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August 9, 2026

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God." Matthew 14:33

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"As a Roman Catholic faith community, we seek to follow the example of St. Veronica who carried the image of Christ always with her. Through fellowship, service and acts of mercy we walk as disciples in Christ's mission together seeking an ever-deeper relationship with God through prayer, education, sacraments, and the celebration of the Eucharist."

Dear Saint Veronica Parishioners,

Today's Gospel follows the miracle of Jesus feeding the 5,000. For the sake of the crowd, Jesus postponed his time of solitude. Remember, in the verses preceding today's Gospel Jesus had just learned of the murder of his cousin John the Baptist and presumably wanted to get away to mourn his loss, reflect and pray. Now, after feeding the 5,000, 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 on the boat. They are fearful - not because of the waves, but because they see Jesus walking toward them on the water in the middle of the night, they thought he was a ghost. Today's Gospel shows how their faith in Jesus will enable them to do incredible things. Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He even gives Peter the ability to do the impossible – to walk on water. It was only when Peter turns his eyes and focus away from Jesus that he falters. Jesus, of course, reaches out and saves him. When they enter the boat the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God. This confession, this faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do His work. Peter does the impossible and walks on water, and the five loaves and two fish from the miracle before today's Gospel fed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom by keeping their eyes and focus on Jesus.

As Disciples in Mission ourselves, we continue to reflect on how we can participate in the work of the kingdom in our Parish as we move forward in faith. We keep our eyes and focus fixed on Jesus. The little steps we are taking now will yield enormous results in the years to come. Jesus, like he did for Peter and the disciples, is taking our fears away and giving us the ability to do great things.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is this coming Saturday, August 15, 2026. We will celebrate the 9:00 am. Mass at St. Margaret church. From the US Bishops: "In accord with the complementary norm to canon 1246 §2 confirmed for the dioceses of the United States of America, because it is a Saturday, this year the obligation to attend Mass on this date is abrogated." On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." Holy Mary, Mother of God: Pray for us.

Seminarian James Silva who lived with us for 6 short weeks this summer wished to say Thank You to all who wished him farewell last weekend. He is grateful for his time with us this summer and appreciated the support of a number of folks who spent time with him and showed him around. Thank you one and all. Please keep him and his seminary classmates in prayer as they return to Our Lady of Providence College Seminary in Providence Rhode Island. Please pray for all vacations.

Missionary Cooperative Appeal

Next weekend, August 15/16 we are hosting Father Felix Hinambona from the Archdiocese of Tororo, found in the Eastern part of Uganda as part of our Yearly Missionary Cooperative Appeal. His Archdiocese serves an estimated population of 4 million people, about 1.6 million of whom are Catholic. They have 52 parishes, each of which has 20 mission churches on average, served by 130 priests. Each priest serves about 10,000 Catholics, and visits each village for Mass and the sacraments every couple of months. Their need is great. Please be as supportive as your means allow when Fr. Felix comes to us next weekend.

The Summer Vacation Season is upon us. All of us at St. Veronica Parish hope that you have a restful and enjoyable summer vacation wherever you may find yourself. As you head off from Burlington and the surrounding towns, please be sure to remember St. Veronica Parish during the summer months. Thank you for remembering our parish while you are away! This may be the perfect time for you to sign up for on-line giving.

Let us pray for each other. God bless,

Father Mahoney

"Welcome to St Veronica Parish. Here we are all invited to grow in our relationship with God and to know God's presence through faith, hope, love and ministry."

MASS Intentions

Saturday, August 8
9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Jake McCauley — Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Walter Prince — 16th Anniversary
Jennie & Joseph Defina and The Defina & Cincotta Families — Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
Anna Miele — Birthday Memorial
& Tobio Miele — Birthday Memorial

Sunday, August 9
8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Rose & Charlie Hanafin and Pat & Roy Farrow — Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Alyce Bertolami — 1st Anniversary

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
William McGarry — 50th Anniversary

Monday, August 10
9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Robert & Mary Laffin and Eleanor Ackerman — Memorial

Tuesday, August 11
9:00 am **St. Margaret**
George Koonan — Memorial

Wednesday, August 12
9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Rev. Albert Sallese — Birthday Memorial

Thursday, August 13
9:00 am **St. Margaret Church**
Meaghan Mulcahy — Month's Mind

Friday, August 14
9:00 am **St. Malachy Church**
Donald & Polly Glasser — Memorial

Saturday, August 15
9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Paul O'Meara — Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Peter Fitzpatrick — 4th Anniversary

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
The Smith Family — Memorial

Sunday, August 16
8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Ed MacPhail — Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Jack & Irene Harvey — Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Bernard Vient — Memorial

READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2023

19TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Aug 13	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14/ Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
MONDAY Aug 14	*Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr* Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27
TUESDAY Aug 15 *Holyday of Obligation*	*Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary* Vigil: 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 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/ 1 Cor 15:20-27 /Lk 1:39-56
WEDNESDAY Aug 16	*Saint Stephen of Hungary* Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5+8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20
THURSDAY Aug 17	*Saint Clare, Virgin* Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mt 18:21—19:1
FRIDAY Aug 18	*Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious* Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22+24/Mt 19:3-12
SATURDAY Aug 19	*Saint John Eudes, Priest* Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a+5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15
20TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Aug 20	Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/ Mt 15:21-28

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ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Weekend of August 2, 2026
Envelopes & In Church: $11,905
Online: $4,665
TOTAL: $16,570

Income	**$16,570**
Weekly Budget	**$16,153**
Surplus	**$417**

Month to Date: $16,570

Building Fund
Envelopes & In Church: $166
Online: $393
TOTAL: $559

HAM AND BEAN SUPPER

There will be a meeting of the Ham & Bean Committee on Tuesday, August 23 at 7:00pm in the St. Malachy conference room. **Save the date for the Ham & Bean Supper for October 17th!!**

THE PRAYER HOPE LINE: 781-273-HOPE (4673)

Are you or someone you know in need of a prayer? Do you know someone who is ill or perhaps suffering with an emotional problem? Give a call to the **Prayer Hope Line at 781-273-4673.**

When you call, listen to the prayer and then state your personal request, for example: 'Kindly pray for John who has cancer' or 'Pray for Mary who is having surgery', etc. Please do not leave full names or phone numbers on the Prayer Hope Line. Members of the Catholic parish communities in Burlington will be honored to include your intentions in their prayers.

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. (Colossians 4:2)

The Hope Line team is in need of more helpers. Your commitment would about 1/2 hour per day for 1 week per month and could be done from your home. If you are interested please call 781-272-3111.

To the families in the Archdiocese of Boston impacted by TPS termination

Back in June, we received the news that Temporary Protected Status would end for hundreds of thousands of Haitian refugees and Syrians in the United States. At the time, I spoke to you and urged all people of good will to advocate for a more secure future for the individuals and the families affected.

Now we find ourselves at the point when these legal protections have ended, and I know that many of you must be devastated and fearful. You are a vital part of our Archdiocese and as your Archbishop, I feel called to remind you of the Word of God found in St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:8-12:

"We are hard pressed on every side but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you."

The "death" of which Saint Paul speaks is the suffering and self-surrender that unites us with the crucified Christ. Even amid suffering, the risen life of Jesus is already at work—sustaining us, strengthening us, and bringing life to others through us.

The Haitian and Syrian people have proven resilient in the face of natural disaster and civil discord. You have endured much and kept the faith. May that faith now give you strength for the days ahead.

The House of Representatives has passed legislation that would continue TPS protection for Haitians, but the Senate has not yet acted. I therefore renew my appeal to our elected leaders: act swiftly to protect these families and provide them with a secure and humane path forward.

To all our brothers and sisters, I say again that we desire to stand with you, placing our hope in Jesus Christ, whose life and love are stronger than suffering and death.

With affection and prayers for all of you.

Yours in Christ,
Archbishop Richard Henning

MISSION SUPPORT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORORO UGANDA

The Archdiocese of Tororo, covering an approximate area of 8,500 square miles, serves an estimated population of 4 million people, about 1.6 million of whom are Catholic. These are some of our needs.

1) Parishes: caring for 52 parishes and 984 missions or sub-parishes.

2) Formation of pastoral ministers

- Currently we have about 300 minor seminarians, about a quarter of whom will proceed on to the major seminary. We have about 50 seminarians studying in the philosophical and theological seminaries.

- We currently have 123 native diocesan priests and 14 religious priests. Once ordained, our priests need to continue their formation, especially by attending educational workshops and spiritual retreats.
The 1340 catechists serve the mission churches (sub-parishes).

3) Transportation of pastoral ministers: The priests and catechists need to travel to and from the mission churches, usually scooters and bicycles.

4) Education: In collaboration with the Government of Uganda, the Archdiocese runs several Primary, Secondary and Technical schools. Most of these schools, run by our 16 native religious brothers and 243 native religious sisters, are in rural settings where there is no electricity, no computers and not enough textbooks and laboratory equipment. The teaching and learning process becomes very difficult in such an environment.

5) Health: The Archdiocese has one hospital, three sub-hospitals and twelve small medical facilities through which we try to fulfill Christ's ministry of physical healing. These facilities, usually run by the religious sisters are not funded by the Government and must depend on user fees to purchase drugs and equipment and cover the cost of personnel.

6) Economic development: The Archdiocese of Tororo, through its development arm CARITAS, empowers the laity with skills that can improve their economic base. 69% of the people are peasant farmers with small plots of land on which to cultivate their crops. Because of this, most of them live from hand to mouth, which has an adverse impact on their income. Through CARITAS-Tororo, the Archdiocese runs programs, especially in the area of improved agricultural methods, so that families can sustain themselves better economically.

7) Women: Archdiocesan Women's Desk focuses on the realities of women. When empowered, women can do a great deal to improve their families' economic situation as well as the sanitary condition of their homes.

8) Water: Our Five-Year Strategic Plan includes a program to increase access to clean, safe water. Presently only 72% of our people have access to improved water sources; the rest have to rely on unprotected springs and wells.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Provide a catechist with a bicycle	$100
Educate a high school seminarian ($50 a month)	$600
Educate a major seminarian i.e. college and beyond ($80 a month)	$1,000
Provide a priest with a motor-scooter/bike	$3,000
Provide a priest with a motorbike for the mountain parishes	$5,000
Provide a village with water (well, cisterns, gravity flow etc)	$10,000
Construct a mission church	$30,000
Construct a rural health clinic	$50,000
Construct a new parish church	$120,000

WE WILL BE HAVING A 2nd COLLECTION ON AUGUST 15th AND 16th.
PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECKS OUT TO
ST VERONICA PARISH AND WRITE UGANDA IN THE MEMO.

MISSION SUPPORT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORORO
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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AUGUST 13TH

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Thursday, August 13th in the chapel at St. Malachy Church from 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm. No advance sign up will be necessary; spend as little or as much time as you want. Please park in the back parking lot and access the chapel by the rear door of the church.

What to do during Eucharistic Adoration

The primary purpose of Adoration is right there in the name of the act: to adore the One present to us in the Eucharist. Remember that you don't actually have to *do* anything. The greatest gift God gives us is himself, and Adoration is another way for us to recognize that gift outside of receiving the Eucharist at Mass. So, don't overthink it. Just receive the gift.

Here are a few suggestions:

- Small prayer booklets which can be used to help during your meditation will be available. These may be picked up as you enter the chapel.
- Pray in any way that's meaningful to you.
- Pray the rosary. To contemplate the mysteries of Jesus' life in the rosary is to contemplate the mystery of the Eucharist given to us and the Blessed Sacrament we praise in Adoration. So, pairing these prayers is a great habit to get into.
- Read from Holy Scripture.
- Just sit there - receive the gift of Christ in the Eucharist and be at peace in the presence of Our Lord.

Guidelines for Adoration

- Adoration is a time for quiet meditation and prayer. Please remain silent while in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.
- Genuflect when entering or leaving a pew and if crossing in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

We plan to have Adoration on the second Thursday of every month, although, in some cases, it may be on a different day.

Please join us in this most important devotion to Our Lord. Rest for a while in the presence of Jesus. Let him fill you with his peace, grace, and love.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

All adult volunteers are required to complete Protecting God's Children (PGC), the child protection training program utilized by the Archdiocese of Boston. The training consists of videos and discussions about how to recognize indicators of abuse or grooming, how to create safe spaces for children and youth, and how to address concerns. It is a three-hour training session held in person at various locations throughout the Archdiocese. Sessions are run by trained facilitators and take place on various days and times throughout the year, including evenings and weekends. Most weeks there are between 5 and 15 sessions scheduled around the Archdiocese. With minor exceptions, sessions are open to everyone.

Go to www.VIRTUSonline.org. On the left of the page click on "First Time Registrant." Click on "Begin Registration." Select "Boston, MA (Archdiocese)" when asked to select your diocese. When asked if you have ever registered before, click "no". (If you have previously registered, call 617-746-5985 for help.) Complete the registration process. When asked for your specific location, select your specific parish or school. You can enter more than one. Once you have completed the registration process the system will guide you to a list of all the upcoming training sessions. Select the one that works for you. If the training is in a language other than English, it will be noted. Be careful not to select a training session that is in a language you cannot understand. All training sessions are 3 hours long, even if the registration website states otherwise.

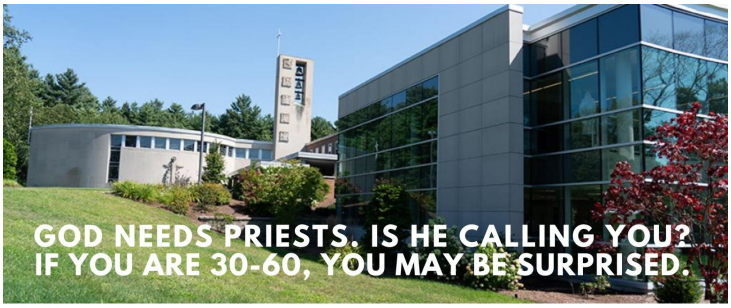
TASTE AND SEE PROGRAM

Kids in Grades 1-8 can fill out a bright raffle card and put it in the white box (located near the scanners) for a chance to win a $20 School House Ice Cream gift card. In this raffle everyone truly is a winner, because those at Mass have received the *sweetest* gift of all: Our Lord in the Eucharist.

2026-2027 Religious Education Registration

Religious Education Registration is now open for the 2026-2027 Academic Year. Please see our website to register.

www.stveronicama.org



FIRST FRIDAY VISITS 2026

September 4
October 2
November 6
December 4

5:00 PM EST
Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary

HOLY HOUR AND EVENING PRAYER

In-Person Visit: Includes Dinner with seminarians and tour of the Seminary

Register: Contact Msgr. William Fay
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Virtual Visit: Live-stream Holy Hour followed by a Zoom visit
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TRUE or FALSE ?

1. Elijah took shelter in a cave.
2. God told Elijah to stay in the cave.
3. The Lord was in the earthquake.
4. Elijah hid his face in his cloak.
5. The Lord proclaims peace.
6. Saint Paul felt no grief or pain.
7. Jesus made his disciples get into a boat and cross the lake.
8. Jesus went up the mountain alone to pray.
9. Jesus walked around the lake to join his disciples.
10. He joined them at about noon.

ANSWERS 1 true, 2 false, 3 false, 4 true, 5 true, 6 false, 7 true, 8 true, 9 false, 10 false.

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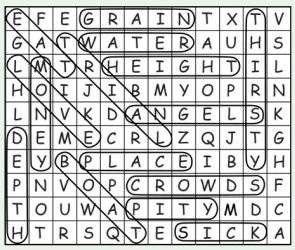
CROSSWORD

(Most answers are in today's readings)

Last week's wordsearch

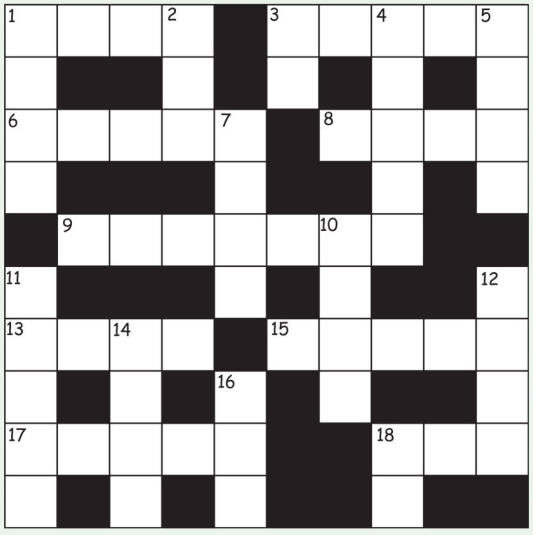


CLUES ACROSS

1. This burns 3. It beats 6. Item of clothing; like a modern coat 8. Title of honor 9. Not inside 13. Mighty gathering of people; also received in Holy Communion 15. Absence of strife; calm 17. Said something 18. We breathe it

CLUES DOWN

1. The front of a head 2. Great length of time 3. Male pronoun 4. Without company 5. Rising and falling of water 7. Greeting with lips 10. Not shallow 11. A specter 12. We feel this when there is danger 14. Not fast 16. Allow 18. I ___ a person



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)
Friday: 6:00 - 7:00 pm (chapel)

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Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am; and 12:00 pm

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)
Saturday: 2:30 - 3:30 pm (lower church)

THE PRAYER HOPE LINE:
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