

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 8, 2021



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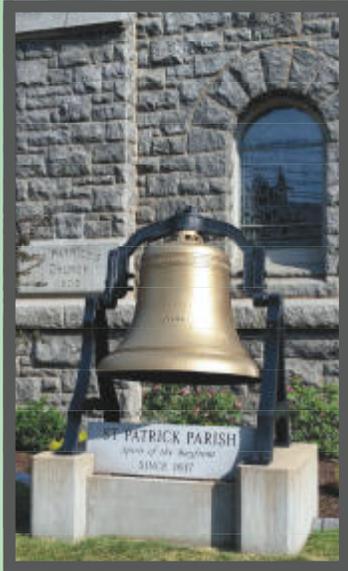
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MASS SCHEDULE:

Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

Saturday Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Day Mass: 12:00 PM

From the Pastor's Desk...



Today is the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We first read about Elijah. Prior to this reading, he has confronted King Ahab and the people of Israel who were divided in their loyalty to the God of Abraham and Baal, a fertility god and lord of rain and dew. Elijah challenged Baal. Each would build an altar and pray to their god to start the fire. Of course, Abraham's God won the test. Elijah ordered the people to capture Baal which they did. Then he assured King Ahab that a heavy rain would come and it did. Ahab drove his chariot the 17 miles from Mt. Carmel to Jezreel, while Elijah, "aided by the hand of God," ran the distance and arrived before Ahab. But the king betrayed Elijah and told his wife Jezebel what had happened to Baal, and she threatened the same for him. He fled to the wilderness a hundred miles away. Thus we understand why Elijah prays for death as he sits beneath a solitary bush in the middle of the desert. An angel brings him flatbread and water while he sleeps. He eats and goes back to sleep but the angel again awakens him and tells him to go to God's mountain, Mount Horeb, also known as Sinai, where he will encounter God.

Today's second reading is about how we should live our baptismal vows. We are to be imitators of God for we are his children. And love as Christ did in giving himself as an offering to his father. The reference to being sealed by the Holy Spirit is intended to recall the ritual of Baptism. This sealing is a promise and foretaste of what we will know at the end of our lives, redemption in Christ.

Today's gospel is part of the Bread of Life discourse found only in John. A casual reading gives the impression that this is antisemitism; but remember John is a Jew himself. His outrage is directed to the Jewish religious authorities. We are hearing a repeat of the Old Testament with the grumbling of the people and complaining about Jesus' claims. It's similar to the grumbling of the Jews who were hungry and thirsty in the desert. They are clueless about the fact that everything has its origin in God, and that we cannot hear the word of God except through Jesus.

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

Drug overdose deaths in the United States soared to a record 93,000 last year. That number far eclipses the high of 72,000 reached the previous year and amounts to a 29% increase. Lock-downs and other pandemic restrictions isolated those with drug addictions and made treatment harder to get. While prescription painkillers once drove the nation's overdose epidemic, they were supplanted first by heroin and then by fentanyl, a dangerously powerful opioid. Research shows that much of the heroin, cocaine and methamphetamine is contaminated with fentanyl and that alone is the cause of the increase in deaths.

You have probably read a great deal lately on Pope Francis suppressing the Latin Mass and issuing a decree that dramatically limits its use. That reporting is not correct. Pope Francis did not suppress the Latin Mass. Any priest can celebrate Mass in Latin. What he suppressed was the pre-Vatican II Mass which many of us my age grew up with. In that liturgy, the priest did not face the people, but faced the altar with his back to the people. You may also recall that there were two gospels in the pre-Vatican II Mass. We had the regular gospel and then at the end of the Mass we had a second gospel—the prologue or opening verses of John's Gospel. "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God." If the Mass is to be celebrated as a meal—the meal which Christ shared with his disciples on the night before he died—then it is clear that this pre-Vatican II Mass does not meet those requirements. How can we be sharing a meal when a member of the family has his back turned on the rest of the family? It was in the hope of our restoring a full sense that this is a meal we share that precipitated Pope Francis suppressing this pre-Vatican II Mass. What happened under Pope Benedict was that he established two separate Masses: the ordinary form which you and I celebrate each time that we come together, and the "extra-ordinary form," which is the pre-Vatican II Mass. Pope Francis noted that this form of two distinctly different liturgies is dividing Catholics, not uniting them and this is what he is aiming to achieve.

You know you're old when you go to an antique show and people start bidding on you. Losing weight doesn't seem to work for me, so from now on I'm going to concentrate on getting taller." Day 12 without chocolate ... lost hearing in my left eye.



Saint Patrick News



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LITURGY INTENTIONS

- Aug. 7** *Saturday, Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00 PM KATIE ABBOTT (MOM & ELLIE)
- Aug. 8** *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00 AM TERRY PFEFFER (KARL & VIRGINIA KELM)
10:30 AM ANN WYNNE (EITHNE & PATRICK MURPHY)
- Aug. 9** *Monday, Weekday*
8:00 AM PATRICE DITULLIO (BROTHERS & SISTER)
- Aug. 10** *Tuesday, Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr*
8:00 AM HAROLD BENDER (KATHLEEN GREEN)
- Aug. 11** *Wednesday, Saint Clare, Virgin*
8:00 AM IN HONOR OF MATT BLACKBURN (KATHLEEN PAE)
- Aug. 12** *Thursday, Weekday*
8:00 AM THOMAS COOK, ANNIV. OF BIRTH (LYNDA COOK)
- Aug. 13** *Friday, Weekday*
NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
- Aug. 14** *Saturday, Vigil: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
5:00 PM NANCY JACKSON, ANNIV. (FAMILY)
- Aug. 15** *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
8:00 AM KATHLEEN DOYLE (DICK & MARY BETH WACHTER)
10:30 AM HOOT SCULLY (CHILDREN)

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Minister: Jay Habas, Carol Habas
Roseanne Brown, Vickie Lampe

Sunday, August 15 2021 at 8:00 am

Lector: Dan Bergell

Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Straub, Barb Fischer,
Nancy Andrzejewski, Bill Gloekler

Sunday, August 15, 2021 at 10:30 am

Lector: Christine Mitchell

Eucharistic Minister: Ed Smith, Megan Gilmore,
Kathleen Pae, Ryan Palm

Stewardship

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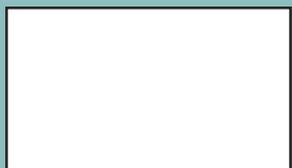
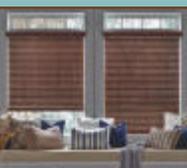
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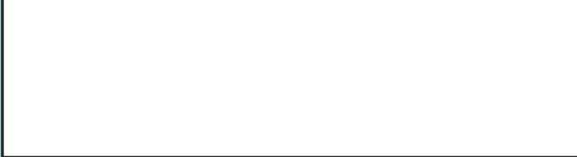
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