



# 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

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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## Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

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### LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am  
Wednesday: 6:00 pm

#### 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

Wednesdays: 5:00 pm  
Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
in the Sister Carol Center

#### Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

#### Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am Mass

### PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

**The Parish Center is open: (Summer Hours)**  
**Monday - Thursday from 8:30am - 4:00pm**  
**Friday: 8:30am—12:00pm**

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

**Baptisms:** Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that 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: 586-777-3670.

**OCIA:** 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, please register at [stjoan.church](http://stjoan.church) and we will contact you by phone. Or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during office hours.

#### Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

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

#### Weekday Masses

Monday thru Friday @ 7am  
Wednesday @ 6pm

#### Weekend Masses

Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm  
Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

#### Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm





**Cruisin' with Mom (Part Three):** For the last several weeks, I have been sharing about my trip with my mom on board the Viking Octantis for a

Great Lakes Cruise. Doing a Great Lakes cruise was at the top of my mom's bucket list of things to do in her senior years! Our journey began in Toronto, and from there we traversed the Welland Canal Locks and made stops in Port Colborne, Point Pelee, Detroit, Alpena, Mackinac Island, and finally, Milwaukee.

As I've already shared, one of the significant items about the cruise was that I was by far among the youngest passengers on this cruise. If there were 15-20 of us under 60, we were lucky. Most of the crew were in their 20s and 30s. We almost needed to establish a "kid's table" on this cruise ... and even a kid's menu! I'm a very simple eater (chocolate, anyone?), and the options on the daily smorgasbord were way above my usual palette! But I usually had my eye on the massive dessert table before I meandered to the various other tables.

While my mom enjoyed many of the dessert cups they offered, my lunch and dinner standard was feasting on these double chocolate cookies. They were the best! My mom would often ask me to bring one or two up to the room, but that usually meant getting three or four because of what I would eat along the way. And, yes, I would have some "normal" food apart from the cookies!!!! Does the apple crisp, triple berry cobbler, and ice cream count?

But another funny part of this cruise was the amount of looks my mom, and I got from the get-go. Everyone seemed to assume we were Mr. and Mrs. Bugarin. It took me a while to figure this out, but my mom immediately got it! The looks were hilarious, and we both enjoyed watching people watch us as we moved about the ship. Even our daily mail or other communications were usually addressed to "Mr. and Mrs. Bugarin." Sometimes, to avoid the awkward stare or elevator conversation, I would somehow use the word "Mom" in the context of what I was talking about! When we got this word out to my sisters and other family members, they all had fun texting back and asking how Mom the Cougar was doing!

Now, I have to give a little backdrop to the rest of this story. As you might imagine, I have a ton of black shirts, black pants, etc. While I brought clerical attire with me, I didn't wear it. And my casual lineup of clothes is pretty limited. As we often laugh, you can always tell a priest on vacation! I have one nephew in particular, let's call him Patrick, who loves to challenge me about my exquisite line of casual clothes. I occasionally hear him say, "Uncle Mike, you have to stop dressing like it's the 90s!"

Because I'm me, I didn't even start thinking about packing until a day or two before the trip. As such, I only had a few of my "90's era" casual clothes to choose from because the rest didn't fit ... we'll blame the sitting around before and after my surgery for this problem.

But, during most of the cruise, one little old lady seemed to go out of her way to compliment me on my shirts! After the second occurrence, I thought, "HA, Patrick doesn't know what he is talking about!" But then I could hear him laugh back at me and say, "Well, she's an old lady, and the 90s might have been her thing." But after the fourth day of compliments, it finally dawned on me; I was slow to the party! I think she was hitting on me. WAIT a minute; there WAS a Cougar on board!

**The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – A Holy Day of Obligation:** On Tuesday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation. We will have a vigil mass at 7 PM on Monday, and then on Tuesday, we will have Masses at 7 AM, 12 PM and 7 PM.

What exactly are we celebrating with the Assumption of Mary?

First, let's look at the word assumption. The word assumption comes from the Latin word *assumere*, meaning to take to oneself. Thus, with the Assumption of Mary, we celebrate that moment when Christ took the Blessed Virgin Mary home to himself when the course of her earthly life had finished. Over time and in other rites or Orthodox traditions, the Assumption of Mary is called the Dormition of Mary or the Glorification of Mary. As stated by Pope Saint John Paul II in his general audience on July 2, 1997, "The dogma of the assumption affirms that Mary's body was glorified after her death. While for other human beings the resurrection of the body will take place at the end of the world, for

Mary, the glorification of her body was anticipated by a special privilege."

Belief in the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary dates back to the earliest days of Christianity. The most substantial evidence we have comes not from scripture but the ancient liturgical texts, iconography, and poems honoring the mother of Jesus Christ.

Mary's assumption into heaven was well established theologically and was part of the devotional life of the Church by the Middle Ages. While the concept of the Assumption of Mary was undoubtedly part of the life of the Church, it wasn't proclaimed as dogma until 1951 by Pope Pius XII in his Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*.

Pope Saint Paul VI, in his Apostolic Constitution *Marialis Cultus* (For the Right Ordering and Development of Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary), offered a beautiful reflection on Mary's role in our life (#57): "Contemplated in the episodes of the Gospels and in the reality which she already possesses in the City of God, the Blessed Virgin Mary offers a calm vision and a reassuring word to modern man, torn as he often is between anguish and hope, defeated by the sense of his own limitations and assailed by limitless aspirations, troubled in his mind and divided in his heart, uncertain before the riddle of death, oppressed by loneliness while yearning for fellowship, a prey to boredom and disgust. She shows forth the victory of hope over anguish, of fellowship over solitude, of peace over anxiety, of joy and beauty over boredom and disgust, of eternal visions over earthly ones, of life over death."

The University of Dayton has an excellent website dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. There you will find a ton of information about the Church's teaching and writings about the Blessed Mother. I strongly encourage you to glance through the vast resources available at [udayton.edu/imri/mary/](http://udayton.edu/imri/mary/).

Mother of the Church. Pray for us!  
Queen assumed into Heaven. Pray for us!

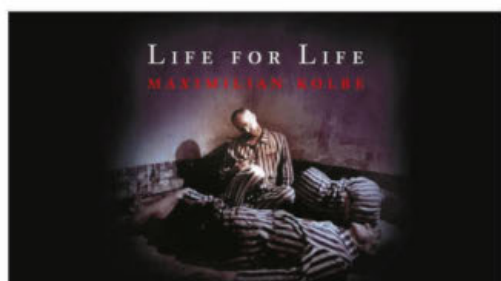
Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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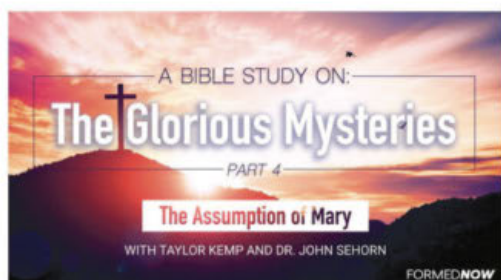
# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of August 13, 2023



## Life for Life: Maximilian Kolbe

After escaping from Auschwitz, a man hears the tragic news about ten random inmates sentenced by the Nazis to death as a punishment for his escape—one of whom is Fr. Maximilian Kolbe.



## A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries: Assumption (Part 4 of 5)

What do you know about the Assumption? Join Dr. John Sehorn and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the theology behind this dogma of the faith.



## Saint Maximilian Kolbe | Lukas Storyteller

Inspired by the heroic life of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Lukas helps his friends understand that they should always be grateful for what they have.

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## Along the Way

A couple weeks ago a lovely parishioner came up to me and asked, “Father, do you know of any Dominican shrines or churches around here?” I was a bit perplexed as to the reasoning of the question, at first. Then, I remembered that this year is a Jubilee Year of St. Thomas Aquinas. Though St. Dominic founded the Order of Preachers, aka, the Dominicans, (his feast day was just on August 08), St. Thomas is known as the Angelic Doctor, the Universal Doctor, and the Doctor of Humanity.

Every seminarian throughout the world studies Thomistic Philosophy during their academic career. And so, we become intimately familiar with this great Doctor of the Church. His best-known works are the *Summa Theologica* and the *Summa contra Gentiles*. While the *Summa Theologica* (Summery of Theology) was meant explain the Christian faith to theology students, the *Summa contra Gentiles* (Summery against Unbelievers) was a defense and explanation of the truth of the faith for unbelievers.

Needless to say, this 13th Century priest, philosopher, and theologian, has had a profound impact on the intellectual world. He even wrote the hymns that are traditionally sung before and after Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. During my first year of theology graduate studies we had to take a course entitled “Theology of the Trinity” and we spent the entire semester studying ONE SINGLE QUESTION from the *Summa Theologica*. I remember our mid-term exam was essentially to regurgitate Thomas’ argument for the Three Divine Persons of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The argument is long and complicated but, at the same time, it can be summarized in one word: love. As long as you know that, you could pass the class too! So, what is a Jubilee Year and why is this year special for St. Thomas Aquinas?

### Jubilee Year

A Jubilee Year has Old Testament roots. In the Book of Leviticus (25:8-19) God commands that the 50th year be consecrated and during that year

slaves and prisoners would be freed, debts would be forgiven, and the mercies of God would be particularly manifest. The tradition of a Jubilee Year, or as we sometimes call it, a Holy Year, began in the Catholic Church in the year 1300. You may remember in recent memory that we had the Year of Mercy in 2016 and the Year of Faith in 2013. Earlier this year Pope Francis declared a Jubilee Year for Hope in Rome in 2025. Just as for the Jewish people, a Jubilee Year in the Catholic Church is also a special time of grace and reconciliation. Furthermore, there are indulgences offered during the Holy Year. (Yes, the Church still believes in indulgences. Maybe that will be a topic for a future article?)

### St. Thomas Aquinas Jubilee Celebrations

On July 18 we celebrated the 7 Centenary (700th Anniversary) of St. Thomas’ canonization by Pope John XXII. On March 7, 2024, the Church will commemorate the 750th anniversary of Aquinas’ death. The theologian died in 1274 while on his way to the Council of Lyons. He fell ill during the journey and stopped at the Cistercian abbey of Fossanova, where he died. His body remained there until it was transferred to Toulouse, France where the Order of Preachers was founded. Aquinas’ mortal remains can be venerated there today in the Church of the Jacobins.

The Jubilee will culminate on January 28, 2025, the 800th anniversary of Aquinas’ birth. Aquinas was born in 1225 in the Italian town of Roccasecca, about 75 miles southeast of Rome, which at the time was part of the Kingdom of Sicily. Many celebrations to be had!

### How to Celebrate

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has extended an indulgence (again, more on that later) to any member of the faithful who visits and prays at a church, shrine, or other holy place connected to the Dominican Order. While there, you are to pray the Lord’s Prayer, recite the Creed, and invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Thomas Aquinas. The

special graces offered during the Jubilee end on Jan. 28, 2025.

### Where to Celebrate

There are few Dominican sites you can visit in our area, and even more if you don’t mind driving a little further. The easiest choice is to visit the Cloistered Dominican nuns at the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament in Farmington Hills. The monastery is open every day for personal prayer and daily Mass is offered at 7:15 a.m. Or you could pray Evening Prayer and the Holy Rosary with the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist on any Sunday at 5 p.m. at their motherhouse in Ann Arbor. You could head further west and visit Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. They have a beautiful chapel on campus! Or you could drive even further west... make an overnight trip to Chicago to visit the Dominican run Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus, who is the “Patron Saint of Lost Causes.” They even have the arm of St. Jude there! (Perhaps a future article on relics is in store too... I’m giving myself a lot of homework!) If you get a chance to visit any of these places, please let me know!

### A Prayer Written by St. Thomas Aquinas

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen.

St. Dominic, pray for us!

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us!



Blessings,  
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August 13, 2023

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## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a | Rom 9:1-5 | Mt 14:22-33

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

Unlike with our other important relationships, God isn't exactly someone we can meet for coffee and look into his eyes while having a conversation. Whether we talk to God in our mind or out loud, we recognize that even with a good prayer life it can sometimes be difficult to cultivate and maintain a relationship with God. Doubters and unbelievers are quick to remind us how impossible it is to believe what we cannot see or hear, but today's readings also remind us that God doesn't speak to us as another human being would. Maybe he doesn't speak with the booming voice of a preacher or a politician, and maybe he doesn't write direct messages for us in the sky or sand, but God does speak. Perhaps, like Elijah, we tend to expect God to communicate with huge gestures, such as strong wind that crushes rocks, or earthquakes or fires; but we hear today that God spoke to Elijah in a "tiny whispering sound." It's not unlike a very good teacher who doesn't need to raise her voice to get her students' attention when they lose focus – she has their respect and simply needs to speak normally and calmly and the students quiet down, pay attention, and listen. When we still our hearts and minds and listen, in prayer, let us be confident we will hear God's voice.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Perhaps in order to hear God's voice in our lives we need to fine-tune our "hearing." First, how can we hear if we do not have faith? Jesus called Peter out of the boat and into stormy waters, and though he was able to walk on water for a time, Peter began to sink because he became afraid. Doubt or fear can hamper our ability to listen to the Lord clearly; don't let it cloud your love for Christ! Second, we must keep in mind the many ways God speaks to us: his Word (the Bible), the writings of the saints and Church Fathers, our Catholic Tradition, other people God has placed in our lives, and the "tiny whispering sound" we might hear only within our heart. Stay attuned to God's voice; the rewards are heavenly.

**INVITATION** Ignatian spirituality – meditations, prayers, and contemplative practices – may help us recognize and truly hear the still small voice of God in our lives. The Daily Examen is a prayerful reflection on the events of the day which might help us identify the movement of the Holy Spirit in those moments. Give it a try.



Elijah Preaching by the River by Giovanni Gualtiero Serbelloni, CCB



# Readings for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 20 A

### Reading One – Is 56:1, 6-7

Thus says the LORD: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed.

The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, ministering to him, loving the name of the LORD, and becoming his servants—all who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

### Responsorial – Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

**R. O God, let all the nations praise you!**

May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation.

**R. O God, let all the nations praise you!**

May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity; the nations on the earth you guide.

**R. O God, let all the nations praise you!**

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you! May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

**R. O God, let all the nations praise you!**

### Reading Two – Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Brothers and sisters: I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I glory in my ministry in order to make my race jealous and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. Just as you once disobeyed God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now disobeyed in order that, by virtue of the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.

### Alleluia – Cf. Mt 4:23

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel – Mt 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." 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.

# Join us for St. Joan of Arc School's 17th Annual Gala and ...

*color the night*

# Red & White

Our annual gala is an awesome night filled with good food and great fun. Thanks to our amazing parish, school community, and friends, it's a huge benefit to our school as it's the most important fundraiser each year. Invite your friends, host a table, or plan to purchase some lucky raffle tickets in support of this big event.

**Can you donate items for our silent or live auction?  
Need more information?**

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# October 21, 2023

## At the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club



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*To Honor the Gravesites of our Unborn Brothers and Sisters*



# National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

## Saturday Sept. 9 2023

*On Saturday*, September 9, pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the more than 60 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

*Solemn prayer* services will be held simultaneously at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as at many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor.

*Join us* for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children and ensure that our unborn brothers and sisters will not be forgotten.

## Memorial Service *for Victims of Abortion*

### *Date & Time*

Saturday, September 9, 1:00 PM

### *Location*

ASSUMPTION GROTTO  
13770 Gratiot  
Detroit, MI 48205

### *Special Details*

Pastor Kenneth Snodgrass from "Thy Word is Truth Church" to speak on the dignity of life. ICU Mobile unit which provides free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds will be on site.  
[Parking in the church parking lot.]

### *Local Contact*

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*For more information on this event, visit* [NationalDayOfRemembrance.org](http://NationalDayOfRemembrance.org)

Registration is now open for

# Faith Formation

**JOIN US FOR A MONTHLY FAITH  
ADVENTURE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.**

**Visit [sjascs.org/Faith-Formation](http://sjascs.org/Faith-Formation) for all the details  
including dates, sacrament preparation  
and materials fees.**

**Our Family Formation Sunday School starts  
October 1. Register by Sept. 5 for early  
registration rates.**

**Our monthly Sunday School is for all  
parish families with children in grades  
K-6. See the website for the schedule of  
Monday night classes for students  
preparing for Confirmation.**



 **St. Joan<sup>of</sup> Arc**  
FAITH & FAMILY FORMATION



**Questions?**

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or 586-772-1282



### Weekly Calendar of Events

#### **Monday, August 14th**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed  
7:00 PM Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Live Streamed

#### **Tuesday, August 15th**

7:00 AM Mass for the Assumption of the BVM - Live Streamed  
12:00 PM Mass for the Assumption of the BVM - Live Streamed  
7:00 PM Mass for the Assumption of the BVM - Live Streamed

#### **Wednesday, August 16th**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed  
5:00 PM Reconciliation  
6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Thursday, August 17th**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed  
7:00 PM Holy Hour - Live Streamed

#### **Friday, August 18th**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Saturday, August 19th**

10:00 AM Funeral for Laura Barkley  
11:00 AM Reconciliation  
12:30 PM Baptism of Jack Elliott Jarvi  
1:30 PM Baptism of Mia Lindita Brown  
4:00 PM Sunday Mass Vigil - Live Streamed  
6:00 PM Sunday Mass Vigil - Live Streamed

#### **Sunday, August 20th**

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

#### ***Aug. 13, 2023 – In the Silence***

People have joked for generations that, if they aren't telling the truth, may God strike them down with lightning.

So it's common enough, when lightning does strike a person, for a portion of our thoughts to move in that direction.

*The Detroit News* reported a few weeks ago on just such a situation. According to the story, a 58-year-old Clinton Township man was gathering firewood with a friend in a St. Clair County field when he was, literally, struck by lightning. At the time of this writing, the man was still in critical condition, while the friend emerged relatively unharmed.

Regardless of the victim's truth-telling, of course, it's highly unlikely God decided to send the elements down after him. Things happen in life, regardless of one's virtue.

But it is worth reflecting for a moment on the larger lesson in the story, for the victim and for all of us. We all make choices, some good and some not, and God does, indeed, long for us to be reconciled with him despite it all.

It's just as likely though – and perhaps even more likely – that he'd remind us of that fact in the midst of a calm and peaceful moment, such as in his manifestation to Elijah in today's first reading from 1 Kings.

"A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind," we hear in the reading. "After the wind there was an earthquake – but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire – but the Lord was not in the fire.

"After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and when and stood at the entrance of the cave."

May we be attentive to God in both the storms and the calm.

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## Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

### Mass Intentions

<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 14, 2023 Saint Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr (Red)</b>
7:00 a.m.	Marie Champine
7:00 p.m.	The Intentions of St. Joan of Arc Parishioners
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 15, 2023 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (White)</b>
7:00 a.m.	The deceased members of the Rogier & Dettloff Families
12:00 p.m.	Josephine Lucchese
7:00 p.m.	Arlene Moody and Jerald Folske
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 16, 2023 Weekday Saint Stephen of Hungry (Green/White)</b>
7:00 a.m.	The deceased members of the Calisi Family who died in the month of August
6:00 p.m.	Special Intention for Alison Reslow and Family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 17, 2023 Weekday (Green)</b>
7:00 a.m.	Rosemary Schenden
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 18, 2023 Weekday (Green)</b>
7:00 a.m.	Dr. Edmond Aubrey
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 19, 2023 Vigil of the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green/White/White)</b>
4:00 p.m.	Robert Swalec, Bonnie Batche, Edward, Helen & Henry Blind, Lewis McQuillan, Mark Bockenstette, Tom Koehler, Joan Weber, Dr. Lori Karol, Martha Guastella and Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, for Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder
6:00 p.m.	Debbie Albrecht
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 20, 2023 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)</b>
8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions for St. Joan of Arc Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Kelly Anne Dimick
12:00 p.m.	Roland Doak, Jaclyn Maul, Casey Zaranek, Joan Hardy, Felician King, Joseph DiTrapani, Mikie T. Artley, Gail Jarvis, Patricia Ann Loch, Allen Laturno and Special Intentions for Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder.

### Daily Readings

#### Monday, August 14

Deuteronomy 10:12-22  
Matthew 17:22-27

#### Tuesday, August 15

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a  
1 Corinthians 15:20-27  
Luke 1:39-56

#### Wednesday, August 16

Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
Matthew 18:15-20

#### Thursday, August 17

Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17  
Matthew 18:21-19:1

#### Friday, August 18

Joshua 24:1-13  
Matthew 19:3-12

#### Saturday, August 19

Joshua 24:14-29  
Matthew 19:13-15

#### Sunday, August 20

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7  
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32  
Matthew 15:21-28



### 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.”

**Winston Hughes**



“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*



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# St. Joan<sup>of</sup> Arc OCIA

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

***Are you or anyone you know  
interested in learning more about the  
Catholic Church?***

## What is OCIA?

OCIA is the process through which a person becomes a fully initiated member of the Catholic Faith. It's for

- Adults and children of catechetical age (over 7 years) who have not been baptized
- Those who have been baptized in another Christian denomination who want to become Catholic
- Those who were baptized as infants in the Catholic Church but have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (First Eucharist and/or Confirmation) and who have had no faith formation

## How long does it take?

Each person is on a personal journey in his/her relationship with God. Time varies depending on the individual. We walk with you in this process.

## Do I have to commit to becoming Catholic if I enter the OCIA process?

No, the OCIA process is marked by opportunities for discernment along the way, and ultimately it is about one's readiness and desire to be received into the Church.

***A new OCIA  
group at SJA  
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soon!***

Fill out the contact form for our OCIA coordinator, Patty Chase, at [sjascs.org/ocia](http://sjascs.org/ocia) or call the Parish Center at 586-777-3670

## *A prayer for conversions*

*O blessed apostle, St. Paul, greatest of all converts, who labored unceasingly for the conversion of other souls, inspire me with the ardor of your zeal that I may pray and work for the conversion of my brethren, redeemed in the blood of Christ but not as yet blessed with the full light of his truth.*

*Mindful of the loving concern of the Divine Shepherd for the salvation of the "other sheep that are not of this fold," I now beg your intercession to obtain the grace of conversion for those who do not know you and your church.*

*May God, the Holy Spirit from whom alone this gift can come, hear my humble prayer and thus enable me to share with others the riches of my heritage of faith through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.*

# Prayers Needed

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Geri Beaugrand	Dr. Elise Eden	Zayne D. Kapinski	Mark Oumedian	Cathy Sullens
Noreen Bidigare	Frank Faiss	Thomas Kler	Joan Persichini	Terri Szolach
Gaetano Biondo	Ben Fazio	Catherine Konen	Frank Poeschel	Beverly Taylor
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Edna Burton	Jeanne Fleming	Shirley Kraemer	Tracy Rauch	James Thompson
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Lori Cardosi	Jeanne Gainer	Concetta Leone	Fe Reyes	Eileen Wallace
Ed Cole	Roz Geitzen	Mila Lictawa	Sr. Alice Riegel	Adrienne Weidenbach
Joan Combella	James Glaeser	David Lott	Jenna Rose	Joseph Whalen
Maura Corrigan	Larry Graham	Joan Mannino	Randal & Bica Roy	Marilyn Wicker
Richard Coatney	Chris Gretchen	Mary Lou Meier	Sara Rybicki	Joyce Wiekrykas
John Crawford	James Gutowski	Charlotte Miller	Victoria Rydholm	Loretta Williams
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Catherine DeRose	John Hanselman	Mark Moffitt	Dianne Schelosky	Richard Wojcik
Diane DeSantis	Rich Hanselman	Nina Mondalek	Ann Simmonds	Joan Wright
Alan DePorter	Judith Hasten	Jennie Mooney	Terri Smigels	Janet Yntema
David Destroyer	Leland Helzer	Adam Moore	Kathleen Smith	Eddie Zatyraz
Grace Dickerson	Ilona Higgins	Jim Moore	Cathy Spindler	Patricia Zublin
George Dickerson	Valerie Hudson	Joel Moore	Betty Squire	
Nick DiCresce	Joan Ireland	Paula Nagel	Palma Strussione	

**Pray for the Sick List:** Please note that we regularly clear the “Pray for the Sick List” because the list grows beyond our space allocation and we don’t always hear from people when they’ve gotten better. If you would like to add a person

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**St. Joan of Arc**



# Bringing Home the Word

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

August 13, 2023

## Who Are the People of God?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

This is still an unresolved theological issue. For so long the resolute answer of many was: the Roman Catholic Church is the people of God. However, the Second Vatican Council's Decree on Ecumenism (*Unitatis Redintegratio*) opened the Church's understanding to include all Christian denominations, paraphrasing Ephesians 4:4-5: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one Baptism" (UR 2). The council went even further in the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (*Lumen Gentium*), "calling together a people made up of

Jew and Gentile, making them one, not according to the flesh but in the Spirit. This was to be the new People of God" (LG 9).

To be united with Protestants is one thing; to be united with Jews is quite another. For centuries, many interpreted the New Testament to say that the Jews lost favor with God. Such thinking supported—even caused—various forms of anti-Semitism, ethnic and religious persecution, and killings. We realized how wrong this thinking was. Vatican II quotes today's second reading and later states: "This sacred synod wants to foster and recommend...mutual understanding and respect which is the fruit, above all, of biblical and theological studies as well as of fraternal dialogues" (Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions [*Nostra Aetate*], 4).

We may have corrected some grievous errors in this matter, but we have not gotten much further than Paul did in resolving the issue. However, he experienced "great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart" (Romans 9:2) because of the separation. Do we? †

***"[Christ called] together a people made up of Jew and Gentile, making them one."***

## A Word from Pope Francis

When we have strong feelings of doubt and fear and we seem to be sinking, in life's difficult moments where everything becomes dark, we must not be ashamed to cry out like Peter: "Lord, save me." To knock on God's heart, on Jesus' heart. "Lord, save me." It is a beautiful prayer!

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 9, 2020



## Sunday Readings

### 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Elijah...stood at the entrance of the cave. A voice said to him, Why are you here, Elijah?

### Romans 9:1-5

I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the holy Spirit.

### Matthew 14:22-33

Peter said to [Jesus] in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Do most Christians think of Jesus and the original disciples as Jewish?
- Could the Holocaust have happened if they did?



## Obstacles to Faith

Daniel P. Horan, OFM

One of my greatest weaknesses is a lack of patience. I struggle to be patient with others and myself, and that struggle sometimes carries over into my relationship with God. My prayer can feel rushed or demanding, my thoughts unwilling to focus on God, who is my dialogue partner, and my ears unwilling to open and hear the Spirit. During these experiences of impatience in the spiritual life, it can feel as though my heart is anything but firm because it is so restless.

Pope Francis once delivered a homily during a weekday Mass in which he talked about the hidden obstacles to conversion. Although there are people who resist being open to conversion, blocking the change that comes with embracing the will of God, Pope Francis invites us to reflect on those ways most of us unthinkingly prevent the Spirit's action in our hearts and lives.

He calls the first kind of obstacle



“empty words.” These are the ways we talk the talk of Christianity but fail to walk the walk. Jesus regularly warned his followers that it isn't enough to simply proclaim affiliation with him without also living one's faith in action. Pope Francis reminds us that we close ourselves off to genuine conversion when we offer empty words but do not care for the least among us (Matthew 25).

“Words that justify” form the second kind of hidden obstacle. This is a kind of mindset or attitude that makes excuses and self-satisfying reasons for why further investment in the life of Christian discipleship isn't needed in my case. I convince myself that all is fine and foreclose the possibility that God may be inviting me to a deeper commitment.

The third hidden obstacle is that of “accusatory words.” This is when we blame others in order to justify the status quo or accuse others of sinfulness, wrongdoing, or ill will so we don't have to look at ourselves and truly examine our consciences. Pope Francis points to the famous Gospel episode of the Pharisee and the tax collector to illustrate this. How often do we find ourselves in the Pharisee's shoes? What can we do to shift our attention toward those obstacles we would rather not see but still need to overcome?” †

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We're in the midst of the sea, in a boat that seems fragile, and there are howling winds and enormous waves that threaten to capsize us. This is the life of every person at some point. Jesus is there to help us negotiate the trials and as long as we keep our eyes on him, we can walk on water; that is, we can do the impossible. When we focus on the strength of the winds and the depth of the waves and how wet and cold we are, then we panic and grasp and clutch and sink.

Paige Byrne Shortal

From a Liguori Publications bulletin, August 7, 2005



*For those hoping for what seems impossible: healing, reconciliation, justice, peace among the nations and within communities and families. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

The Redemptorists

## WEEKDAY READINGS

August 14–19

**Monday**, St. Maximilian Kolbe:  
Dt 10:12–22 / Mt 17:22–27

**Tuesday**, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab / 1 Cor 15:20–27 / Lk 1:39–56

**Wednesday**, Weekday:  
Dt 34:1–12 / Mt 18:15–20

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