



ST. MARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
STAR CITY

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August 8, 2021 • 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times: Saturday, 6:00pm, Sunday, 8:30am, 11:00am, en español a la 1:00pm

Daily Mass*: Mon. 6:30pm, Tue.-Thur. 9:00am *please see schedule inside for any changes or cancellations.

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19TH 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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Are you registered in the Parish?

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of the parish family.

Clearly stating your Catholic commitment in all its dimensions brings many advantages, recognition, and responsibility.

At St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, our policy, is that you must be registered and participating in Sunday Mass regularly before a baptism can take place, or for the initial meeting with the pastor in the case of marriage.

Regular attendance is also required for adults who are asked to be a godparent or sponsor at another parish, in order that a letter can be sent stating that they are a practicing Catholic and a registered member of a parish faith community.

Even though you may have attended Mass here for months, or even years, we would like for you to be registered.

Please pick up a registration form at the church or parish office, or register online at stmarystarcity.com. For more information, call the parish office at 304-599-3747.

Sacraments

Baptism: (Birth – Age 7) Parents are required to participate in a preparation program before the celebration of Baptism. Parents must be registered and attending Sunday Mass regularly. Please contact the parish office for information.

Reconciliation: 30 minutes prior to each daily Mass

Order of Christian Initiation: Children 7-14 years of age, and Children 15 years of age and older & Adults— *The Order of Christian Initiation*, RCIA please contact Please contact the parish office for information

Marriage: Engaged couples planning to marry at St. Mary Church should be practicing Catholics, participating in Sunday Eucharist regularly. Also, they must participate in a Marriage Preparation Program. Call the Parish Office for information. At least **six months notice** is required. *No date for a wedding will be set over the phone.*

Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound: When a parishioner is confined to home or hospital because of illness or advanced age, call the Parish Office. We will be happy to make arrangements to bring Holy Communion.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request and communally as scheduled

Bulletin Deadline:

Tuesday@Noon, email or written copy please,
no bulletin announcements will be taken over the phone

Email: stmaryschurch@comcast.net

Subject line: attn: Bulletin, and include topic of announcement

Spirituality of the Readings – Here is Food for You



-The background: Elijah had just come from a dangerous showdown with 450 prophets of a god called Baal, in the land ruled by Jezebel. The God of Israel had easily won this encounter, but Elijah had gone ahead and done great violence against the surviving prophets anyway. Queen Jezebel, understandably enraged, sent a message that she would do the same thing to Elijah and more within that same day.*

In our First Reading Elijah was frightened, exhausted and dispirited. He had come back to find the Israelites being unfaithful to the one true God. So he became miserable—in spite of his great triumph. He prayed to God to give immediate death to his worthless self. As despondent people will sometimes do, he went to sleep. He lay himself under a broom tree (a tall hedge that desert people used to shield themselves from the sun in the day and the wind at night).

God could have been harsh to Elijah as a result of this depressed prayer. But instead, a quiet touch from God's angel awakened the man. The angel whispered, "get up and eat." And, lo and behold, "there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water."

Elijah did eat and drink, but then settled right back to sleep again. The angel whispered tenderly, "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" Elijah did and was strengthened.

We are witnessing a mother's care, giving food to the discouraged child (First Reading).

The other readings too are all about God's kindness, his goodness even in small things. The Responsorial Psalm invites us to share in it: "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. ... I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears."

In the Gospel, Jesus offers nourishment, and this time the provisions are for a very long journey indeed, the one to eternal life. The people listening (called by John "the Jews," but really just "the sensible people") will not have a bit of it. They argue among themselves, ridiculing his silly offer of miraculous food. They "murmur" that they knew his parents, which made him just a local boy acting crazy. Jesus ordered them to stop grousing and listen. He made the same comparison that we saw last week, between manna that came down from heaven in the desert, and himself, who was "the living bread that came down from heaven."

Just concentrate on the deliberate kindness of God: feeding the people, giving them drink, pursuing them again and again in order to offer the greatest gift of all, God's sacrificial love for us.

God follows us quietly, gently.

How might we respond? To start with, how about receiving the living bread in Communion? Another way could be to pray on the mellowness of God. Also, simply slowing down, stopping the running away and instead letting the Lord find us. God's kindhearted love, which is also tough, proves to be quite worth the struggle.

Here is how Paul puts it in the Second Reading.

Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.

John Foley, SJ

* Elijah himself had arranged a contest between the god of Ahab, called Baal, and the one true God. He had the Baal prophets arrange a sacrifice for the burning of a young bull, but he would not allow them to light the fire. Baal himself should do this.

They agreed and for much of the day they carried on with incantations, calling out to their god, hopping around, and even slashing themselves with swords, but nothing at all happened. "There was not a sound; no one answered, and no one was listening" (I Kings 18:29). Elijah taunted them with the famous lines, "Call louder, for he is a god and may be meditating, or may have retired, or may be on a journey. Perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened." (Or as elsewhere in the bible, maybe he has "turned aside" to relieve himself!)

Elijah then arranged an exactly similar sacrifice, this time to the God of Israel, He was so sure of God that he doused the wood with jar after jar of water. Then, after his short prayer, the wood burst into flames (I Kings 18:21-40). The Baalite people threw themselves to the ground and worshipped the God of Israel. Nevertheless, Elijah had their prophets killed.

Giving Summary

Last Sunday's Offering was not available at the time of printing. Please see future publications for this information.

For ease of accounting, **separate checks are preferred** for all donations to different collections and purposes, including special collections, Mass intentions, memorials, and donations to different funds e.g. Trust Fund for the Poor, Debt Reduction, etc. Thank you for your help!

Offertory Envelope Usage

Even if you do not make a weekly donation, if you place your empty, sealed offertory envelope in the collection, this can be used to track your attendance at Mass. If you are asked to be a sponsor for confirmation or baptism, and you are not active in a ministry, this can be used to confirm that you attend Mass regularly.

If you have signed up for online giving and are still getting offertory envelopes in the mail, please notify the Parish Office so that we can discontinue them. You will retain your envelope number for record keeping.

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THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

August 8, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 6:00pm	Mildred Downey
Sunday, 8:30am	Anthony Yancey
Sunday, 11:00am	For the People
Domingo, 1pm	Por la comunidad de la Parroquia

Monday 8/9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
6:30pm Meredith Ingram

Tuesday 8/10 St. Lawrence
9:00am Louis Finley

Wednesday 8/11 St. Clare
No DAILY MASS

Thursday 8/12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal
No DAILY MASS

In the event of Closing of school due to inclement weather, there will be no Daily Mass or Prayer Service.

In the event of a funeral, morning Mass will be cancelled

August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, 6:00pm	For the People
Sunday, 8:30am	Rose & Glenn McBee
Sunday, 11:00am	Tom Fedikovich
Domingo, 1pm	Por la comunidad de la Parroquia



Mass intentions are still being accepted for 2021. We have weekday and weekend Masses still to fill.

The suggested donation is \$20 for a weekend, \$10 for a weekday. Please call the Parish Office if interested, 304-599-3747. Please note that any Masses cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances such as a global pandemic, inclement weather, or a funeral, will be moved to the next available 'like' date and time e.g., Daily Mass on Tuesday moved to another Tuesday, 8:30 Sunday Mass moved to another 8:30, as available.

Al-Anon (for those affected by someone else's drinking) meets every Thursday at noon at St. Mary Church. Information: call 1-888-425-2666 or WSO@al-anon.org

NA Meetings St. Mary Church, Star City Tuesdays-6:30pm, Sundays-1pm

To find other meetings near you, visit <https://www.na.org/meetingsearch/>

 **Memorial Donations** for Bread and the Tabernacle candle are **being accepted for the year 2021**. The requested donation is \$40. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested, 304-599-3747.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY

Sunday, August 8

1:00pm NA Meeting

Monday, August 9

7:00pm Social Activities/Concerns Committee Meeting—Peace Hall

7:00-9:00pm Boy Scouts—Pavilion

Tuesday, August 10

6:30pm NA Meeting—Peace Hall

Wednesday, August 11

No DAILY MASS OR RECONCILIATION

Thursday, August 12

No DAILY MASS OR RECONCILIATION

12:00pm Al-Anon

5:30pm Spanish Mass Music Rehearsal—L/L

Saturday, August 14

5:00-5:40pm Reconciliation

Sunday, August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Coffee and Doughnut Fellowship after Masses

1:00pm NA Meeting



Ministry Meetings!

If you have signed up for a ministry, or you are just interested, please attend the appropriate meeting. All are welcome!

Social Activities/Concerns Committee

Monday, August 9, 7:00pm—P/H

Volunteer Catechists (All age levels)

Monday, August 16 7pm—L/L

Building & Grounds Committee

Monday, August 23, 7:00pm—L/L



Following 8:30 and 11 am Masses on Sunday, August 15, we will have a coffee and doughnut fellowship in the Narthex. Everyone is welcome to stay after Mass to greet old friends and meet new ones.



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St. Ursula Food Pantry needs:
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 (please no pods or powder)

Baby & Toddler Program needs:
***Baby Wash & Shampoo**

St. Ursula Food Pantry and Outreach needs an iPhone 8 or greater (new or used)



If you would like to donate a phone, or contribute to the cost, please contact St. Ursula, 304-599-3822.

Donations for St. Ursula
 Food Pantry and Outreach may be **placed in the labeled bins in the church**, or **dropped off in the baskets in the CFC entry**.



Catholic Charities WV is looking for dual Spanish/English speakers who could volunteer to help with occasional translation for our Spanish-only speaking clients. We expect that most of the volunteer work would be remote – via conference call and would only rarely involve coming to our office. If you are interested, please contact Renee Corbett (Refugee Outreach Worker), email rcorbett@ccwva.org, cell 304-650-7320.

Job Openings at St. Francis de Sales Central Catholic School

We are currently seeking qualified applicants for the **Middle School Religion Teacher** and **Custodian/Janitor** positions at SFdSCCS. Both are full-time positions. If you are interested in applying, please visit our school website at stfrancismorgantown.com, click on the "About" tab, then select "Employment" to learn more about the positions. All interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and 3 letters of reference to Principal Moore at amoore@sfccs.org or mail/deliver to his attention at St. Francis de Sales Central Catholic School, 41 Guthrie Lane, Morgantown, WV 26508. Call or email if you have questions or need additional information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

30 minutes prior to each Daily Mass
 Saturdays from 5-5:40pm as scheduled
 (Mon: 6:00pm, Tue.-Thur: 8:30am)
 *times may change based on any changes to the weekly Mass schedule



We have Hearing Assistance Devices available for use during Mass. If you would like one, please ask an Usher.



Christian Help is looking for volunteers interested in supporting our programs and helping at the downtown facility. Various available positions are:

- Front Desk
- Career Closet
- Children's Closet
- Food Pantry
- Free Store
- Mentorship
- Job Training
- Business Relations

For more information please contact:

Amanda Ejimofor at **304-296-0221** or

volunteercoordinator@motownchristianhelp.com



Volunteer Hours:

Monday: 9am - 4pm

Tuesday: 9am - 4pm

Wednesday: 9am - 4pm

Thursday: 9am - 4pm

Friday: 9am - 2pm



219 Walnut St. Morgantown



Morgantown Magnificat is back!

Join us for the Magnificat Visitation, August 21, 2021

at St. John University Parish Hall in Morgantown, (new Magnificat location)

Our speaker is Dr. Wanda Franz Ph.D., former National Right to Life Committee President. She'll share her story of how the Holy Spirit called her to a life of service to the Lord while she was just a young girl in post war Germany. A coffee and muffin breakfast will be served.

Register by August 13 at [Magnificat-ministry.net](http://magnificat-ministry.net) (click on Chapters, States, Morgantown Chapter of WV) registration is \$10. Questions? Call 304-296-8950.

Attention all former TECites in St. Mary Parish!

The Diocese is re-starting the TEC program for the entire state under one big umbrella. The first event that the leadership team is planning is a **TEC Re-Union at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston on August 28th from 10am to 4pm.**

We are encouraging everyone whose schedule allows and whose faith grew because of their TEC experience to join us for a day of prayer, singing, learning and seeing some of the people you may have met through TEC.

If this interests you, please visit <https://dwc.org/tec-reunion> and register for the event so we know how many people to plan for.

"How much do you love me?"

JOIN THE STATE-WIDE
TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST
FAMILY FOR

RE-TEC

A Re-Boot and Renewal of TEC in the
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2021

10:00am - 5:00pm

Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston, WV

The “Fourth Day” of TEC Never Ends!

Beads for Zimbabwe

Immaculate Conception Church

150 S. Maple Ave .Clarksburg WV

July 13, 2021

Priests and Parishioners of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

Greetings In The Name of the Infant Jesus,

We would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Sisters of the Infant Jesus Community in Zimbabwe to thank you for the outpouring of LOVE of the 8,727 Religious Medals, 9,546 Rosaries, Statues and so many Religious Books and Holy Cards received from you and around the diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and many Churches outside the State of West Virginia! Your generosity has given our Religious Order the ability to give your gifts to the people in need to accompany them on their faith and spiritual journeys.

We also received cash donations and were able to send three barrels by boat to our country, Zimbabwe. The trip takes 8-12 weeks for your gifts to arrive. See pictures below.

Thanks to you all, together we are making a difference! Your continued support of our Mission is deeply appreciated to us.

Once more thank you very much and we assure you of our prayers. May god bless you all and your families! We pray for you that our Lord God will bring you His peace and blessings along with health to you and your families!!

Sincerely with our LOVE,

Sisters Maria Rukwishuro, SJI and Sr. Beritha Mashu, SJI



Sunday, Aug 08, 2021

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Let living water flow

Jesus said, "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink" will be rewarded (Matt. 10:42). How much more so if we champion clean water rights for all. Have you ever tried to run a bath, only to have sludge emerge from the pipes? Have you visited a familiar lake and found its normally clear water unfit for swimming? Have you gotten sick from drinking from a contaminated spring, or developed a rash from washing in your own sink? Folks around the world and in parts of our own country have had this experience often. Take time to learn what you can do locally and globally to ensure access to what Pope Francis calls a "basic and universal human right"—safe drinking water.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30—5:2; John 6:41-51 (116). "*Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water.*"

Monday, Aug 09, 2021

MEMORIAL OF TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN, MARTYR

Pick up a page-turner of faith

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross was born Edith Stein in 1891 and was killed at Auschwitz in 1942. She was a German Jewish philosopher who had been an atheist, although she had admired Christians she knew. She shocked everyone by becoming Catholic and, 11 years later, a Carmelite nun. Her conversion was prompted by an all-night reading of the autobiography of Saint Teresa of Ávila, a 16th-century Carmelite also of Jewish origins. Pick up a copy of the autobiographies of both these riveting saints—and see how they contribute to your own ongoing conversion.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27 (413). "*And they were overwhelmed with grief.*"

Tuesday, Aug 10, 2021

FEAST OF LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR

Find your way to serve

Lawrence was one of seven deacons martyred in Rome under Emperor Valerian in 258. The word *deacon*—from the Greek word for service—describes the work of these early ministers: beginning with the first seven deacons mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles, appointed to serve the everyday needs of the flock while the apostles busied themselves with evangelization. Today's Catholic deacons are ordained; permanent deacons can preach at Mass and preside over weddings, Baptisms, and funerals—while transitional deacons later become priests. Learn more at nadd.org.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26 (618). "*Where I am, there also will my servant be.*"

Wednesday, Aug 11, 2021

MEMORIAL OF CLARE, VIRGIN

Hope lights the way

Saint Clare, founder of the Poor Clare order of nuns, is part of a long line of women and men who gave up everything for the sake of following Christ, and, in turn, inspired others to join them on their holy journey. Often meeting significant resistance, these brave souls persevered, driven by a passion to bring God's Good News to the world. "Like a shooting star against the dark sky of injustice and ignorance, founders of religious communities lit up the landscape with a burst of hope," says Precious Blood Father Joe Nassal. Saint Gaspar, the founder of the Missionaries of the

Precious Blood, like Saint Clare hoped to free people from the chains of societal conformity. Clare chose to do it within the confines of a cloister; Gaspar, as an itinerant preacher. Both were being true to themselves and the gospel. Follow your own path toward hope.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20 (415). "*His eyes were undimmed and his vigor unabated.*"

Thursday, Aug 12, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS

Love lifted her higher

Jane Frances de Chantal, a French widow who founded the Visitation Nuns in 1610, was a well-off, educated woman with administrative talent and deep faith who was widowed at age 28. Obliged to live with a cruel father-in-law, she coped by pouring herself into charity work and spiritual development, eventually teaming up with Saint Francis de Sales to found a religious community. Have you ever coped with difficulties by trying to become a better person? What trial in your life could nudge you toward greater goodness?

TODAY'S READINGS: Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Matthew 18:21-19:1 (416). "*Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan.*"

Friday, Aug 13, 2021

MEMORIAL OF PONTIAN, POPE, AND HIPPOLYTUS, PRIEST, MARTYRS

What unites is greater than what divides

Pope Pontian and Hippolytus were both imprisoned in Sardinia during Roman persecutions. Before their deaths in 235, Pontian and Hippolytus reconciled, because for a time the two were archenemies. Indeed, Hippolytus had been elected antipope by his followers who were in stark opposition to Pontian's tolerant stance on reconciling returning Christians to the church. In the end, Pontian and Hippolytus realized that their shared love of Christ far surpassed any differences. Finding one common element with an enemy is the first step toward reconciliation. Perhaps we can start with our shared humanity and work our way from there.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12 (417). "*I gave you a land that you had not tilled and cities that you had not built, to dwell in.*"

Saturday, Aug 14, 2021

MEMORIAL OF MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST, MARTYR

Give a piece of your heart

Maximilian Kolbe shook up the rules for saint-making. At Kolbe's 1982 canonization, Pope John Paul II named him a "martyr of charity." No longer could one become a martyr only by being killed because of "hatred for the faith." Now one killed because of charitable work, as Maximilian was, could also be a martyr. This opened the door to sainthood for others who were murdered for their good work, like Notre Dame Sister Dorothy Stang of Brazil, the Adorers of the Blood of Christ sisters of Liberia, or the Maryknoll sisters of El Salvador. We are all called in some way to be martyrs, even if we give away only a part of our lives. Give away a piece of your life today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15 (418). "*Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.*"

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

*Salve, Guardián del Redentor
Esposo de la Bendita Virgen María.
A ti Dios te confió su único Hijo;
en ti María depositó su confianza;
contigo Cristo se hizo hombre.*

*Bendito José, para nosotros también
muéstrate padre
y guíanos en el camino de la vida.
Obten para nosotros gracia, misericordia y coraje
y defiéndenos de todo mal. Amén.*

Safe Environment Reporting

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

Will or Estate Planning

Are you thinking of remembering St. Mary Church in your will or estate plans? A bequest through a Last Will and Testament is the simplest way of creating a lasting legacy of support for St. Mary Church. Bequests should be made out to: "The Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, or his successors in office," with a specification of the purpose for which the bequest is to be used, e.g. "for the use of St. Mary Parish"

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

August 8, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51
 Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
 Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20
 Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
 Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12
 Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15
 Next Sunday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/
 1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
 Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-5
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ReportBishopAbuse.org (800) 276-1562

The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops, and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. Where a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential. If you have any other kind of complaint about a bishop—such as parish assignments, church closings, or homily contents—please address those directly to your diocesan or episcopal bishop instead. Sexual abuse by a priest, deacon or a staff member or volunteer of the Church should be reported to the Office of Safe Environment for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. So, to be sure you get the help you need, phone numbers and addresses may be found at www.dwc.org under the accountability tab. If you are the victim of sexual abuse (or any other crime), please contact local law enforcement.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 116

Reading I

1 Kgs 19:4-8

Elijah went a day's journey into the desert,
until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it.
He prayed for death saying:
"This is enough, O LORD!
Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers."
He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree,
but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat.
Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water.
After he ate and drank, he lay down again,
but the angel of the LORD came back a second time,
touched him, and ordered,
"Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!"
He got up, ate, and drank;
then strengthened by that food,
he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

Reading II

Eph 4:30—5:2

Brothers and sisters:
Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,
with which you were sealed for the day of redemption.
All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting,
and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice.
And be kind to one another, compassionate,
forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.

So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love,

as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us
as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.

Gospel

Jn 6:41-51

The Jews murmured about Jesus because he said,
"I am the bread that came down from heaven,"
and they said,
"Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph?
Do we not know his father and mother?
Then how can he say,
'I have come down from heaven'?"
Jesus answered and said to them,
"Stop murmuring among yourselves.
No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him,
and I will raise him on the last day.
It is written in the prophets:
They shall all be taught by God.
Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me.
Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God;
he has seen the Father.
Amen, amen, I say to you,
whoever believes has eternal life.
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.
I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."



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