to the western side of Michigan. We visited Sutton's Bay, Leland, Glen Arbor, Manistee, and Holland.

Since there were only three of us traveling, I suggested to my travelers that the two of them should sit in the back together. That way, they could yap with each other a bit more freely without having to talk loudly between the front and back of the car. Plus, whenever we went on such trips with Jackie, our dad always occupied the front seat with me, and they were in the back. So, it was somewhat typical for the two of them to sit in "coach" class (as my dad often called it). Whenever I traveled with just my mom and dad, my dad always got relegated to "coach" while mom enjoyed "first-class;" my dad always enjoyed being in "first-class" whenever the opportunity presented itself.

Soon after our journey began, my travelers decided I was their "Uber driver" and that I was driving Mrs. Daisies (since there were two of them). For years when I drove Cardinal Maida to various events and meetings as his secretary, I did my best to be the "perfect" driver. I would come to a stop at a traffic light or a stop sign with such great care so as not to jostle my esteemed passenger in any way. Well, sad to say, it appears I've lost the fine driving skills I once had. My Mrs. Daisies made a note of this several times and wanted to file a complaint. They often joked they were waiting for me to provide a "comment card." Yikes.

If they were concerned about my driving after the first couple of days of our journey, they certainly got the ultimate experience in Manistee! Yes, quaint and small-town Manistee became the focal point of an airborne adventure.

As we entered the Manistee city limits, we placed a call to Fr. Rich to let him know we were driving through his hometown. Unfortunately, he was in a meeting, so we weren't able to get the scoop on the whereabouts of all the "Fr. Rich" markers so we could take a selfie

with them. As we traveled south on US-31 through Manistee, we suddenly hit a traffic jam just past Meijer's. Traffic came to a complete standstill; no traffic was even coming down the opposite side. We sat there for about 10 minutes before I got out of my car to look ahead to see if I could determine what was going on. As I was peering down the road, I saw a few police cars coming toward me. At first, it looked like the police cars were the lead vehicles in a motorcade. As the cars slowly approached, I realized it WAS a motorcade. Several police vehicles were stopping traffic in all directions in thriving downtown Manistee, while two others were the lead of what ended up being a convoy of semis hauling four MASSIVE freeway overpass beams. Given the size of these beams and with these semis trying to navigate the twists and turns of US-31 in downtown Manistee, it was no wonder they needed a police motorcade. So we sat for about 20-30 minutes while many "Manistee-ans" came out of homes and businesses to watch the big show.

Once the convoy passed, traffic started to lighten up. My GPS (because of the traffic service I have with my package) routed me through some residential area to avoid the traffic and a detour that was up ahead. So, I dutifully followed my GPS's guidance, and we landed on some residential street.

You need to know that not only was I transporting the Mrs. Daisies, but we also had in the cargo area of my Acadia a large 4 foot by 4-foot heavy ceramic work of art we purchased at the Glen Arbor Art Fair. This piece is BEAUTIFUL. My mom, sister, and I bought it as an item for the School's Gala coming up in the fall (hint, hint if you are out traveling, consider buying something for the Gala). This item could serve as a wall item or as a tabletop. Five strategically placed tiles with the infamous mitten image of the State of Michigan are surrounded by brownish tiles with leaves and other iconic Michigan nature scenes. I carefully crated this item in my cargo area after getting some scrap lumber at a Do-It-Center in downtown Beulah, Michigan (near Crystal Lake). The crating of the piece was necessary so that we could place some soft and light luggage on top of it. So, back to the story.

We were carefully going down this residential street (at 25 miles an hour, I might add; my Mrs. Daisies will verify I wasn't traveling fast) when we came across a set of railroad tracks. I didn't

change my speed, but we were going up a small hill as we crossed these tracks. Unbeknownst to me, the hill suddenly "disappeared," and my car went airborne and landed hard on the street. I took a flying leap, and even more so did my passengers in "Coach Class." My mom let out a scream. I thought she hit her head hard on the ceiling, which caused my heart rate to skyrocket. I pulled the car over to regroup and figure out what happened. Thankfully, neither Mrs. Daisies were injured. But now, our attention turned to the beautiful piece of art sitting in my cargo area. If my passengers took a flying leap, we were certain so did the four-by-four foot work of art. Knowing none of us could continue the journey without checking on our precious cargo, we decided to get out of the car, unpack it, and uncrate the crated piece of art. I kept reassuring my mom I packed this thing SO CAREFULLY there was no chance it broke. Yet, I was thinking the outcome wasn't going to be pretty because at the top of this artwork was a solid hook to hang the item; when flat, it created an inch variance between both ends of this piece. I had nothing underneath to protect it, so if it came down hard on that hook, it seemed almost inevitable it would crack.

As we unpacked everything in the middle of this residential street, I worried crowds of people would come out of their homes to see what was going on. Instead, people were still busy with the instant parade on US-31. THANKFULLY, the massive piece of art didn't crack or break. But, boy, was I sweating bullets up to this point.

We got everything packed up again, and off we continued on our journey down to Holland. Once we got back into the car, my dear sister quickly piped up, "Hello. Sir. Excuse me. Mr. Uber Driver. If you thought you were escaping a comment card or complaint about your driving on this trip ... FORGET IT! You're definitely getting one after that escapade. Wait 'till people hear we went airborne!" So much for my fine driving skills! I better stick to my day job!

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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# FORMED®

PICK OF THE WEEK

August 8, 2021

## WATCH

### EDITH STEIN: THE SEVENTH CHAMBER

This is a moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite martyr, Edith Stein. It powerfully captures the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman and her journey toward the Lord. Deeply influenced by the writings of St. Teresa of Avila, she joined the Carmelites, took the name of Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and was put to death in Auschwitz in 1942. In honor of Teresa Benedicta's feast day, enjoy this film.



## LEARN

### FORMED NOW: MARTYRS AND MONASTICS

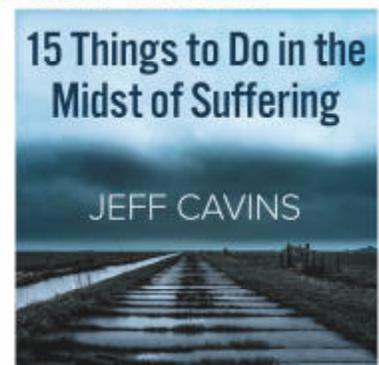


We celebrate many martyrs and monastics during this rich week in the liturgical calendar. But how did the Church become a place of heroic martyrdom and steadfast monasticism? In this video, Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss these themes and their history in the early Church.

## LISTEN

### 15 THINGS TO DO IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING BY JEFF CAVINS

In addition to St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, the Church also celebrates the feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe this week. Kolbe, a Polish Catholic priest, fearlessly suffered the horrors of Auschwitz, where he was eventually martyred because of his faith. The life of this Saint reminds us that suffering is a mystery we all face at many points in our lives. In this talk, internationally known speaker Jeff Cavins shares his insights on this difficult topic and shows us how our suffering can become redemptive.



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## Weekly Calendar of Events

### Monday, August 9th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

### Tuesday, August 10th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

### Wednesday, August 11th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

### Thursday, August 12th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 am heART of Faith Event

7:00 pm Holy Hour (Praise & Worship)  
Live Streamed

### Friday, August 13th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

### Saturday, August 14th

10:00 am Funeral of Mary E. Hindle

11:00 am Reconciliation

12:30 pm Baptism of Maxwell Campernel

4:00 pm Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 pm Mass - Live Streamed

### Sunday, August 15th

8:00 am Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 am Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 pm Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

## Words on the Word

### *August 8, 2021 – State of Discontent*

One wonders how they come up with this stuff. A “news” aggregation website recently included a series of maps that purported to show “35 little-known facts about America.”

Among the things illustrated graphically were which states preferred cats over dogs (Michigan was one of them), which term is used generically for sweetened carbonated drinks (pop in Michigan), the most popular Halloween candy in each state (Skittles, believe it or not, in Michigan). And on it goes.

But the list used as clickbait from the aggregation website to the story itself was every state’s least favorite nearby state.

Michigan and Ohio were mutual adversaries; Washington, Oregon, Colorado and a host of others dislike California, while California and a couple others hate Texas; and Texas, in turn, hates Oklahoma, and on it goes.

While all of the lists held a bit of interest, there’s something about the one rooted in animosity that gains the most attention. And that, alas, is reflective of the world in which we live, in which conflict, malice, hatred, differences of opinion and friction tend to generate the most interest. After all, what’s more interesting in media website comment boxes and on talk radio? A series of comments or calls in which everyone is in agreement with each other (does that even happen?), or successive comments or calls in which everyone disagrees with – and makes angry remarks about – everyone else?

Conflict sells, unfortunately.

But the good news is that Jesus has a better way, as St. Paul articulates in today’s second reading. An approach that creates a better, healthier atmosphere for us and others.

“All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice,” St. Paul writes to the Ephesians. “And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.”

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# Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

## Mass Intentions

- Monday August 9, 2021 Weekday Saint Theresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr (Green/Red)**  
7:00 a.m. George McCabe and Agnes and Jack Hubbard
- Tuesday August 10, 2021 Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr (Red)**  
7:00 a.m. Jesse F. Champine and Leonard Czarnecki
- Wednesday August 11, 2021 Saint Clare, Virgin (White)**  
7:00 a.m. Marie Terese Tobin and a Special Intention for Madeline Valdez
- Thursday August 12, 2021 Weekday Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious (Green/White)**  
7:00 a.m. John G. Champine
- Friday August 13, 2021 Weekday Saints Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs (Green/Red)**  
7:00 a.m. Anna Maria Dolunt
- Saturday August 14, 2021 Saint Maximilian Klobe, Priest and Martyr (Red)**  
4:00 p.m. Josephine Lucchese, Bonnie Batche, Lorraine and George McCabe, Anne and Anthony Zynel, and Special Intentions for the Thomas Family, the J. Champine Family and the Grimaldi Family  
6:00 p.m. A Special Intention for Matthew Dinsler
- Sunday August 15, 2021 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (White)**  
8:00 a.m. For the intentions of Saint Joan of Arc Parishioners  
10:00 a.m. George Petroff Jr.  
12:00 p.m. Marie Champine, Evelyn Smith, Dorothy Guigliardo, Kevin Brys, Pam Capek, Marion Zapytowski, Jack Ventimiglia, the deceased members of the Rogier and Dettloff Families & a Special Intention for Mary and Robert Fortunate

## Weekly Readings

- Monday, August 9**  
Deuteronomy 10:12-22  
Matthew 17:22-27
- Tuesday, August 10**  
2Corinthians 9:6-10  
John 12:24-26
- Wednesday, August 11**  
Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
Matthew 18:15-20
- Thursday, August 12**  
Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17  
Matthew 18:21-19:1
- Friday, August 13**  
Joshua 24:1-13  
Matthew 19:3-12
- Saturday, August 14**  
Joshua 24:14-29  
Matthew 19:13-15
- Sunday, August 15**  
Revelations 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab  
1Corinthians 15:20-27  
Luke 1:39-56



### I Am The Resurrection & The Life

“Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families.”

**Rita McBride**  
**David Wiekrykas (Brother of Nancy Folk)**



“I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.”

*Minnie Louise Haskins*



## Reporting Sexual Abuse

Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or other Church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and/or the Michigan Attorney General’s Office at 844-324-3374 or [aginvestigations@michigan.gov](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov).

Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting [protect.aod.org](http://protect.aod.org) calling the toll-free, 24/7 victim assistance line at 866-343-8055 or by emailing [vac@aod.org](mailto:vac@aod.org). There are no time limits or restrictions on individuals wishing to report abuse.

Every complaint shared with the Archdiocese of Detroit, regardless of its source or the date of the alleged activity, is reported to civil authorities. No complaints are held back,

## Tire Tracks in the d'Arc



**Trust Issues:** I have recounted here previously my lack of trust in my Jeep's (Bobbi Jo Jr.—a car must have a name!) ability to give me the directions I'm

looking for, without leading me astray, or sending me on some inexplicable detour. Simply from my house to the end of the street at the Mack intersection is not something the Jeep considers a good idea. For some reason (I assume she has an allergy to stop-lights), she tells me to leave my driveway and head down Overlake, take a right on Goethe, then another right on 8 Mile, a right on Edmunton and then arrive at Mack, on the other side of the Mack parking lot. It seems an unnecessary complication to me. I ignore her. But recently, she decided two can play this game. Since my last decision to ignore her instructions found me on I-275 (intentionally) rather than I-94, I also found myself in construction and one-lane of traffic, which she apparently knew about and I had forgotten about. So now... she no longer trusts me either.

A few days after the July flooding, I was heading to Monroe to work on my tractor. I think of my friends' house, where the tractor is stored, as being in Maybee (MI) but it's technically about 200ft from the township line and the mailing address is Monroe. I knew the route I wanted was impossible because of the freeway closures but I didn't know how far the closures went, so I asked Siri for directions to a generic "Monroe, MI." I figured I could get past the closures and re-route from there to Maybee.

The directions took me along Fort Street downtown for a few miles, then onto I-75, heading for Monroe. At this point, everything seemed open, so I said, "Siri, give me directions for Maybee, MI."

Siri responded, "Okay, here are directions for Lansing, MI." Puzzled look on my face, I'm sure. "Siri, give me directions for Maybee, MI." Same result—Lansing, MI.

Then I realized why we were playing this silly game. Siri seems to have totally lost confidence in me knowing my own mind. So many times have I asked for directions and not followed them, that she no longer believes that I want what I ask for. Because I asked for "Maybee, MI," she

thinks I'm doubting that's where I actually want to go.... "Maybe Michigan, maybe not!" Absent of any kind of certainty, she does the best she can and she thinks I perhaps want at least *somewhere* in Michigan, so she gives me the capital! That's generic enough. Apparently, Maybee Michigan is the only place in Michigan that cannot be found.

I have a feeling that Bobbi Jo Jr. and I are headed toward mediation soon...

(Cue Shameless and Awkward Segue...)

**Food for the Journey:** There is, of course someone we can always trust to steer the best course for us in our lives. Maybe we have lost a sense of direction and purpose in our lives. Rest assured that the Lord has not. Be confident that He has always known where He is taking you. It doesn't mean that you'll never find yourself slowed down by an imperfect road and that there won't be obstacles along your way. But even if you feel lost, know that you are not lost to God. He knows exactly where you are and is always waiting for you to just trust the path He has you on, if it's travelled with Him, will lead you to the destination He has in mind.

I always find driving through construction zones, especially in busy summer traffic, perhaps heading up north, to be far from relaxing. I'm more likely in those zones to feel the pull of the rest-stop to just give myself a break from the stress of it. That seems to be Elijah's disposition today. Only Elijah is not just looking for a break for a few minutes; he's had enough—he wants God to end it all for him. He's certainly not the only prophet of God to express that sentiment. The Israelites' grumbings in the desert had Moses imploring God to do the same for him, to save him from the distress and burden of leading God's people out of exile.

Elijah's journey of escape from those seeking to take his life, leads him to fleeing right into God's hands. He lies down under the broom tree, defeated and dejected, pleading for death, only to be awakened by God's angel and directed on exactly where he needs to go to find renewal.

The angel instructs Elijah to eat and drink what God had provided for his strength, enough for him to go on. And as he continues on his journey to Mt. Horeb, a place in scripture of an encounter with God, it's there that God makes Himself known to Elijah. He's first physically

strengthened by the food, but the objective is really only to give him the strength to continue a journey that will strengthen his spirit. The real goal is that Elijah be able to continue to do the work God has called him to, while enduring the struggles along the way.

The Church calls us weekly to return, together, to this place of nourishment and refreshment at mass. We are not only fed by God's Word in the scriptures, but strengthened by the grace of Jesus as we receive Him in the Eucharist. And we encounter God in a uniquely intimate way. He is, of course always present to us, but at Mass we come as close to Him as His disciples were as they sat and listened to Him teach them and lead them.

Do you trust Him yet? Do you trust that Jesus is leading you and holding us close, no matter the challenges? Do you take Him at His word? If not, that should not cause you to despair, as long as you are honest with Him and are praying for an increase in faith: "Lord, I believe, help my unbelief." Jesus will take the little we have to offer and multiple it if we put it at His disposal. As long as we are doing our best to hear His call and doing our best to carry out the mission put before us, God will pursue us and wake us from the darkest of nights—from the darkest of moments—those times when we just want to lie down and give-up. He will strengthen us to continue and lead us to a place when He can once again be found.

Hopefully there is nobody pursuing your life like they were for Elijah, but there may be challenges that you feel are eating away at the life within you. Maybe it's one of the dispositions St. Paul mentions in his letter to the Ephesians today. Maybe it's bitterness, fury or anger at someone or at the world. St. Paul is reminding us that we have been sealed into the life of God by our baptism and freed from the need to harbor these resentments. Christ has freed us and forgiven us of our sinfulness. Only a lacking in love in some area of our life can imprison us once more. Therefore, be "kind... forgiving... imitators of God... and "live in love, as Christ loved us." That alone is plenty of food for our prayer as we receive Jesus in the Eucharist today.

You are in my prayers this week.

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## An Act of Spiritual Communion

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion which is a source of grace.

Spiritual Communion means uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshipping him in his Body and Blood. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass.

Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

## A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,*

*Come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace you as if you were already there*

*And unite myself wholly to you.*

*Never permit me to be separated from you.*

Amen.

## SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – AUGUST 15

### Reading One – Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple. A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth. Then another sign appeared in the sky; it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven diadems. Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky and hurled them down to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth, to devour her child when she gave birth. She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and his throne. The woman herself fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have salvation and power come, and the Kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed One."

### Responsorial Psalm 45:10, 11, 12, 16

**R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**

The queen takes her place at your right hand in gold of Ophir.

**R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**

Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear, forget your people and your father's house.

**R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**

So shall the king desire your beauty; for he is your lord.

**R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**

They are borne in with gladness and joy; they enter the palace of the king.

**R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**

### Reading Two – 1 Cor 15:20-27

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for "he subjected everything under his feet."

### Gospel – Lk 1:39-56

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, and has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever."

Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.



August 8, 2021

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## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8 | Eph 4:30—5:2 | Jn 6:41-51

### **GROW** AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

We have apps that monitor our sleep and calories, and remind us to get our steps in. Short on time? We order takeout or subscribe to a meal service. Yet, despite these modern conveniences, I would guess that most of us don't sleep enough or consistently eat well. And we pay the price, whether in the short or long term. Enter Elijah, who had reached his limit physically and mentally. Yet after an angel provided him food and drink, Elijah found the strength to walk 40 days and 40 nights. Impressive! But that's God for us! And in the provision of his Son, we have food and drink – bread from heaven – that not only sustains us for our journey on earth but offers the possibility of eternal life. This is our belief; this is what Jesus says to us. And that alone can give us strength, and hope, even when we're having an "Elijah" moment. For at each and every holy Mass, Jesus invites us to the table, offering us food that not only sustains but also transforms us. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, indeed!

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Just as a good night's sleep and proper nutrition help us function our best, the Word of God and the Eucharist, and our communal life of faith, provide the spiritual nourishment we need as we strive to be imitators of God in our daily lives, as Saint Paul says. As we partake of Christ in the Eucharist, perhaps we can say a prayer of thanksgiving and ask Jesus to help us grow in the ways of love that Paul outlined: kindness, compassion, and forgiveness toward the people we encounter. It could mean letting go of a grudge, becoming more conscious of the needs of others, listening respectfully to someone with whom we disagree, or perhaps forgiving ourselves. The Holy Spirit will guide us.

**REFLECT** Think about the ways the Mass transforms you. It may be something subtle – the spirit of consolation and the feeling that things are right in your world – or you may have been particularly moved by the readings, homily, music, or silent prayer. Tell someone about it!

*Spend an hour  
with me.*

*-Jesus*

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# Bringing Home the Word

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

August 8, 2021

## Jesus' Coming Down Among Us

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

In *The Martyr*, Marc Chagall, a painter in the late last century and one of the favorites of Pope Francis, shows Jesus' crucifixion as a global mystery. It is not just an event in the past. Jesus is still coming down among the throngs of needy souls of the modern day, laying down his life and accompanying them in their sufferings.

The Gospel of John uses this term of "coming down" to take up the theme of the Incarnation. Jesus left his heavenly home and came down among us. He lowered himself to dirty his feet along

the tortuous routes on which humanity travels. He is not unapproachable, far from the sufferings of his followers, but has become like them in all things but sin. He knows the hunger and needs of his people.

This is nothing new for God. He came down to walk in the Garden with Adam and Eve. He came down to see the people building the Tower of Babel. He came down to Moses in the burning bush and in giving the Ten Commandments. And he came down to console and feed Elijah, who was despairing of his life. He gave Elijah food for his journey, strengthening him to travel in the desert.

In the Eucharist, Jesus comes down to you today to carry your burdens and give you his life. He urges us to get up, eat. He is the Living Bread come down from heaven that, if we unite with him in holy Communion, he will give us his divine force and we will live eternally with him. —

*Jesus lowered himself to dirty his feet along the tortuous routes on which humanity travels.*

### A Word from Pope Francis

[Christ] took our names upon himself, to the very end, including the evil that is within us....Anyone, in whatever situation..., can invoke the holy name of the Lord, who is faithful and merciful Love. God will never say no to a heart that invokes him sincerely.

—General audience, August 22, 2018



## Sunday Readings

### 1 Kings 19:4-8

[Elijah] got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights.

### Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.

### John 6:41-51

[Jesus said,] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever."

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Jesus comes down to be with me. Am I available in my heart to be with him?
- Do I cast my burdens on him by turning to him with my sins and crosses?

# The Opposite Reaction

By Kathleen M. Basi

*Go and learn the meaning of the words,  
"I desire mercy, not sacrifice."*

Matthew 9:13

**M**ercy. It's such a familiar word. It bookends every Mass, rolling glibly off our tongues until it's more a catch phrase than a word with real meaning. Really, how much is there to say about God's forgiveness?

When I dug into it, though, I realized my definition was too limited. Mercy isn't just something God gives to us. It's something we're called to give to others. Nor is it just about forgiveness. It's about the attitudes that shape our actions.

Think of that one person who knows all the right buttons to push and does so with glee. You can spend your whole life tied up in knots about how—or whether—to respond. You can waste countless hours and endless emotional energy locked inside your head, having arguments with this person, putting words in her mouth that she never spoke and assuming the worst about her intentions. You might even write off the relationship altogether.

Mercy calls us to do the opposite. Mercy invites us to open our minds and hearts to the people we find most difficult. What influences have shaped them? What wounds are hidden beneath their antagonism? Mercy asks us to consider the things we cannot know and approach conflict with a spirit of



compassion rather than judgment. In short, give people the benefit of the doubt.

This is not easy. In fact, it's superhuman. That's why we need God's help. That's why we need to receive the sacraments regularly—because they offer us the spiritual nourishment we need in order to do the real work of Christian living. And what is that, real work?

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me" (Matthew 25:35–36).

This passage, the source of the corporal works of mercy, leaves no doubt that the work of mercy is the heart of Christian discipleship and the standard by which we will be judged at the end of time. There is no distinction between those who deserve help and those who do not. We are called to show mercy to everyone.

*There is no distinction  
between those  
who deserve help and  
those who do not.*

## PRAYER

*Lord, you give us your Spirit  
to renew the earth. Instill in  
my heart the spirit of love,  
compassion, forgiveness,  
and peace, that I may be  
a source of healing.*

From *Faithful Meditations for Every Day  
in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage  
and Mary Ann McSwaney

## WEEKDAY READINGS

August 9–14

**Monday, Weekday:**

Dt 10:12–22 / Mt 17:22–27

**Tuesday, St. Lawrence:**

2 Cor 9:6–10 / Jn 12:24–26

**Wednesday, St. Clare:**

Dt 34:1–12 / Mt 18:15–20

**Thursday, Weekday:**

Jos 3:7–10a, 11, 13–17 / Mt 18:21–19:1

**Friday, Weekday:**

Jos 24:1–13 / Mt 19:3–12

**Saturday, St. Maximilian Kolbe:**

Jos 24:14–29 / Mt 19:13–15

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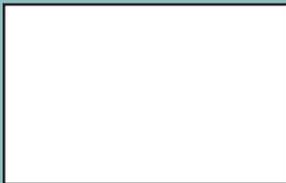


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