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Masses: Saturday at 4:00pm

Sunday at 7:30 (Memorial -Labor Day) & 9:00am

Tuesday – Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days: check bulletin, Facebook, or website

Adoration: 1st Friday of the Month Following 8am Mass

Confessions: Saturday 3:00 – 3:30 pm, Other times by request

Parish Office Hours: Tuesdays 11am-4:30pm

Blessing of Homes: please contact the Parish Office.

Homebound: Wishing to receive Communion? Please contact the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick is available anytime, please contact the parish office.

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated as needed.

One parent must be a practicing Catholic. One godparent must be a Catholic at least 15 years of age. Contact the Parish Office for more info and to schedule.

Marriage: Anyone contemplating marriage in the Catholic Church must be a practicing Catholic. Father must be contacted six months prior to the wedding. Prenuptial requirements must be completed prior to the wedding. Contact the Parish Office.

In the Event of a Death: Please notify the parish office

Those interested in being put on a prayer list: Please contact the parish office. There is also a form on the website.

Register w/the Parish: There are registration forms on the bulletin board at the back of church, feel free to fill one out and throw it in the collection basket. Or you may register on our website.

Knights of Columbus: Meet every 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

Women's Fellowship: Meet every 1st Friday for Mass/adoration, then meet up for breakfast

Parish & Financial Councils: Meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

For job openings in the diocese visit: <https://diocesetwbsb.org/hr/>

For more events in the diocese or to subscribe to Today's Catholic visit: <https://todayscatholic.org/> (digital subscription is free!)

Readings for: 19th Sunday of Ordinary Times, Year A

Reading 1 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Psalms Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

Reading 2 Romans 9:1-5

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

REFLECTIONS:....from Father Daniel

Theme of Sunday: Revelation of God and the Revelation of Christ. The first reading and the Gospel have the same theme, the revelation of the face of God. In the first reading God manifests himself to Elijah in a completely new way, different from the pagan gods and from the way to which Israel was accustomed. In the gospel we have a further revelation of God, through Jesus who comes, like the God of the Old Testament, as a master of the sea, giving his own divine power to humans. The second reading touches on the same theme as it reminds us of the difficulties Paul had to face. We could say that he was saved by Jesus who stretched out his hand to him, just as he did to Peter.

Sometime, somehow, you've had an experience that lets you see a different reality. Just as today's first reading tells us of Elijah's experience of God. The Lord God was not present in the earth-shaking "theatrical" ways we might expect. Yahweh was present in a whisper. The special effects were not clues of God's presence. The simplicity of a whisper caused Elijah to hide his face.

Similarly, the disciples in the boat nearly jumped out of their skins seeing Jesus approach. Peter put this apparition to the test and was himself tested: Why did you falter? Why did you not believe? Peter's faith was strong enough for him to begin the walk, but he was frightened. We too begin walking toward the Lord but falter. It's then that Jesus reaches down and picks us up. The presence of the Lord breaks through the mundane and invites us to a deeper way of seeing. Surprised, we find ourselves appreciating the beauty of our world and knowing God's love for us.: We respond to the invitation and begin to move closer to the Lord, only to find our knees weakened. Jesus then reaches out and strengthens us for our journey toward the light. St. John Paul II said, "Apart from the mercy of God, there is no source of hope for mankind." St. Mother Teresa said, "God is a friend of silence." So, work silently in your lows; stay humble in your highs. Quiet the mind and the soul will speak.

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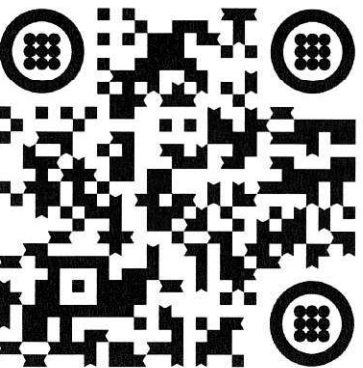
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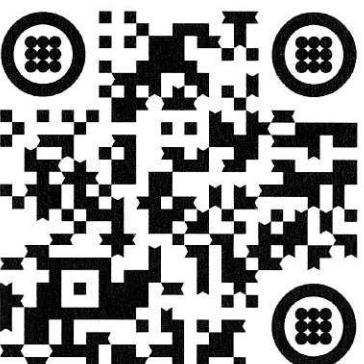


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Sue DeLaCruz, Tom & Jena Brovont, Brent Widman, Belia Moran, Kathy Biltz, Donald Gebert, Dan Gagnon & Maggie Elpusan.

Loose: \$ 338 Envelopes: \$1,335

Local Food Pantry: Item of the week-Soups/

Saturday, August 8, 3:00 Reconciliation

Sunday, August 9, 19th Sunday of Ordinary Times

9:00 + Joseph Kummer

Tuesday, August 11, 8:00 Mass + Nancy Gaunt

6:30 Parish & Financial Councils

Wednesday, August 12, 8am Mass + Mario Martinez

Thursday, August 13, 8am Mass Living & Deceased of

Landrigan & Weaver Families

Friday, August 14, 8am Mass + Leo Dahm

Saturday, August 15, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00+Dave & Kay Harter

Sunday, August 16, 20th Sunday of Ordinary Times

7:30 Our Parish

9:00 +Mike Marshal

Sunday, August 9th, Shoes & Dos 2-4pm

Tuesday, August 11th, Parish/Financial Council 6:30pm

Sunday, August 30th, RE Registration Following Mass

Sunday, September 6th, Last 7:30 Mass of Season

Monday, September 7th Labor Day

Sunday, September 13th, Annual Breakfast Following Mass

Sunday, September 13th, Religious Education starts

Saturday, August 15, 4:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sandy Miner

Lectors: Bill Johnson Sr.

Sunday, August 16, 9:00am

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Lector: The Penninger Family