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TAKE COURAGE,
— it is I; —
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MATTHEW 14:22-33



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • AUGUST 9, 2026

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass ~ Monday-Saturday 9:00am,
preceded by **Daily Rosary** at 8:30am

Weekend Masses ~ Saturdays 4:00pm
Sundays 8:00am 10:00am* 12:00pm & 5:00pm

*Family Mass

~ **Church Open for Prayer** ~
Monday-Friday 10:00am-3:00pm

Bereavement Support Ministry ~ For support, please
Contact Deacon Dan Nelson at dcn785@aol.com

Staff Directory ~ Find our staff directory on page 6.

Parish Prayer Wall ~ Submit requests on parish website.

Parish Newsletter ~ Visit parish website to subscribe.

St. Mary's Cemetery ~ For inquiries, please contact
Barbara McKenney at 781-828-0090 x 311.

Hearing Assistance ~ ListenWIFI App (StOscars)

Sacramental and Devotional Life

Anointing of the Sick ~ Contact the parish office.

Baptism ~ Twice a month, 2nd and 4th Sundays.
To register, visit www.cantonicatholic.org and click on
Sacraments. Questions? Contact: Nancy Cunniff at
ncunniff@cantonicatholic.org

Marriage ~ Arrangements should be made six months
in advance. Contact the parish office.

Reconciliation ~ Saturdays at 3:15pm before the 4:00pm
Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ~
Tuesdays 9:30-10:30am

Bible Study ~ Mondays at 9:45am in the Lower church
Hall. Contact: wwhite9999@aol.com or 617-699-8032

Catholic Men of Canton ~ 2nd Saturday of the month
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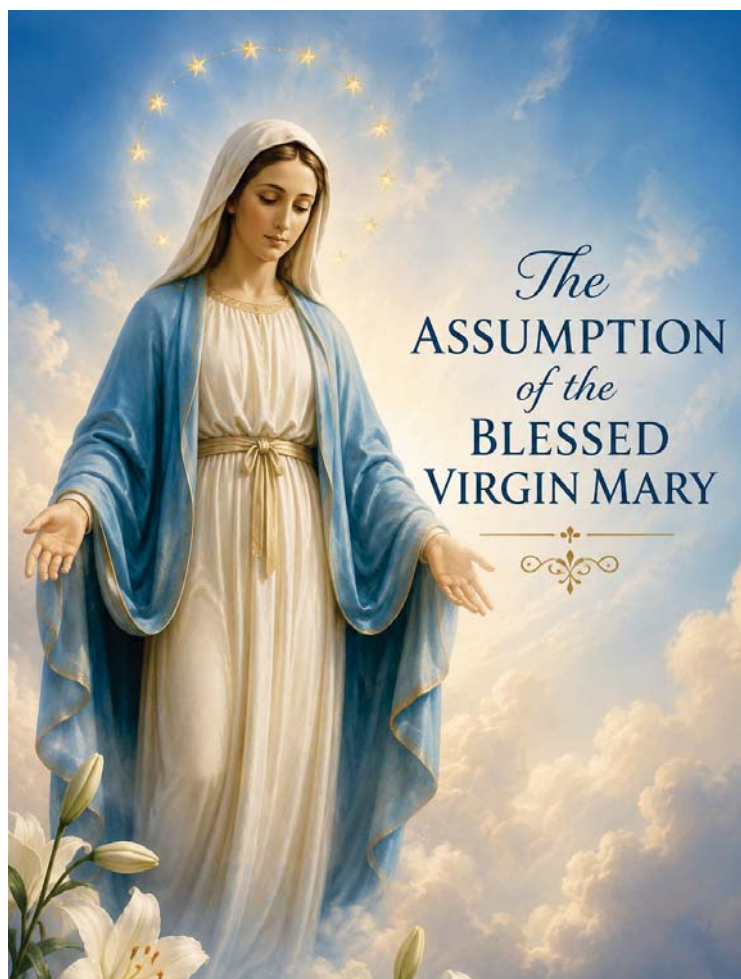
*"Let us not tire of preaching love;
It is the force that will overcome the world."*

Dear Friends,

As I prepare this message, I am excitedly looking forward to Sunday's Annual Parish Cookout. Once again, we will combine the 10:00 am and noon Masses into a single 11:00 am Mass. Following the Mass, all are invited to the Parish Hall for traditional cookout food. We are grateful to our Knights of Columbus Council for manning the grills, the Parish Council who organize the event, and a team of committed volunteers.

In today's first Reading from the first Book of Kings, the Prophet Elijah finds the voice not in the storm, fire, or earthquake, but in a tiny whispering sound. In an increasingly noisy culture, let us value the quiet times that truly enable one to contemplate the things that matter in life.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On August 15, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, one of the Church's most beautiful celebrations honoring our Blessed Mother.

The Assumption reminds us that, at the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken body and soul into heavenly glory. Her Assumption is a sign of the hope we share in Christ's Resurrection and the promise of eternal life.

Although the Assumption is **not a Holy Day of Obligation this year** because it falls on a Saturday, it remains a wonderful opportunity to gather in prayer and honor the woman who faithfully said "yes" to God's plan.

May Mary's example of faith, humility, and trust inspire us to follow her Son more closely each day.

August 15th Mass @ 9:00AM

A Word of Gratitude

Hello, Parishioners!

I am thrilled to be back with you this summer at St. Oscar Romero Parish in Canton.

During the summer of 2017, I had the privilege of spending time with you in this parish. At the end of that summer, your generosity helped us build a permanent outstation church for the people we serve in Zambia.

I return this summer with a heart full of gratitude for all that you helped us accomplish through the Society of African Missions (SMA) and for the people of Zambia.

Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and prayers!

I look forward to sharing with you the work of the Society of African Missions in Zambia and will be preaching at all the Masses the weekend of August 15–16.



Your Child's Faith Journey

Faith is a lifelong journey, and every year offers children new opportunities to know Jesus more deeply, celebrate the sacraments, and grow as members of our parish family.

Whether your child is just beginning Faith Formation or continuing the journey toward a deeper relationship with Christ, we look forward to walking with your family in the year ahead.

Registration information for the **2026–2027 Faith Formation** year will be sent to parish families in mid-August. We look forward to welcoming both returning families and those joining us for the first time.

Faith Formation
2026–2027

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Growing in Faith...
one year at a time

Outreach Kentucky Mission Trip & Welcome Home Celebration

Our Youth Ministry recently returned from an incredible week of service in Kentucky, where they put their faith into action by helping families in need. Throughout the week, our teens repaired porches, decks, and stairs, but their largest project was assisting grandparents who are raising their two grandchildren, Amber (7) and Mackenzie (14), who has autism. Together, our volunteers built a bedroom addition for the grandparents and repaired the home's siding, porch, and stairs, bringing hope and encouragement to a deserving family.

The team returned home just in time to celebrate the 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday, followed by a joyful Welcome Home Celebration in the Lower Church. While Kentucky was the first Outreach trip to return this summer, the evening celebrated all of our Outreach mission teams and the many young people and leaders who are sharing Christ's love through service.

We are incredibly proud of our youth and grateful to our adult leaders, volunteers, parishioners, and benefactors whose prayers and generosity make these life-changing experiences possible. Thank you for helping our young people become the hands and feet of Christ.

Be sure to follow St. Oscar Romero Parish on Facebook to see more photos and stories from our Outreach mission trips and other parish events throughout the year!



OUTREACH KENTUCKY MISSION TRIP





Keep Your Eyes on Jesus

Life can sometimes feel like Peter stepping out of the boat—uncertain, frightening, and filled with waves we never expected. In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter is able to walk on the water as long as his eyes remain fixed on Jesus. But when he begins to focus on the wind and the waves, fear takes over, and he begins to sink.

How often do we do the same? We become overwhelmed by worries, busy schedules, illness, uncertainty, or the challenges facing our families. Yet Jesus speaks the very same words to us that He spoke to His disciples:

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

The invitation this week is simple: keep your eyes on Jesus. Begin each day with a few moments of prayer. Turn to Him before turning to your worries. Trust that even when the waters are rough, Christ is always near, reaching out His hand to lift us up.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, when fear and uncertainty surround me, help me to keep my eyes fixed on You. Strengthen my faith, calm my heart, and lead me safely through every storm. Amen.



REFLECT THIS WEEK



1



What "storm" am I facing right now that makes it hard for me to trust Jesus?

2



How can I keep my eyes on Jesus this week and rely on His help in a deeper way?



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Matthew 10:8

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Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, August 8

9:00am~Bronislaw Gesiak, Memorial
4:00pm~Gertrude Noonan, Memorial

Sunday, August 9

8:00am~Francisco Andrade, Memorial
11:00am~Jamie Erti, Memorial
5:00pm~

Monday, August 10

9:00am~Ivy Plummer, Memorial

Tuesday, August 11

9:00am~Jack & Jerry Hartling, Memorial

Wednesday, August 12

9:00am~

Thursday, August 13

9:00am~Stephen Murphy, Memorial

Friday, August 14

9:00am~Anthony Pell, Anniversary

Saturday, August 15

9:00am~Assumption of the Blessed Mother
4:00pm~

Sunday, August 16

8:00am~Donna Ducat, Robert Ducat & Roger Gillman, Memorial
10:00am~Dr. Adaobi Nnani & Fatima, Memorial
12:00pm~Special Intention
5:00pm~Charles Armando, Memorial



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Lord Jesus, Help us to trust You in every storm, to listen for Your voice above the noise of the world, and to walk each day in the peace that only You can give. *Amen.*

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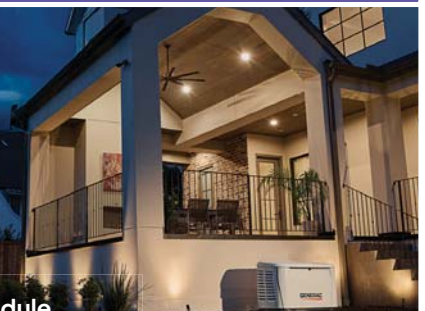
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