

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13, 2017

Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me.”

— Matthew 14:29b-30



Rev. Frank John Latzko, Pastor

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5 PM & 6:30 PM (En Française¹)
Sunday at 9 AM, 10:30 AM (En Español²) 12 PM, 6 PM
¹ First & Second Saturdays ² First Sundays

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday — Thursday at 7:30 AM
Friday Communion Service at 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Baptism Preparation

2nd Sunday of the Month 10 AM

Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9 AM to 7:30 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 12 PM

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Stewardship

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Refugee Updates

Our Syrian refugee family, Abdulkarim, Latifa and Bisan welcomed the newest addition to their family, baby Mahmoud. The family insists they have all they need, though we welcome anyone from the parish to write a card to the family, or donate a children's book to help the family build their library. Cards and books can be placed in the basket by the prayer cross.

For more information or questions, email Margaret at margaretanmiles@gmail.com for more info or questions.

St. Teresa is supporting a new baby from Catholic Charities Refugee program- a woman from Myanmar. We are looking for donations of the following items:

- Gently used crib waterproof mattress pad
- Gently used high chair
- Gently used Sippy Cups
- Digital thermometer

Email Mairead at mairread.reidy@yahoo.com for info

St. Teresa is assisting a young Congolese girl named Tereza. She and her family do not have a sponsor parish. Tereza was recently accepted into Josephinum Academy, and while she received a large scholarship, St. Teresa was able to assist with the remaining tuition costs and fees. We are collecting Old Navy Gift Cards to help Tereza purchase uniforms.

Gift cards can be sent to the parish office or email to robrien@stteresaparish.org.

Please pray this month for Fr. Frank, Tom Micinski, Rebecca O'Brien, Nhu Phan, Daniel Cortese & Abelardo Gonzalez as they travel to La Posada, a mission on the border of Texas and Mexico, to learn more about Sr. Zita's work with refugees, immigrants, and asylum seekers. Even though La Posada provides a valuable service to the US Government, due to the current political climate, Sr. Zita funding is in jeopardy and the mission is in desperate need of assistance.

Stay tuned for details on how to get involved, or email robrien@stteresaparish.org to be added to the email list.

Raffle and Ticket Presale!

Tickets are now on sale for this year's annual fundraising bash, the *Time of Your Life Gala* on November 11, 2017 at Germania Place in Old Town.

Snag your tickets early to this sell-out event and you'll save some money while ensuring that St. Teresa maintains a strong cash flow over the summer season. Tickets are \$125/person now through August 30th, and \$150/person in September and beyond.

Raffle tickets are on sale and our goal is to raise \$50,000 this summer by encouraging our friends, family, coworkers, or fellow philanthropists, to buy a ticket. \$100 gets you a chance at winning your choice of four great trips: Jamaica, Paris, San Diego, or American Music Awards.

Visit timeofyourlifegala.com or text STAP to 52182 to purchase raffle tickets or event presale tickets. To donate items for auction, email janelpalm@mac.com



Avila in Action: Deadline Extension

Know of a group that is working to make the world a better place? Let them know about your amazing Parish and have them apply for one of the 2017 Avila in Action grants to help them continue to change the world. All applications are due by August 15th.

Application and more information can be found at st-teresa.net/stewardship/avila-in-action.

Questions may be directed to Rebecca O'Brien at robrien@stteresaparish.org or (773) 528-6650.



Stewardship Opportunity

We are currently scheduling hosts to provide refreshments after all Masses. There are currently 11 spaces left to fill.

If you have ever enjoyed lingering about after Mass over refreshments and conversation, please consider hosting just once per year. It's easy to do. You can sign up through the

Signup.com by clicking on the word "Volunteer" at our website st-teresa.net. Or visit signup.com/go/BnYEHC to browse our openings to find one that works for you.

Questions/training: Contact Mairead Reidy at mairread.reidy@yahoo.com



Interested in volunteering? Contact Rebecca at robrien@stteresaparish.org or (773) 528-6650

Win a \$10 Starbucks Card — Capital Income, Poll #5!

Prior Bulletin Question: What represented 47% (\$66,966) of St. Teresa’s Capital Expenses for 2016?

Answer: Church Renovation - “Building Faith Together” Campaign

The winners were **Rick Rausch** and **Jack Halpin** (for the second time). Congratulations! Today is your day! Your \$10 Starbucks gift card awaits.

To increase the incentive to participate in this poll, we’ll increase the Starbucks reward to \$10.00! (Maximum of 10 people). So far we’ve had 6 participants. Only a few cards remain. Go ahead and give this a try. If you never tried this, you should. These things are fun and fun is good.

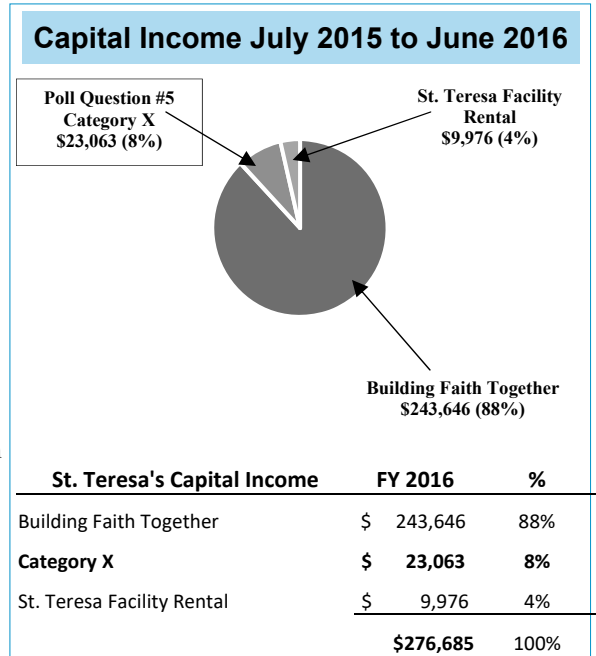
This bulletin, we’ll focus on St. Teresa’s Capital Income. *What money is represented in “Category X”?*

Did this money come from:

- a) Interest income based on the money St. Teresa received from the sale of land;
- b) Donations; or,
- c) Bake sale

You don’t have to answer both correctly to win. Literally any answer will do. In fact, the sentence following this one has the answer. The \$23,063 that St. Teresa received in interest income is based on the sale of the land to the south of the church. Hopefully, this will give you a sense that St. Teresa is making money on its money. Finance council and church staff are welcome to participate in the poll.

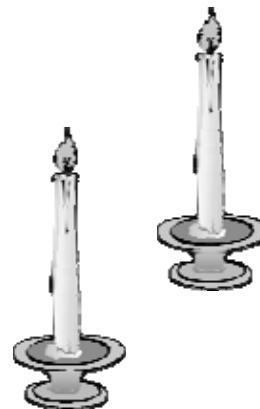
Please email your guess to either Maggie Fernandez, at mfernandez@sttereseparish.org or Justin Alden at justin.alden@gmail.com.



Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Sunday: 8-6-17

Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance	54
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)	-
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance	175
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)	61
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance	145
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance	140
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	575
Average Weekday Mass Attendance	12
Average Friday Communion Service Attendance	4
Confessions this Week	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	0
Funerals since January 2017	3
Weddings since January 2017	7
Baptisms since January 2017	22



There are 351 parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago; only 55 parishes have weekend attendance that exceeds 2,000. St. Teresa’s 2016 October Count averaged 550 people at weekend Masses. The 2017 monthly averages are: January, 489; February, 570; March, 640; April, 705; May, 573; June, 541; July, 463. In the Archdiocese there is 1 priest for every 1,525 parishioners; in the USA the ratio is 1:1,653 Catholics; 27 percent of US parishes do not have a resident priest. In comparison, South America has a ratio of 1:7,094 Catholics.

Parish Calendars

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Celebrant-Minister Schedule & Events

Date	Time	Celebrant	Sacristan/Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
Saturday 8-19-17	5:00 PM	Rev. John Rybolt, CM	Sacristan: Karen Carpino Lector: Lisa Hanzelka	Luke Kolman	Eric Fredericks Leigh Hartley
Next French Mass Saturday 8-19-17	6:30 PM				
Sunday 8-20-17	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Geneva Gorgo	Brian Shea Mark Van Grinsven Shannon Clinton	Jocelyn Lutkus Rose Ohiku Nancy Van Grinsven Andrew De Leonardis
Next Spanish Mass Sunday 9-3-17	10:30 AM	Rev. John Rybolt, CM	Tony Rivera Carmen Ubides	Carmen Cruz	Maria Gonzales
Sunday 8-20-17	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Alicia Erskine	Laura Moran	Minister Needed (C1,P) Alice Morales-Villenas
Sunday 8-20-17	6:00 PM	Rev. Tony Dosen, CM	Sacristan: Amir Rafizadeh Lector: Christopher Touns	Elizabeth Cuda Colleen Sulewski Cara Gannon	Mary Serrahn Abel Gonzalez Pete Doyle Sara Hock

Week's Activities

Sunday, August 13 Summer Mission

- No Activities Planned

Monday, August 14

- 6:00 pm, Church, Feast of the Assumption Mass Vigil

Tuesday, August 15

- 7:00 pm, Church, Feast of the Assumption Mass

Wednesday, August 16

- No Activities Planned

Thursday, August 17

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery
- 7:00 pm, PC, Stewardship Meeting

Friday, August 19

- 10:00 am, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 10:00 am, Mom's Group
- 5:00 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- 5:00 pm, PC, Oak Street Health
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

Saturday, August 19

- 10:00 am, PC-GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 4:30 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis
- 6:30 pm, Church, French Mass

Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Maximilian Kolbe
Tuesday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Stephen of Hungary
Saturday: St. John Eudes; Blessed Virgin Mary

- Domingo:** Decimonoveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Lunes: San Maximiliano Kolbe
Martes: La Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María
Miércoles: San Esteban de Hungría
Sábado: San Juan Eudes; Santa María Virgen

August 2017 Food Pantry Dates

Saturday, August 5

- 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
- 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, August 12

- 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
- 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, August 19

- 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
- 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, August 26

- 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
- 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution



Mass Intentions & Prayers

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 12

5:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

Sunday, August 13

9:00 am Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

12:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

6:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

Tuesday, August 15

7:00 pm Manuel Ortiz

Let Us Pray

Please pray for the deceased ...

Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Eddy Velazquez, Andrea Harris, Dave Hilko, Joseph

Kamalick, Edward Nevera, Andrzej Jastrzebski, Anthony Mastro, Andrea

Mastro Hoinacki, Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M., Angel Luis Neris,

Noemie Sylvestre and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence

August Baptisms

*Emory Lucia Shoop (8-6), Amelia Claire Tongelidis (8-6), Thomas Edward Wolforth (8-13),
Oliver Enzo Parente (8-20), John Stephen Wanek (8-20), James Joseph Bushman (8-27)*

August Baptism Anniversaries

Roberta Sgaraglino (8-17) and Lisa Hanzelka (8-19)

Please pray for all those who are ill, especially for ...

*Alicia Anderson
Jason Andre
Dorothy Barns
Michael Barrera
Berta Billalvazo
Elizabeth Ryan Dean
Michael De Blasis
Kathy Derrick
Kim Duffly
Isabelle Eiffert
Jackson Fineske & Family
Alice Flynn
Padraig Gallagher
Eloisa Gallegos
Michael Gibbons
Angela Goldberg
Kaylee Gommel
Bolivar Gonzales, Jr.
Les Gordon*

*Mrs. Grabarczyk
George Halloran
Kellar Harris
Peg Hausen
David Hoffman
David Ivanac
Chuck Jabaley
Ronald Jakubec
Joyce Jaszczor
Frank Kolman
Krista Kutz
Liz Kunkel
Betty LaCour
Carmen D. Lorenzana
Gabriel Lozada
Madeline Mancini
George Maroquin
Jose Maroquin
Lisa Marquez*

*Margaret Sue Meadors
Sage Mesen
Daniel Meyer
Tracy Mirabella
Bill Mobley
John Monier
Elda Myers
John Paul Nelson
Angel Nieves
Msgr. Kevin O'Neill
Frank O'Toole
Clayton Poe
Carol Poyner
Hector J. Rivera
Luis Rivera
Pedro Rodriguez
Ray Romero
Jeffrey Roscoe
Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD*

*Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD
Jack Schank
Bob Semmer
Will Sullivan
Mima Tome
JoAnn Jahnke Trainer
Marianne Usiak
Sara Vega
Susan Violapiano
Jack Williams
Valerie Williams
Mae Witry
David Zeunert*

*For the intentions on our prayer
cards; for survivors and perpetra-
tors of sexual abuse*

#prayforpeace

We pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the City of Chicago between August 3rd and 9th: *Damien Hernandez; Damien Santoyo (14 years old); Marvin Hines; Abel Melesio; Kenyon Hill; Delano Jones; Ramon Flores; and Demetrius Miller.*

Our **Mass Intentions** have many openings. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone alive or deceased, contact Deacon Dean at the parish office at (773) 528-6650 or dvaeth@stteresaparish.org. In order to be added to our prayer list, a member of the immediate family should request that a person's name be added to the names of the deceased parishioners and friends for about twelve months.

Daily Prayer, Scripture and Eucharist Weekday Mass at 7:30 AM

Learn to trust God more. Monday through Thursday morning Mass is over by 7:50 am.



There is a brief Communion Service on Friday mornings, also at 7:30am, for those who want to pray, reflect on scripture, and receive Eucharist. There is no Mass on Fridays.

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is a method designed to facilitate the development of contemplative prayer by preparing our faculties to receive this gift. It presents ancient Christian wisdom teachings in an updated form.

Centering Prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer; rather it casts a new light and depth of meaning on them. It is at the same time a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. This method of prayer is a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with him.

- ♦ Choose a sacred word as the symbol of your intention to consent to God's presence and action within.
- ♦ Sitting comfortably and with eyes closed, settle briefly and silently introduce the sacred word as the symbol of your consent to God's presence and action within.
- ♦ When engaged with your thoughts, return ever-so-gently to the sacred word.
- ♦ At the end of the prayer period, remain in silence with eyes closed for a couple of minutes.

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8-6-17

Summer Mission This Weekend: The Diocese of Batticaloa — Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka is a Buddhist country. The country Sri Lanka has three ethnic groups and four religions i.e. Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam and Christianity. Christianity was introduced to Sri Lanka in 1505 by Portuguese. At present Christians are a minority consisting 7% of the total population numbering almost 21 million people in Sri Lanka. The Diocese of Batticaloa in Sri Lanka is situated in the Eastern part of the country and covers two districts. The major religion is Hinduism in the Diocese. The Catholic population is 42,609 out of 1,208,745 people. This is a newly erected diocese in 2012.

This Diocese has been affected by civil war which lasted for thirty years from 1983 through 2009. This also was affected by Tsunami on 26th December in 2004. In both these disasters many people lost their lives, houses and, properties. Churches and rectories have been destroyed. Due to these manmade and natural disasters for many years, thousands of people stayed in the refugee camps and were displaced from ancestral homes.

This Diocese consists of 26 parishes. There are 43 Diocesan priests and 17 religious priests, 79 religious sisters and 14 religious brothers to serve in our Diocese. The majority people are practicing Hinduism and second majority is Islam.

The diocese has drawn up a few projects to rebuild the faith of the people such as formation of young Seminarians, training and organizing small Christian Communities and the lay people are involved who are empowered through training programs and along with formation of catechists, since the children are not taught catholic faith in these schools. The diocese has to take a different method to instill catholic faith in the children at parish levels. We thank the pastor and all the parishioners for your valuable support to our Diocese.

Prison Ministry Letter Writing

Write Danny Bowers in prison at the following address:

Danny Bowers #M34438
P.O. Box 999
Pinckneyville, IL 62274



All envelopes must have handwritten return addresses. No stickers, please.

Two Masses for the Feast of the Assumption of Mary

Tuesday, August 15th is The Feast of the Assumption of Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation.

There will be a **Vigil Mass at 6:00 pm on Monday, August 14th**, and also a **Feast Day Mass on Tuesday, August 15th, at 7:00 pm**, but no 7:30 am Mass and no Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday.

Celebrated every year on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay—a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life is a defined dogma of the Catholic Church.

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII, exercising papal infallibility and declared that it is a dogma of the Church "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."



The Dormition of Mary Icon at St. Teresa of Avila Church

Save the Date: September 17th!

Join us for a "Party in the Park" benefiting St. Teresa of Avila's Border Ministries.

Mark your calendar for September 17th, 1:00-4:00 pm and join us in Lincoln Park for a good old-fashioned church picnic to benefit our new Border Ministry.

Details coming soon. Got questions? Email Sara Hock at sara.m.hock@gmail.com



Hunger Walk: September 16th!

Save the Date September 16th for the 32nd Annual Hunger Walk. The Hunger Walk is a major fundraising event for the St. Teresa Food Pantry. This year the Walk will be held in Jackson Park.

The Greater Chicago Food Depository is Cook County's local food bank. Working with a network of more than 700 partner agencies and programs including food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters, we distribute 160,000 meals every day.



Annual Men's Retreat on September 8th-10th

Looking for an opportunity to hear God speaking to you? Silence speaks volumes.

St Teresa's Men's Spirituality Group invites and welcomes all men 18 and older to join us at our annual retreat at Bellarmine Retreat House in Barrington, Illinois, September 8th-10th.

This special weekend is spent in silence, providing space to let go of the preoccupations of daily life to allow room to hear God in the depths of your soul.

Retreat master Fr. Peter Etzel, S. J., who has been leading retreats for more than 20 years, will lead a series of talks on *Who Is the Man I Want to Be?* Whether you spend reflective time on your own or participate in Mass and the retreat talks, this will be

rejuvenating weekend, especially among friends who are sharing the silence.

You can sign up directly at jesuitretreat.org/retreatschedules/ (please indicate Matt Carpenter Group)

Contact Craig Dean at either (312)948-5605 or cdean@aegpartners.com for more information.

Carpooling will be available.



BELLARMINE
Jesuit Retreat House

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	<u>Vigil:</u> 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 <u>Day:</u> Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday:	Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
Friday:	Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Dt 10:12-22; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
Martes:	<u>Vigilia:</u> 1 Cr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Sal 132 (131): 6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lc 11:27-28 <u>Día:</u> Apo 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Sal 45 (44): 10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lc 1:39-56
Miércoles:	Dt 34:1-2; Sal 66 (65):1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
Jueves:	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Sal 114 (113):1-6; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
Viernes:	Jos 24:1-13; Sal 136 (135):1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12
Sábado:	Jos 24:14-29; Sal 16 (15):1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15
Domingo:	Is 56:1, 6-7; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Treasures from Tradition

The Roman Canon, called Eucharistic Prayer I, is probably seldom heard in your parish. Some priests will choose it for at least one of the Masses of Christmas, or the Easter Vigil. Such sparing use of this prayer seems strange, especially since it was the only Eucharistic Prayer in the Latin Rite for many centuries, from as long ago as 500 right up to 1970.

In 1965, the vernacular language was approved for the canon of the Mass. Almost immediately, some experimental texts began to surface in the Netherlands, and priests began to use new Dutch texts without permission. By 1966, Pope Paul VI had set up a committee to consider whether or not it was time to approve such experimentation and extend it to non-Dutch churches. No sooner had the committee been formed than other individuals copied the Dutch by just plunging on ahead. The Dutch bishops had approved the use of the new prayers nationwide in 1968, and Flemish bishops in Belgium quickly agreed. By then, German translations of the Dutch prayers were in wide use, and before long nearly one hundred Eucharistic Prayers, all unapproved, were in circulation in France. The Vatican heard the widespread desire for more variety in Eucharistic Prayer forms, and, with the pope's approval, the process of creating new official prayers began. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Frecuentemente, los santos y santas son personas molestas que desafían tanto a los fieles como a los infieles. Tal es el caso del agustino Ezequiel Moreno Díaz (1848-1906), obispo de Pasto, Colombia.

Nació en La Rioja, España, en el seno de una familia pobre. En 1865 ingresó en la orden de los agustinos y fue enviado como misionero a Filipinas. Luego se ofreció como misionero en Colombia donde buscó renovar la orden de los agustinos. En 1895 el Papa León XIII lo nombró obispo de Parma, lugar en el que le esperaba un martirio moral de calumnias, desprecios y humillaciones por parte de las autoridades civiles. Sus mensajes y desafíos pastorales llevaron a los fieles a un mayor fervor apostólico a tal grado, que incomodó al gobierno.

En 1898 buscó renunciar a su puesto como obispo para no continuar como causa de polémicas y problemas para la Iglesia. El Papa no permitió su renuncia, más bien lo animó a seguir promoviendo el celo apostólico por el bien del pueblo. La polémica nunca debe desanimar a los fieles en Cristo cuando se trata de mejorar la vida moral de la sociedad en la que se encuentran. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Nothing to Fear

A rabbi was asked why God sends trials and troubles into human lives. “Because God gets lonely for his people” was the reply. There is some resonance with this wisdom in today’s Gospel, as Jesus makes his disciples get into a boat without him and goes off alone while they venture into stormy waters. Of course, neither Jews nor Christians believe that the Almighty plays this sort of whimsical game with them, but there is some truth in the statement that we don’t turn to God for saving help until we’re in a bind. Peter’s role today, as it is throughout the New Testament, is to be a sign or to represent each member of the church and the whole church. Our story is the tale told about Peter’s faith today. What can bolster our faith is that even when Christ calls us to face bravely the tempests of life, if we are walking through them with our eyes fixed on him in faith, we have nothing to fear. Even when we falter or sink, simply crying “Lord, save me!” is enough to help us know the steady grasp of God’s hand. Then, sheltered inside the walls of faith, the storms we endure lose their power over us. Copyright ©

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Nada Que Temer

A un rabino le preguntaron por qué Dios envía pruebas y tribulaciones a los humanos. “Porque Dios siente la ausencia de su pueblo”, fue la respuesta. Hay ecos de esta sabiduría en el Evangelio de hoy, cuando Jesús hace que sus discípulos se suban a la barca sin él y se va por su cuenta mientras ellos se aventuran en aguas turbulentas. Por cierto, ni judíos ni cristianos creen que el Todopoderoso hace este tipo de jugadas antojadizas con ellos, pero tiene algo de verdad la afirmación de que no acudimos a Dios pidiendo que nos salve sino cuando estamos en un apuro. Hoy el papel de Pedro, como aparece en todo el Nuevo Testamento, es ser un signo o representación de cada miembro de la Iglesia y de toda la Iglesia. Nuestra historia es el relato que se narra hoy sobre la fe de Pedro. Lo que puede aumentar nuestra fe es que aunque Cristo nos llama a encarar con valentía las tormentas de la vida, si las atravesamos con los ojos de la fe fijos en él, nada hemos de temer. Aunque demos un traspie o nos hundamos, basta gritar “¡Señor, sálvame!” para conocer la firmeza con la que Dios nos toma de la mano. Entonces, protegidos dentro de los muros de la fe, las tormentas que nos azoten no nos vencerán. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Today’s Readings

First Reading — Elijah waits on the mountain for the LORD to pass by (1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — From the Israelites, with their law and the prophets, comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5).

Gospel — As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified (Matthew 14:22-33).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Sal afuera y ponte de pie en el cerro ante el Señor (1 Reyes 19:9a, 11-13a).

Salmo — Señor, muéstranos tu bondad, y danos tu salvación (Salmo 85 [84]).

Segunda lectura — Cristo es uno de los israelitas, quien como Dios, está por encima de todo (Romanos 9:1-5).

Evangelio — Señor, si eres tú, manda que yo llegue hasta ti caminando sobre el agua (Mateo 14:22-33).

The Light that Rocks the Boat

Have you ever been to the movies during the day when, for hours, there is darkness all around you. Yet, once the movie is over and you've finally adjusted to the dark and the light emanating from the screen, you walk out of the theater only to be assaulted by blinding daylight. It is utterly confusing, your eyes hurt, you may want to close them or even return to the dark theater.

Today's readings remind us that these mysteries are not meant solely to be enjoyed in the dark. Instead, the meaning behind those actions are to be brought out of the darkness and into the light so we might live more fully in the world around us.

The story of Elijah tells of the prophet's struggle with strong winds and crushing rocks, all while trying to discern God's still small voice. These challenging forces of nature serve as powerful metaphors for the confusion that happens in life. To really hear the voice of God, as did Elijah, one must be attuned to God and engage deeply with the suffering of others, especially the most vulnerable.

Today's Gospel reveals a timid Peter inside a boat needing to be rescued by Jesus. In those times when we are unsure and most fragile, we all reflect a bit of Peter, reluctant to step out in the water of uncertainty, afraid to place full trust in God. Those are times when it is more comfortable to live our lives in the darkness, perhaps even



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within the confines of our churches. Many times, we are called to step out of our own comfort zone. In so doing that, we are often led to unexpected moments of conversion.

The image of the boat which carried Peter brings to mind a modern-day gesture. With the wave of refugees coming in droves to Germany, Cardinal Rainer Woelki decided that he had to visit the beaches where people were risking their lives, encountering unpredictable seas — all with the hope they would find calmer shores and safer homes. On one of those beaches, he found a seven-meter long boat that had been used by some refugees. Deciding to bring it to the cathedral in Cologne, he celebrated the Eucharist on the front steps of that church using this boat as the altar. Though his intent was likely to offer a visual connection to the suf-

fering refugees and the Jubilee Year of Mercy, certain segments of the political and religious world came down hard on his liturgical gesture. He was criticized for daring to bring a political issue literally into the church.

Often the walls of our churches are used as a barrier to shield ourselves from the very real atrocities around us. At other times, that shield disengages us from seeing or responding to the human dignity denied to many in our world. Consider the most foundational of faith issues, ones basic to the tenants of Christianity, such as welcoming the stranger or speaking out for those who have been marginalized. How can one reveal true discipleship when the temptation is often to stay in the dark or avoid the unknown waters of conflict?

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Like Jesus, we are all meant to work for the empowerment of the marginalized. As ministers to and with others, will we choose darkness or will we revel in the light that heals, transforms and casts out all fear?

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