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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter. - Mt 14:30-31

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GOSPEL MEDITATION – A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

I do not know if you have ever in your life been afraid of something or someone, and realized that fear paralyzes: it keeps you from moving forward; it even blinds you and prevents you from seeing. Often, the causes of fear are false and serve only to intimidate a person and leave them without hope. Fear also robs us of peace and prevents us from making plans for the future. Pope Leo XIV affirms: "The more beautiful the plan, the greater the hope," knowing that "the future is in the hands of the One who offers the greatest hope." Saint John Henry Newman, canonized by Pope Francis in October 2019, wrote the following: "Lead, Kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom; Lead Thou me on! The night is dark, and I am far from home—Lead Thou me on! Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene—one step enough for me. I loved to choose and see my path, but now, lead Thou me on." The Gospel passage recounting what happened to the disciples on the lake that night is very similar to what we experience in our daily lives. The boat was being battered by the waves, and the wind was strong. Amidst all these events, Jesus appears, walking upon the water; frightened, they think they are seeing a ghost. Fear paralyzes them, and they cry out in terror. Immediately, Jesus says to them: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid" (Matthew 14:27). Lord, we lack faith, just like Peter! Reach out Your hand and save us.

Sunday Mass- 9:30 AM English

Misa Dominical- 11:30 AM Español

Confessions/Confesiones: 30 min. before Mass

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CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Why do we call Jesus “the light of the world”?

In cultures around the world, light and darkness are chief symbols of good and evil, order and chaos, clarity and confusion, hope and despair. These symbols tap into something essential about the nature of things. God has given us the created world as a gift. His first work, as we see in Genesis 1, is to create light, giving meaning and insight to the abyss. It is in the light that the rest of creation comes to be. A gathering darkness emerges in Genesis 3. Adam and Eve hide, shrouding themselves from the sun’s rays and the gaze of God. While God offers a promise of salvation and establishes a covenant with His people, the sense of fog and dim understanding still remains. The Hebrew people repeatedly betray the promises they have made to God, and all around them the nations actively worship idols.

The promise of God is not in vain, however. In John 1, we see a depiction of Christ as primordial goodness, order, clarity, and hope. “The true light, which enlightens everyone was coming into the world ... this life was the light of the human race” (John 1: 9, 4). Think of the last sunrise you witnessed (if you could wake up for it!). As you watched the lavender brighten to rose edged with gold, did your heart swell? Did you recall the goodness of the world? Did you feel rekindled hope? Such is the role of Christ in the soul. Such is his coming Incarnate in our world. ©LPi

WATER



Peter said to him in reply, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”

MATTHEW 11:10

MASS INTENTIONS-INTENCIONES DE MISA

Sunday, August 9th 2026—9:30 AM

Birthday Blessings for Angela Garcia (by SFX)

† Joe & Lupita Perea (by family)

† Vemba Martinez (by SFX)

Domingo 9 de agosto, 2026—11:30 AM

Bendiciones de cumpleaños para Jessica Veleta (de Kary)

† Juana Zamarron Sanchez (anniv) (de familia)

Tuesday August 11th, 2026—8:00 AM

Por la salud de Jesus Parra (de sus hermanas)

AUGUST WEEKLY READINGS

Sun. 9th: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a, Ps 85:9-14, Rom 9:1-5, Mt 14:22-33

Mon. 10th: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10, Ps 112:1-2, 5-9, Jn 12:24-26

Tues. 11th: St. Clare, Virgin

Ez 2:8—3:4, Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131, Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14, Phil 3:8-14, Mt 19:27-29

Wed. 12th: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22, Ps 113:1-6, Mt 18:15-20

Thur. 13th: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Ez 12:1-12, Ps 78:56-59, 61-62, Mt 18:21—19:1

Fri. 14th: St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63, (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6, Mt 19:3-12, Wis 3:1-9 or 1 Jn 3:14-18, Jn 15:12-16

Sat. 15th: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

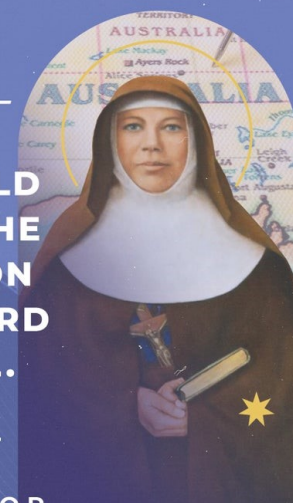
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab, Ps 45:10-12, 16, 1 Cor 15:20-27, Lk 1:39-56

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MY HEART WOULD
SINK BUT FOR THE
FIRM CONVICTION
THAT GOD’S WORD
CAN NEVER FAIL.

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- ST. MARY MACKILLOP



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALING

Bobby Chavez, David Sanchez, Alex Casillas,
Tina Martinez, Deacon Andy, Mike Lopez, Jose Lopez,
Virginia Rodriguez, & Johnny Ray Ortiz