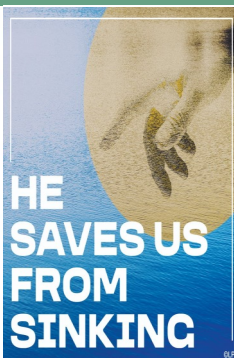


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GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

As a young, newly ordained priest, I admired a senior priest who was gifted, beloved, and had changed countless lives. But soon I learned that he had fallen in catastrophic and destructive ways. The painful juxtaposition of good and evil was complex to process.

How could someone so seemingly good also be so broken and deceptive? It forced me to confront a sobering truth: leadership in the Church is no guarantee against weakness or sin.

Peter teaches that truth in this week's Gospel. When he sees Jesus walking on the sea, Peter does what leaders do. He goes first. "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." But when he sees how strong the wind is, he becomes frightened and, beginning to sink, cries out, "Lord, save me." Immediately, Jesus stretches out his hand and catches him.

St. Thomas Aquinas observes that Peter overcomes the greater danger of the waves but falters before the lesser threat of the wind. This is the paradox leaders often face. It is not always the great trials that undo us, but the smaller, quieter temptations, such as subtle fears and compromises, that lead us to sink.

The good news is that Jesus does not abandon Peter. He saves him before it is too late. Our frail humanity lives within a rhythm of grace, risk, failure, and mercy. Jesus helps Peter overcome both the obvious and hidden sources of fear, and he promises to do the same for us. So, let us pray for all, especially our spiritual leaders.— Father John Muir



Registration for the 2026 - 2027 Confirmation year is currently underway and will end on the second week of September.

Orientation Day
Saturday, September 12th, 2026
9am in room 5

Classes begin on
Saturday, September 19th, 2026
9am in room 5

Who is Confirmation designed for?

Confirmation is a two-year process for high school teenagers who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Year 1 is for teens going into 9th, 10th, or 11th grade and Year 2 follows subsequently.

Please contact Rannie (626)253-4933, David (626)267-7603 or Mirna (213)309-3715 for more information about registration.



Registration for our Religious Education Program will take place in the Religious Education office on the following Sundays, August 16th, 23rd and September 6th after the 9am & 1pm Masses.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

5:00 PM (English)

Sunday

7:00 AM (English)

9:00 AM (Spanish)

11:00 AM (Indonesian)

1:00 PM (English)

Monday—Saturday

8:30 AM (English)

Perpetual Help Novena Mass

6:00 PM (English)

Friday

6:00 PM (Bilingual)

Confessions

Saturdays 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

No Appointment needed

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Monday - Friday
9:00 AM—6:00 PM
(closed 1:00PM - 2:00 PM for lunch)

Please call the parish office for assistance or to schedule an appointment.

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Are you an adult interested in joining the Catholic faith, or completing the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation? Registration will begin in August. Classes start in September.

Please contact Denise Gonzales at (626) 327-2113 for more information.

*Mass and Procession in
Honor of the Holy Spirit
Thursday, August 20th at
8:30a.m.*

Jesus said to St. Mary of Jesus Crucified:
"I ardently hope that priests celebrate a Mass every month in honor of the Holy Spirit. Whoever offers it or hears it, will be honored by the Holy Spirit Himself; he will have light, he will have peace. He will heal the sick, wake those who sleep..."
(Saint Mary of Jesus Crucified)

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MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

No sé si alguna vez en tu vida has tenido miedo a algo o a alguien, y te has dado cuenta de que el miedo paraliza: no te deja avanzar, incluso te ciega y no te permite ver. Muchas veces, las causas del miedo son falsas y solo sirven para amedrentar a la persona y dejarla sin esperanza. El miedo también nos quita la paz y nos impide hacer planes para el futuro. El Papa León XIV afirma que: “Cuanto más hermoso es el plan, mayor es la esperanza”, sabiendo que “el futuro está en manos de Aquel que ofrece la mayor esperanza”. El santo cardenal John Henry Newman, canonizado por el Papa Francisco en octubre de 2019, escribió lo siguiente: “A través de las tinieblas que me rodean, condúceme tú, siempre más adelante. La noche es oscura y estoy lejos del hogar: condúceme tú, siempre más adelante. Guía mis pasos; un solo paso cada vez es bastante para mí. Deseaba escoger y ver mi camino, pero ahora, condúceme tú, siempre adelante”.

El pasaje del Evangelio que nos narra lo sucedido a los discípulos en el lago, aquella noche, es muy parecido a lo que vivimos en el día a día de nuestra vida. La barca era golpeada por las olas y el viento era fuerte. En medio de todos esos acontecimientos aparece Jesús caminando sobre las aguas, y ellos, asustados, creen ver un fantasma. El miedo los paraliza y gritan aterrados. Enseguida, Jesús les dice: “Ánimo, no teman, que soy yo” (Mateo 14:27). ¡Señor, nos falta fe como a Pedro! Danos tu mano y sálvanos.

CONFIRMACION

Inscripciones para el año académico 2026-2027 de las clases de Confirmación ya está abierto y finalizará la segunda semana de septiembre.

Día de orientación

sábado, 12 de septiembre a las 9:00 am en el salon 5

Comienzo de clases:

sábado, 19 de septiembre a las 9:00am en el salon 5

¿Para quién está diseñada la Confirmación?

La Confirmación es un proceso de dos años para adolescentes de secundaria que se están preparando para el Sacramento de la Confirmación. El primer año es para adolescentes que están en el 9.º, 10.º o 11.º grado y el segundo año sigue posteriormente.

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Luz del Espíritu Santo
Grupo de Oración

Predicadora
Elizabeth Ceballos
miercoles 12 de agosto
las 6:00p.m.

Presencial en Salon 6
Zoom ID 829 4029 7572

Educación Religiosa



La inscripción para nuestro programa de educación religiosa (preparación para la Primera Comunión) se llevara acabo en la Oficina de Educación Religiosa durante las siguientes fechas:

domingo, 16 y 23 de Agosto y 6 de Septiembre
después de las Misas de 9am y 1pm.

Misa y Procesión en Honor
al Espíritu Santo
martes 20 de agosto a las
8:30a.m.

Jesús le dijo a Santa María de Jesús Crucificado: “Deseo ardientemente que los sacerdotes celebren cada mes una Misa en honor al Espíritu Santo. Sea quien sea el que la ofrezca el que la escuche, será honrado por el propio Espíritu Santo; tendrá luz, tendrá paz. Curará los enfermos, despertará a aquellos que duermen...” (Santa María de Jesús Crucificado)

¿SABE USTED? Características de conducta apropiada para cada etapa del desarrollo

Es importante distinguir entre la curiosidad normal en los niños y los comportamientos sexuales que pueden causar preocupación o que pueden ser potencialmente abusivos. En general, este tipo de comportamiento entre los niños debe ser juguetón, curioso y se realizará entre grupos de la misma edad. Aunque comportamientos sexuales no son un elemento ideal del juego normalmente no son motivo de preocupación, y sí presentan una oportunidad para iniciar una conversación con el niño sobre los límites personales, comportamientos apropiados y quienes son personas de confianza. Para más consejos e información lea el artículo de VIRTUS® “Cómo distinguir entre la curiosidad normal y la conducta sexual inapropiada y el abuso en niños” (Differentiating age-appropriate curiosity from harmful sexual behavior and abuse in elementary aged children) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

AUGUST 9, 2026 - NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the week of August 9, 2026

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/
Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/
Mt 19:3-12

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



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Friday, July 31st \$56.00

August 1st & 2nd \$6,601.00

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Thank you for your commitment to your parish.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026

5:00 pm Oscar Villamor Refuerzo (D)
Sara Shaw (D)
Joseph McNeill (D)
Audrey May Wah Leung (D)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

7:00 am	John & Anne McGill (D) Qingqiang Hu (D)
9:00 am	Jaime Aispuro Beltran (D)
1:00 pm	Audrey May Wah Leung (D) Bruce Foster (L)

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026

8:30 am	John & Anne McGill (D) Qingqiang Hu (D) Audrey May Wah Leung (D)
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026

8:30 am John & Anne McGill (D)
Qingqiang Hu (D)
Audrey May Wah Leung (D)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026

8:30 am	John & Anne McGill (D) Qingqiang Hu (D) Audrey May Wah Leung (D)
6:00 pm	Del Sabado (D)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026

8:30 am John & Anne McGill (D)
Qingqiang Hu (D)
Audrey May Wah Leung (D)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026

8:30 am	John & Anne McGill (D) Qingqiang Hu (D) Audrey May Wah Leung (D)
6:00 pm	Terri Tarin (L)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026

8:30 am Audrey May Wah Leung (D)



DID YOU KNOW?

Characteristics of developmentally appropriate behaviors

It is important to distinguish normal, age-appropriate curiosity from concerning sexual behaviors that may be inappropriate or potentially abusive. In general, developmentally appropriate behaviors will be playful, curious, and will be enacted among similar age groups. While these behaviors are not ideal in play, and should be discussed with children, they are typically not causes for concern. These moments can also serve as opportunities to talk about boundaries, appropriate behaviors and safe adults. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Differentiating age-appropriate curiosity from harmful sexual behavior and abuse in elementary aged children” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

Please Pray For... Lung - Tam Family, Rosalie Pinto, Augie & Annamae Koch, Jesusita Serrano, Alicia Valdez, Armando Romo, Dolores Munoz, Alicia Islas, Denise Gonzales, Laura Sesti, Guadalupe Ayala, Helen Rivera, Margarita Audelo, Amelia Barraza, Alicia Nunez, Vikky Rogers, Michael Anthony Barraza, Leo Sanchez, Douglas Perales, Frances, Krystal & Sai Lam, Carlos Espinoza Ornelas, Bruce Foster, Lily Huerta, May Tan, Terri Tarin, Vince Torbey, Margaret Lina

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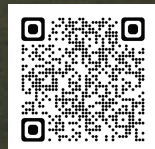
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