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### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Saturday: 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. (All masses are livestreamed at steecilia.com/78)

### **PASTOR**

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### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Church

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Parish Office (415) 664-8481 or email irmalavitoria@stcecilia.com

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### ROSARY

Monday-Saturday @ 8:35 a.m.

### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Every Friday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and ends with Benediction at 5:15 p.m.

### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 13, 2023

### First Reading

1 Kings 19:9a.11-13a

The Lord appears to Elijah in a whisper.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 85:9-14

The Lord is the source of salvation.

#### Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

Paul speaks of the blessings that have come to the Israelites.

#### Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walks on water, and the disciples acknowledge him as the Son of God.

### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in Chapter 8 of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with last week's Gospel about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son. -Lovola Press | Sunday Connection

### **OUR LADY OF FATIMA PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE VISIT**

Saint Cecilia Parish || Wednesday || August 30th 2:00 PM Arrival ||| 2:15 PM Veneration until 7:30 PM Departure Rosary every hour || 3:00 PM Divine Mercy || 5:30 PM Mass Individuals and families will be enclosed in the mantle of the Blessed Mother. Couples may renew their vows before the Blessed Mother at any time. Parishioners and guests are invited to join us during veneration and mass.





### **SAVE THE DATE**

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First day of school is August 17th! May everyone enjoy a safe, happy & successful school year!

### **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 15th Masses at 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM

Children's Faith Formation starts September 10<sup>th</sup> in the Collins Center, 8:30-9:15 a.m. for Children in grades 1<sup>st</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> who attend non-Catholic schools.

Children in Pre-K and Kindergarten meet during the 9:30 a.m. Mass, also in the Collins Center.

Register online: bit.ly/StCeciliaCFF



### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA



Are you or someone you know interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith or maybe exploring the idea of becoming Catholic? Come join us in September as a new session of the RCIA program begins. Please call Deacon Iwan or the rectory at (415) 664-8481

for information or to sign up.

All are welcome!

### THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. CECILIA

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### SR. CAROL NJOKU OUR VISITING RELIGIOUS

Join Sr. Carol in celebrating her graduation from SJD Law School!

The Most Rev. Ernest Obodo, Enugu Diocese will be the celebrant at today's 11:30 a.m. mass. Following immediately is Sr. Carol's graduation party in the lower church.

Your presence is highly appreciated.

### WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Parents are welcome to attend the Opening School Assembly on Thursday, August 17th. Please stay for our Welcome Coffee and Start of School Information Gathering in the Lower Church.

### **COLLINS CENTER**

2560 18th Ave - (415) 566-2690 || Doors open at 1:00 pm

Most Activities are from 1:30 - 3:30 pm (\*Exception - Exercise)

**Monday -** August 14 - Pedro, Computers **Tuesdays -** August 15 - Bingo, French, Italian

Thursday - August 17 - \*11:15 am Exercise,

Bridge, Knitting, and Scrabble

Friday - August 18 - Current Events

Everyone is welcome to join Collins Center activities.

### THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, August 14

9am Gael Berestord

Erlinda Labay

5:30pm Steve Lucey, Living Daphne Mellett, Living

Daniel K. O'Sullivan TUESDAY, August 15

### 9am & 5:30pm

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Holy Day of Obligation

### WEDNESDAY, August 16

<u>9am</u>

Noreen Harrington Revecca Austria Ver Lorraine McCue Brian McGarry Cornelius Harrington 5:30pm

Marge Hagan THURSDAY, August 17 9am

Morrison Gardner Laura Schalk

#### 5:30pm Pedro Aristegui FRIDAY, August 18

Msgr. Floro Basio Arcamo Sr. Helen Clare Howett, SNJM Mary Kenneally 5:30pm

Neal McGettigan SATURDAY, August 19

9am Rolly Kit SATURDAY VIGIL, August 19 5:00pm

Sean Murphy SUNDAY, August 20 7:30am Patricia Vella 9:3<u>0am</u> People of Saint Cecilia 11:30am

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