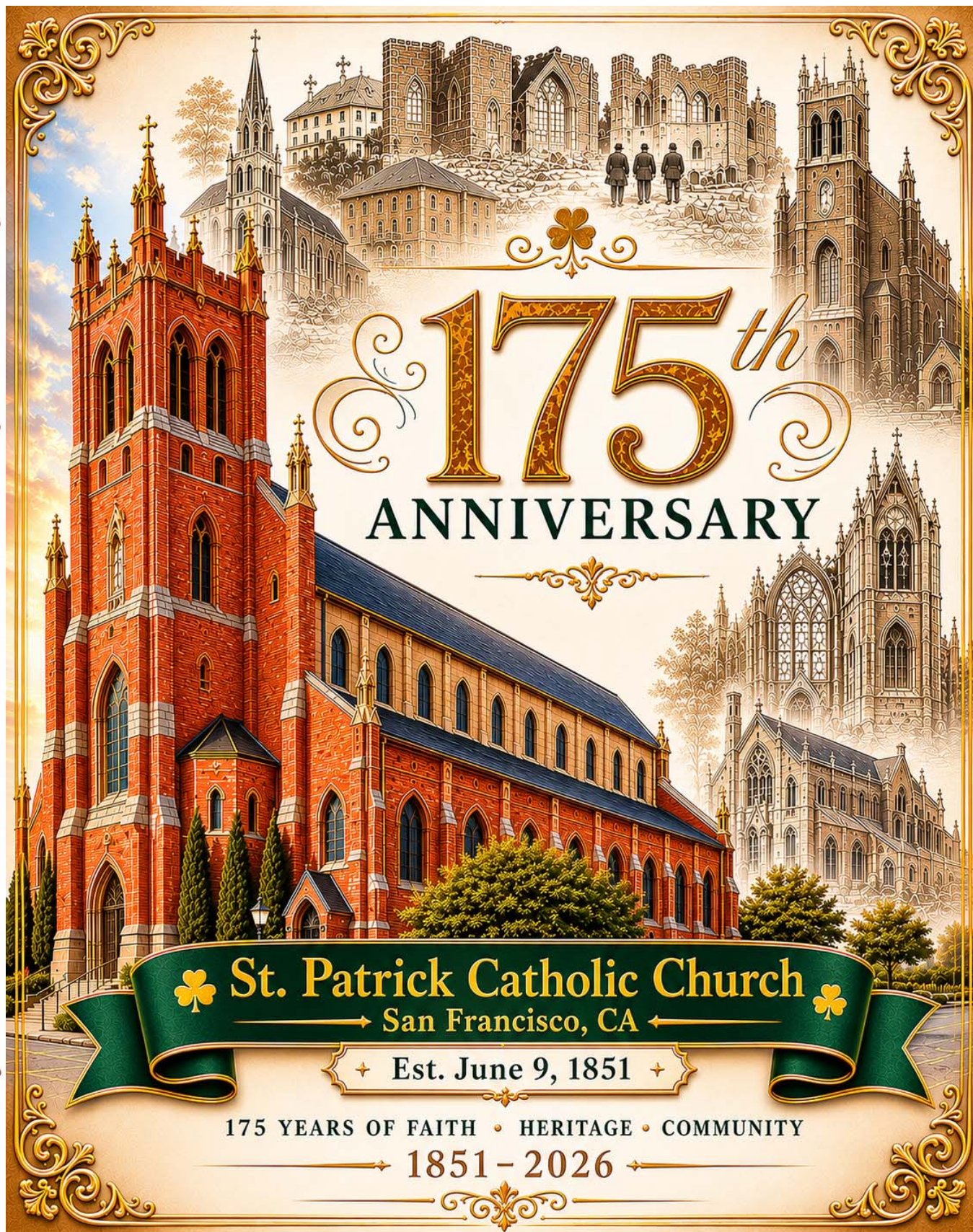


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Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
Saturday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
Tagalog Mass: 1st Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
Family Mass: 2nd Sunday at 12:00 p.m.
Charismatic & Healing Mass: 3rd Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Parish Schedule

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (in the church)

Monday through Friday
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Every Tuesday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

Sacred Heart

First Friday of the month at 4:00 p.m..

Sto. Niño Devotion

Every Friday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

Our Lady of Fatima

First Saturday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

Confidence in God's Promises

Our readings today explore how faith begins and how faith works. Faith begins with God's initiative of love, together with God's promise about the future. The passage from Hebrews urges readers to have an assured confidence in God, who promised and delivered a lasting legacy to Abraham. The book of Wisdom reminds readers of the God who promised and delivered freedom from slavery during the Exodus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus begins with the promise that "your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom," before describing how to live faithfully during times when God seems absent. God's promises mean that God is fully invested in our future. Living in these promises, we can confidently let go of fear and insecurity. We can anticipate that when God intervenes in our lives, it will be for our benefit. And we can become God's partners in fulfilling these divine promises.

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Our Fascinating Faith

The Documents of Vatican II—Divine Revelation

The contemporary biblical scholarship that we now take for granted in homilies that we hear at every Mass received a big boost in the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (*Dei Verbum*). This document was promulgated on November 18, 1965 after it was approved by a vote of 2,344 to 6. *Dei Verbum* is the logical successor to Pope Pius XII's 1943 encyclical on the interpretation of the Bible. This Constitution starts by exploring the nature of divine revelation—how God reveals what God wants us to know. It calls this revelation the Word of God, and teaches that it comes to us from both sacred scripture and the sacred tradition of the Church. Every baptized Christian can understand the Word of God and apply it to their lives. But it is the special duty of the Church to teach authentic interpretation of this divine revelation, so that scripture, tradition, and the *magisterium* (teaching authority) of the Church are intimately linked. In the light of all this, the Church encourages diligent study of the scriptures, using the best means at our disposal, and in accordance with the mind of the Church. By these means, we will come to know more fully the living Word of God. In its final chapter, *Dei Verbum* proclaims that the sacred scripture and the Body of Christ are venerated with the same vigor; how we celebrate the Eucharist is the prime example of Word and Sacrament equally honored. Enthusiastic reception of this Constitution unleashed an unprecedented flood of Biblical literacy among the faithful.

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175th Anniversary Souvenir Book

The souvenir St. Patrick Church 175th Anniversary Gala Program is available for pickup in the parish office or the gift shop during normal business hours for everyone who sponsored an ad or made a donation at one of the Benefactor levels. Thanks to everyone who made the event a success.



The Assumption of the BVM

Saturday, August 15th, *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States. The Mass schedule here at St. Patrick will be the same as on a regular weekday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and 5:15 p.m.

Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners celebrating a birthday this week.

Phong Hoang	08/09	Joycelyn Espanol	08/12
Cecil Listana	08/09	Derek Pitre	08/12
Eden Achas	08/10	Alexander Kazakov	08/13
Manuel Plascensia	08/10	Fatima Mariano	08/14
Marina Zepa	08/10		

AAA Update (as of 28 July 2026)

2026 AAA Goal	\$43,252
Received	\$17,335
Amount Remaining	\$25,917
% of Goal	40%

St. Patrick Church Lifetime Donors

You can still make a donation by going to our parish website: www.stpatricksf.org. On our homepage scroll down and click Online Giving. Create an account if you don't have one. Once you have created an account, please choose the Lifetime Donor option. We are asking a Lifetime Donor to donate a minimum of \$20 a week or \$80 a month. Your privacy and financial information are safe with us. And we recommend that you use your credit card for an easier and faster transaction.

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The God Squad Catholic TV Mass



The God Squad Catholic TV Mass, aired every Sunday, provides inclusion for those who are homebound, hospitalized, incarcerated and/or unable to attend Sunday Mass. Monsignor Harry Schlitt began broadcasting the TV Mass in the late 1970s and it has been airing ever since. Please watch the TV Mass on Sunday mornings on the following stations:

In San Francisco

KTSF (CH 26) at 6:00 a.m.; KRON (CH 4) at 5:30 a.m.;

and in Sacramento

KTXL (Fox 40) at 5:30 a.m.

You may also view the Mass at any time by going to FatherHarry.org. You may also find the program beneficial to you, someone in your family, or a friend.

We need your participation and support to continue this valuable ministry.

The Presence of God

After the miracle of Jesus walking on water, the disciples exclaimed, "Truly, you are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:33). Most Christians will probably never experience such a dramatic miracle. Like Elijah, we await the manifestation of God in other moments. Perhaps the biggest challenge for the believer is to be constantly attuned to the possible presence of God in the everyday events of life. This is a stance that takes some people years to develop. Others seem to find the Lord easily in the simple things. As the week unfolds, let us look for the presence of God in the little things around us. Perhaps, like Elijah, we will be surprised at what we find. And, like the disciples, we can add our voice to the confession, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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Treasures From Our Tradition

In many church buildings constructed in the early twentieth century, there is a window or statue of Pope St. Pius X. Often, these windows were purchased with coins collected by grateful children, since in 1910 a decree admitted much younger children to First Communion. Before then, only teenagers were customarily confirmed and then admitted to the Eucharist. What we often think is ancient practice in fact sometimes has fairly shallow roots, in this case only ten decades. For centuries, Communion had marked the end of formal religious education, but a hundred years ago, Pius X located it at the point at which a child could express a desire for the sacrament and receive it with understanding. In 1917 a new code of canon law determined that age to be about seven, and this practice was observed almost everywhere until the beginning of the Second Vatican Council forty years ago.

In a growing number of dioceses, recent practice has restored the sacramental order that Pius X's generous decree upset, and increasingly confirmation is celebrated before First Communion. But the gift Pius gave to the children of the Roman Church remains firm: everywhere we admit children to the Lord's table. Where the traditional order has been restored, seven-year-old children are confirmed before First Communion.

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Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

~ Psalm 85:12

Mass Intentions for Aug 09 - 15

Date	Time	Intention
Sunday 09	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	FH Orlando Jr. Florendo Pelejo SI All Parishioners Of St. Patrick † Asuncion Nepomuceno BD Bobby Dedios
Monday 10	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marilyn & Lorenzo Sumulong SI Rosy Ordoveza SI Kenneth Kirby
Tuesday 11	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	BD Benny Cubangbang TG Luluday Villanueva SI Kenneth Kirby
Wednesday 12	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	BD August Isabel G. Delara SI Eleanor Lawsin SI Kenneth Kirby
Thursday 13	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Ryan, Alicia & Luna BD Eleanor Poon † Maria Julia Lopez
Friday 14	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Ryan, Alicia & Luna BD Sonie Pearson SI Kenneth Kirby
Saturday 15	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Ryan, Alicia & Luna † Anaclea Navasca SI Kenneth Kirby

Feast of Faith

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus: Song of Heaven

The words of the Sanctus are rooted in the scriptures. They recall the song of the seraphim in the prophet Isaiah's vision of God in majesty: "Seraphim were stationed above; each of them had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two they veiled their feet, and with two they hovered aloft. 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts!' they cried one to the other. 'All the earth is filled with his glory!'" (Isaiah 6:2-3). They recall the Gospel accounts of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9). Yet the liturgy adds something new to these ancient texts. The seraphim sang, "the earth is filled with his glory." But the liturgy proclaims, "heaven and earth are full of your glory." In the Eucharist, earth and heaven meet. For a moment in time, we join in the song that the angels sing for all time. The Sanctus raises us to heaven, but does not remove us from the earth. It is the song of the King who took on our human flesh so that we might share in his divine life.

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Living God's Word

Those moments arise for each of us when we come face to face with death or the possibility of real failure. Then it is no longer so easy or so enticing to step off the roller coaster platform, for suddenly the ride is no longer carefree or without risk. Yet through the risk, it is possible that life in God may be found.

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Religious Education Classes

The staff and catechists of St. Patrick Church are dedicated to helping your children grow in faith and be closer to God. As parents, you are the primary educators of your children and are their best teachers. Your children learn the most from the example you set when you pray together and actively participate in Mass and the sacraments as a family.

Our Religious Education Program is designed to assist you in the faith formation of your children. First-time students must provide a valid baptismal certificate. Classes begin on Saturday, September 12th and run through May. Class hours are from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Are You Someone or Do You Know Someone Who...

- ...has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- ...has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- ...was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is an opportunity for you to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights, and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact the parish office during normal business hours.

Treasures From Our Tradition

Over the last several weeks, the history of confirmation has been set out as a rite following baptism and preceding First Communion. Eucharist was a sacrament of spiritual maturity, attuned to the legal age of majority, which was considered to be fourteen years or so. Medieval bishops were often generous, if not especially pious, in seeing to it that children were confirmed before adulthood.

A pattern more familiar to us surfaced in the Diocese of Toulon in France in 1748, where it was decreed that "children are to be confirmed only after receiving First Communion." This was an amazing shift in practice that undermined centuries of theology and tradition by which confirmation was seen as a bridge between font and table. The innovation swept through France and across Europe, despite constant complaints from Rome. French-trained bishops like Cheverus of Boston and Carroll of Baltimore, founders of the American church, established the practice here. The order of the sacraments was thus disrupted in France and in the United States, and remained an eccentric exception to the rule until big developments in 1910.

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Catholic Prayer Corner

Night Prayer

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch,
or weep tonight,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ.

Rest your weary ones.
Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones.
Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones.
And all for your love's sake. Amen.

~ St. Augustine

LEGION OF MARY

— ST. PATRICK CHURCH —

JOIN THE LEGION OF MARY, OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL PRAESIDIUM

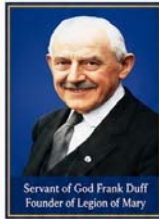


Meeting - Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in Bitanga Hall



The Legion Family Worldwide

- On all continents
- In over 170 countries
- 4 million active members
- 5 million auxiliary members



Servant of God Frank Duff
Founder of Legion of Mary
1889 - 1980



LEGION OF MARY'S HISTORY

The Legion of Mary was founded in Dublin, Ireland on the 7th of September in 1921. It is a lay Catholic organization giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis in almost every country.



LEGION OF MARY'S AIM

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's works.



LEGION OF MARY'S UNIT

The unit of a Legion of Mary is called a praesidium, which holds a weekly meeting where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussions. Persons who wish to join the Legion must apply for membership in a praesidium.



LEGION OF MARY'S ACTIVE WORKS

The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of everyone. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in homes and hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolate and missionary undertakings sponsored by the parish. The works are more of spiritual works of mercy.



LEGION OF MARY'S ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

This membership is open to all faithfully practicing Catholics. Members attend weekly meetings and engage in prayers and active works. Candidates under 18 years of age can be received in a Junior Praesidium.

"Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

— ST. CATHERINE LABOURÉ —

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) (1891-1942)

August 09

"Come," Edith gently whispered, taking her sister Rosa's hand, "let us go for our people!" These were Edith Stein's last words as the Nazis, enraged at the Dutch bishops' condemnation of their genocide, took into custody all Catholic converts from Judaism. Born Jewish, but non-practicing from her teens, Edith's search for truth led to a doctorate in philosophy, a brilliant career as professor and author and, finally, to the *Autobiography of Saint Teresa of Ávila*, which she read in one sitting, then declared, "That is the Truth!" Baptized on January 1, 1922, observed then as the feast of Jesus' initiation into the covenant of Abraham, confirmed on February 2, the feast of Jesus' Presentation in the Temple, Edith entered the cloistered Carmelites in Cologne, transferring to a convent in Holland when she realized that, because of the Nazi persecution of the Jews, her presence could imperil the safety of the other nuns. She died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz as a daughter of Israel and of the Church.

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A pure soul is like a fine pearl. As long as it is hidden in the shell at the bottom of the sea, no one thinks of admiring it. But if you bring it into the sunshine, this pearl will shine and attract all eyes. Thus, the pure soul which is hidden from the eyes of the world, will one day shine before the angels in the sunshine of eternity. ~ St. John Vianney



Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said, "Do to others whatever you would ...

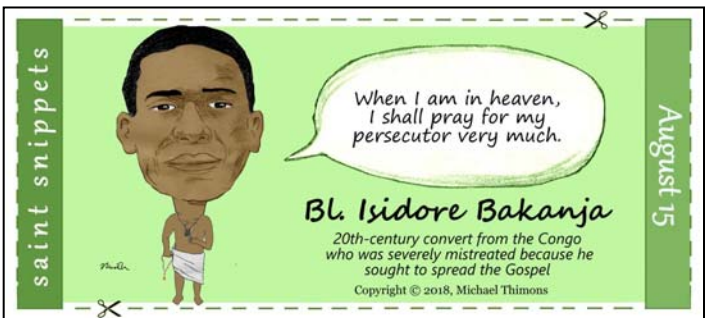
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Answer: *not have them do to you*

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Saint of the Week

St. Maximilian Kolbe (1894 ~ 1941)



This heroic Franciscan died at Auschwitz in Poland at the hands of the Nazis on August 14, 1941, and was canonized as a martyr by Pope John Paul II in 1982.

Born in the little town of Zdunska Wola in Poland and given the name Raymond at baptism, he entered the Conventual Franciscans in 1907 and received the name of Maximilian. He studied philosophy and theology in Rome and received academic degrees; he was ordained a priest in 1919. Because of his great devotion to the Blessed Virgin, he added the name Mary to Maximilian when he made solemn profession in 1914. He was convinced the Church was entering upon a Marian era and he founded the Militia on the Immaculate, whose members were called Knights of the Immaculate. He constructed an entire city which he called City of the Immaculate.

As a missionary in Japan he constructed a similar city near Nagasaki in 1930. When he returned to Poland in 1936 the Gestapo took over his City of the Immaculate and turned it into a concentration camp. Arrested in 1941, he was sentenced to the labor camp at Auschwitz. When, as a punishment for the escape of a prisoner, a group of nine prisoners were condemned to death, Maximilian voluntarily stepped forward and offered to take the place of a married man who had a family. He died of starvation on the eve of the feast of the Assumption at the age of 47. His body was cremated, together with the other eight corpses.

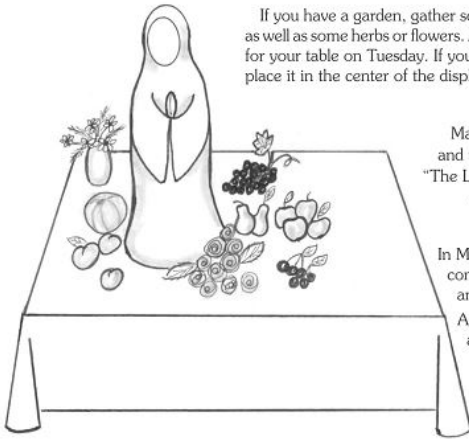
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CATHOLIC CORNER

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This August 15, the Church observes the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This holy day celebrates our belief that at the end of her life, God raised Mary, body and soul, to live with God in heaven forever. This belief was officially declared a dogma of the Catholic Church in 1950 by Pope Pius XII. It reminds us that our bodies are a gift from God and worthy of respect and honor.

We remember the Assumption at the height of the harvest season. Just as Mary was taken up to heaven as the fruit of Christ's promise of resurrection, we are surrounded by the bounty of the earth, the fruits and vegetables given to us by our Creator. As part of this celebration, many churches gather baskets of garden produce, herbs, and flowers to display during the Mass and then share that abundance with the poor.



If you have a garden, gather some of the food you've grown as well as some herbs or flowers. Arrange them as a centerpiece for your table on Tuesday. If your family has a statue of Mary, place it in the center of the display on your table.

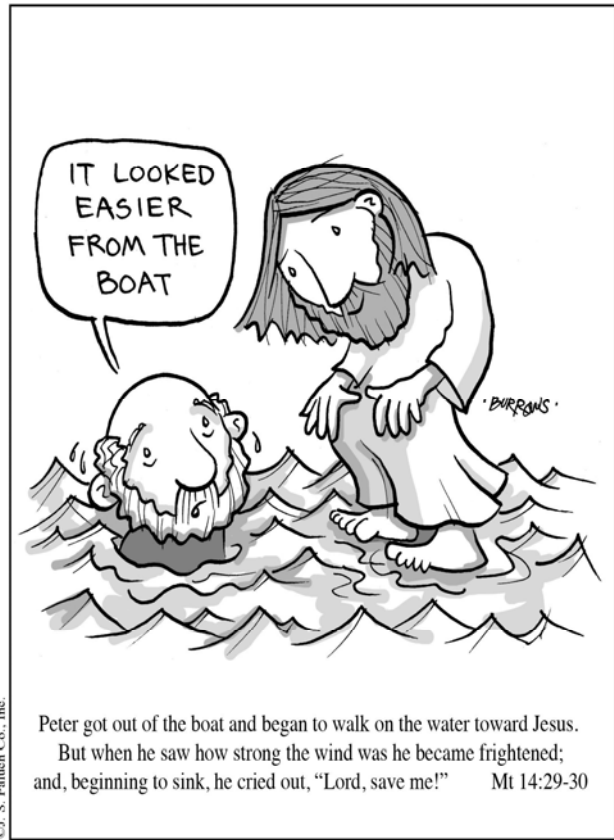
The Magnificat, Mary's prayer of praise and thanksgiving, declares, "The Lord has filled the hungry with good things" (Luke 1:53).

In Mary's name, think about contributing food to the hungry and homeless.

As you share the food at your table, pray that one day everyone will join Mary and Jesus in heaven, gathered around God's table forever.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Mt 14:29-30

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PETER SAID TO JESUS, "LORD, IF IT IS YOU, COMMAND ME TO COME TO YOU ON THE WATER."

MATTHEW 14:28

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Pastor Al™



"Locked out of my car, no spare tire, cell phone dead, and in between the thunder I can hear Job laughing."

CHRIS McDONOUGH

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

How do we encounter God in the midst of the trials and storms of our lives? Our readings help us reflect upon God's presence with us in difficult times. We hear of the prophet Elijah, who had just boldly demonstrated God's power, and is now terrified as he flees for his life, desperately seeking God's presence. We hear of Peter, after briefly walking on water during the storm, sinking fast as fear overwhelms him. At times our fears, sadness, or fatigue might severely test even our strongest desires to care for others and to serve God. Perhaps these are the moments when, as we encounter our weakness, we may open ourselves more deeply to God's strength. Often with difficulty, and perhaps over a lifetime, we can learn to depend on God, who always extends a loving hand toward us, especially during the storms of our lives.

A "Little" Faith

In Matthew's Gospel, Peter often serves as a representative of Jesus' other disciples, and of all who strive to follow Jesus. When Peter desires to imitate Jesus by walking on the water in the middle of the storm, maybe wishing to show how strong his faith is, he encounters his own limitations and his need to be rescued by Jesus. Jesus then says to Peter, with tenderness as well as with challenge, "O you of little faith." Jesus accepted the fragile and limited faith of Peter and the other disciples and loved them unconditionally.

The early church identified with Peter, as people with a "little" faith. Their faith was not fully mature, or as extraordinary as others' faith might seem to be. But they knew that their faith, however small or imperfect, was real and true. We might remember that our own "little" faith is cherished by God. God loves us as we are, and always seeks to form us toward a fully mature Christian life of faith.

Grounded in God's Faithfulness

Today's passage from Saint Paul's letter to the Roman begins an extended reflection, in Chapters 9–11, of Paul's coming to terms with the mixed but generally negative reception of his fellow Jews toward his proclamation of Christ. He was concerned for the Jewish people certainly, but also for the members of the early church, who were both Jew and Gentile. His primary concern was that their Christian faith should always be grounded in God's faithfulness. So Paul rejected any notion that God somehow had abandoned Israel or God's covenant with them.

As Catholic teaching confirms, especially in the Second Vatican Council, the Church shares with the Jewish people in the tradition of God's faithfulness. We are to acknowledge and repent of the Church's participation and complicity in the darkness of anti-Semitism, both in the past and today. We pray continually with and for the Jewish people as our sisters and brothers in faith.

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Bible Truth

Each person marvels to find in the divine scriptures truths which they themselves have thought out.

~ St. Thomas Aquinas

Sing

Alas for those who never sing, but die with their music within them.

~ Oliver Wendell

Frolicsome

Anyone who wishes to frolic with the devil cannot rejoice with Christ.

~ St. Peter

What's What

Today's passage from Matthew's Gospel is loaded with many symbols and details. Our familiarity with the tale of the calming of the sea and Peter's rescue may lull us into overlooking them, or we may simply be unfamiliar with their meaning. Here are things to note: Jesus makes the disciples get into the boat, so there is distance between him and them; the boat, in the Gospels, is always a code word for the church; Jesus goes up a mountain to pray, the place of closeness to God (also the place, in Matthew's Gospel, where Jesus teaches the Beatitudes); the wind and stormy seas can be conquered only by God, as chaos was conquered at creation; Jesus, in prayer to God, is able to know the trouble of his followers, his church, in the boat, even though he is separated from them by a great distance. Matthew packs all these details and symbols into a handful of sentences, yet they are all vital to our understanding of this passage and—more importantly—for our own growth in faith as a church.

Who's Who

Throughout the Gospels and all of the New Testament, Peter stands as an emblem for the whole church. He is a mixture of faith and fearfulness, expresses profound belief in yet also cruel denial of Christ. Peter is the saint and the sinner that every baptized member of the church is. Today he leaps forward in exuberant faith, but caves in to the tempest tossing him about. He musters enough faith to cry out his need for salvation, as we all must. And then Christ, who called him through the storm, identifies himself by saying (literally, in the Greek text), "I Am"—as God was revealed to Moses. Christ, divinely unfazed by the petty storms that terrify his church, always stands ready to reach out to those he has called when they cry for help. "Lord, save me!" was on Peter's lips that morning, as it has been on the lips of countless Christians throughout the centuries. And Christ still reaches out to us, his church being tossed about, to take us by the hand and reply, "Do not be afraid" (Matthew 14:27).

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It is I; do not be afraid.

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Our readings today drench us in God's kindness. The Old Testament reading, Paul's letter, and the Gospel demonstrate God's creative and personalized outreach to us. In each case, we see a different reaction to God's gestures. Elijah drinks in his consolation, recognizing God in gentle silence and going out to meet God. The Israelites, according to Saint Paul, though encountering God in a variety of ways through the centuries, ultimately reject the Messiah whom God sends to them. Peter thinks he recognizes the Lord coming to him on the water, but demands proof and grows frightened. At all times and in all places, God longs for us to believe and goes to great lengths to strengthen our faith. Ultimately, God never compels belief, but leaves us free to choose. Today's scriptures challenge us to consider our own response to God's constant work in our lives.

Embracing Diversity

Today's readings console and challenge us, reminding us just how hard God works for us so we might have faith. God's labors are infinitely diverse, too, always tailored to fit our particular situations, personalities, and needs. In Elijah's case, he is hiding in a cave on the very same mountain where Moses once encountered God in the burning bush. Hunted by the pagan Queen Jezebel, Elijah is running for his life. While Moses experienced God in fire on this mountain, Elijah requires a gentler touch. God comes to him not in awesome displays of power, but in a "tiny whispering sound." God provides exactly the tranquility Elijah needs before sending him off on a new mission.

God's creative care for us does not always lead to faith, however. In a strikingly tender passage, Saint Paul shares his heartbreak that God's chosen people could reject Jesus, even after all God has done to prepare them for the Messiah. God has accompanied the chosen people through adoption, miracles, covenants, commandments, prophets, and kings. Despite ages of dedicated and inventive caregiving, God's people do not unite in worship of the true Messiah. The proper response to this lack of faith is sorrow, and Saint Paul pours out the "constant anguish" in his heart.

In yet another astonishingly creative gesture, God visits people in need of faith by defying the laws of nature. Matthew's Gospel describes Jesus actually walking on water to comfort his disciples during a storm at sea. After their terror subsides and the winds grow calm, faith floods the disciples' hearts. They worship Jesus, proclaiming, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

To the Limit

Sometimes God's creative overtures are almost too much to handle. In a daring effort to trust, Peter challenges Jesus to share miraculous power with him. Jesus obliges, and Peter walks on water. Peter enjoys his miracle until his natural limitations spoil his faith. Just imagine what barriers we can shatter if only we believe.

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Angels

"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion."

~ St. Maximilian Kolbe

God's Image

Nature has perfections in order to show that she is the image of God, and defects to show that she is only God's image.

~ Blaise Pascal

Two Steps Forward...



Why did Jesus walk on water to the disciples in the boat? Did he want to scare them? No, his first words to them were "Do not be afraid." While they were being tossed by wind and waves, he showed them that he was not affected by the storm. If they had had faith, they might have realized that if Jesus was safe, they would be, too. We too must make that leap of faith, especially when we are afraid.

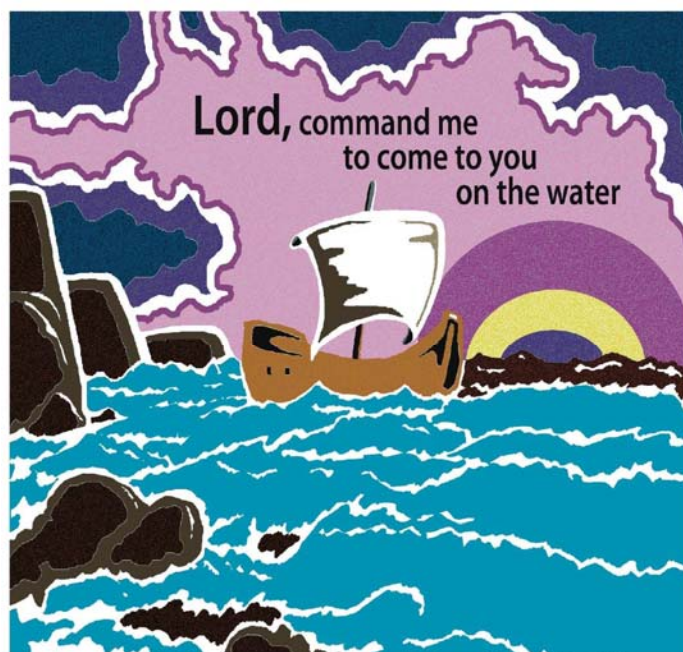
Peter seemed to be willing to take the leap as he stepped into the water. But when his attention was distracted by the strong winds, he began to falter. This is where we can apply the story to ourselves.

Our growth in faith is not a steady progression. For every two steps forward, we may take one step back. For example, we receive God's forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation and rejoice in God's loving mercy, but later we fall back into sin. We ask God's help in prayer and when our prayer is answered, our faith in God grows. Then we become ill or wreck the car, and think that God has abandoned us. But isn't that a natural reaction?

It is natural to doubt God in times of trouble, but we are choosing to live in the supernatural when we become followers of Christ. Like Peter, we need to keep our attention on the Lord. As long as Peter looked to Jesus, he could walk on water. Only when he focused on the wind did he lose his nerve and begin to sink.

In a similar way, we can lose our focus on the Lord. We see someone we love who is gravely sick. We make a serious mistake that gets us in trouble. We lose our job and have no leads to a new one. We are frightened by news of terrorist activity. These seem more real than faith in an invisible God. That is when we must remember that true faith allows us to believe when it doesn't seem to make sense. Faith tells us that though apparently invisible, God is more real than anything we can see. Remember Jesus on the cross saying, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" The Father never abandoned his Son and God will never abandon us.

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

After the miracle of Jesus' walking on water, the disciples exclaimed, "Truly, you are the Son of God." Most Christians will probably never experience such a dramatic miracle. Like Elijah, we await the manifestation of God in other moments. Perhaps the biggest challenge for the believer is to be constantly attuned to the possible presence of God in the everyday events of life. This is a stance that takes some people years to develop. Others seem to find the Lord easily in the simple things. As the week unfolds, let us look for the presence of God in the little things around us. Perhaps, like Elijah, we will be surprised at what we find. And, like the disciples, we can add our voice to the confession, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Belief and Doubt

Last week we heard the Gospel story of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Peter was present as thousands were miraculously fed. This week, we hear the story of Jesus walking on water. Peter doubts that it is the Lord and challenges him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." There is so much of Peter in each of us. One moment we witness a tremendous miracle and the very next moment we doubt the Lord! Our faith, like Peter's, often falters. We become frightened just as Peter did. When he began to sink, Peter cried out, "Lord, save me!" There are times when we feel as though we are sinking. We cry out and, inevitably, are lifted up out of our troubles by the hand of God. Notice the last line of today's Gospel. The disciples in the boat, after witnessing yet another miracle, say, "Truly, you are the Son of God." Yet within a very short time they will all desert the Lord, only to be embraced by him again after his resurrection. This Gospel, in a nutshell, describes the Christian life. We believe, then we doubt, believe, and doubt again. Remember, though, that the real miracle here is that God is ready to embrace us again and again.

Waiting for the Lord

It is not likely that Jesus will appear to us tomorrow walking on water. He does appear to us, however, in many different ways, as is underscored in the story from the first reading. Elijah expects to find the Lord in monumental events. Instead, the Lord appears in a tiny whispering sound. As believers we need to keep our ears tuned to the tiny whispering sounds of today. If we wait for God's presence to be manifested in momentous occasions, we just may miss the Lord in the tiny moments of life. As we move through another week on the journey of faith, let us be aware of God's presence in those we meet each day.

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Nothing to Fear

A rabbi was asked why God sends trials and troubles into human lives. "Because God gets lonely for his people" was the reply. There is some resonance with this wisdom in today's Gospel, as Jesus makes his disciples get into a boat without him and goes off alone while they venture into stormy waters. Of course, neither Jews nor Christians believe that the Almighty plays this sort of whimsical game with them, but there is some truth in the statement that we don't turn to God for saving help until we're in a bind. Peter's role today, as it is throughout the New Testament, is to be a sign or to represent each member of the church and the whole church. Our story is the tale told about Peter's faith today. What can bolster our faith is that even when Christ calls us to face bravely the tempests of life, if we are walking through them with our eyes fixed on him in faith, we have nothing to fear. Even when we falter or sink, simply crying "Lord, save me!" is enough to help us know the steady grasp of God's hand. Then, sheltered inside the walls of faith, the storms we endure lose their power over us.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

The Roman Canon, called Eucharistic Prayer I, is probably seldom heard in your parish. Some priests will choose it for at least one of the Masses of Christmas, or the Easter Vigil. Such sparing use of this prayer seems strange, especially since it was the only Eucharistic Prayer in the Latin Rite for many centuries, from as long ago as 500 right up to 1970.

In 1965, the vernacular language was approved for the canon of the Mass. Almost immediately, some experimental texts began to surface in the Netherlands, and priests began to use new Dutch texts without permission. By 1966, Pope Paul VI had set up a committee to consider whether or not it was time to approve such experimentation and extend it to non-Dutch churches. No sooner had the committee been formed than other individuals copied the Dutch by just plunging on ahead. The Dutch bishops had approved the use of the new prayers nationwide in 1968, and Flemish bishops in Belgium quickly agreed. By then, German translations of the Dutch prayers were in wide use, and before long nearly one hundred Eucharistic Prayers, all unapproved, were in circulation in France. The Vatican heard the widespread desire for more variety in Eucharistic Prayer forms, and, with the pope's approval, the process of creating new official prayers began.

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Living Stewardship Now

Make room for a silent time and place in your life for God to speak to your heart. Start slowly—say fifteen minutes twice a week, then increase to fifteen minutes once a day. Let nothing else intrude on this special time.

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Presence

It is difficult to be truly present to another. We speak of putting in an appearance or showing up. Even when we arrive, we are often distracted. We think ahead, or we review an unsettled past. Nonetheless, we are at our best when we truly show up. We are most fully ourselves when we are absorbed in something worthy of us: creative work, good conversation, prayer. In these instances we are wholly ourselves and wholly outside ourselves.

Elijah knew this kind of engagement. He was one of God's great prophets. In today's first reading, he follows God's command to journey to that most holy place, Mount Horeb. And there in great silence, Elijah encounters God.

As for Peter and the apostles, they discover the presence of God after the storm at sea. They and the sea and the winds are stunned into silent reverence.

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Reflecting on God's Word

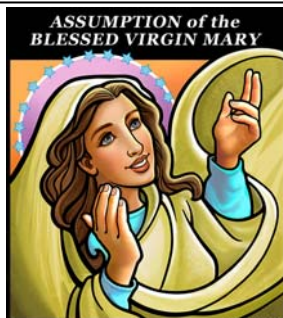
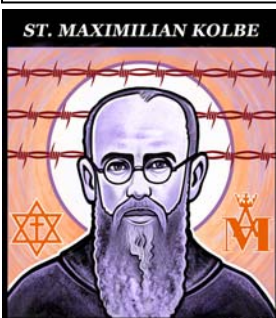
This Sunday's Gospel features Jesus picking his way to a boat of disciples through a storm of windy darkness over a sea of nighttime waves. At three in the morning, he finds them being tossed about in their own storm of windy fear. Then Peter, who always seems to say the right thing by saying the wrong thing at the right time, calls out across the tumult, "Lord, if it is really you, tell me to come to you across the water." So Jesus calls back and says, "Come."

That is when Peter must decide if he will step off the platform and into the roller coaster, or if he will play it safe. Amazingly, Peter decides not to play it safe but rather steps into the swirling storm of life. There he begins to sink and drown, but it's also there that he discovers God reaching out and grasping him. Had he played it safe and stayed in the boat, he might never have known God's saving hand. He also realizes that what Jesus came preaching was not an amusement park of fun and games but rather a kingdom where life is known only through great risk.

Such is the story of all of our lives when we must choose between a life of apparent security and the real life that is always revealed through risk and trust. Such choices may arise when we face the prospect of marriage counseling or first-time parenting or late-life parenting or job loss or spouse loss or health loss or even what may appear to be loss of faith. At these times, not to step out of the boat and into the swirling storm, not to risk all for the sake of all is to lose all. On the other hand, to step out, even though it be with great fear, is to meet our saving God.

~ Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

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**Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 09, 2026**

Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

— Psalm 85:1

Sound of Silence

Jennifer decided to go on her first retreat. She was exhausted from looking after three young children and her ailing mother-in-law; at the very least she would get some rest! The first few hours were spent unpacking, settling in, and getting acquainted. The retreat leader announced that after dinner and prayers, silence would begin and would be kept for the rest of the weekend. Jennifer happily complied and slept soundly until the morning bell. During breakfast, Jennifer felt uneasiness begin to rise in her. She was used to the noise of her children, her mother-in-law's endless conversations, her friends' cell phone calls, and the constant sound of the TV in the background. This silence was unnerving. By mid-afternoon Jennifer was almost panicking. She couldn't stand all the quietness; she would have to leave. Seeking out the retreat director, she blurted out her distress. He took her aside into a small sitting room and closed the door. "What are you running from, Jennifer?" he asked quietly. Without thinking about her reply, Jennifer said, "God." Her own answer startled her and she realized that she had let noise fill her days. There was no quiet for God's voice in her life. Jennifer began to relax and allowed the silence to envelop her for the rest of the weekend. As the retreat came to an end, she listened carefully to the stories of Elijah and Peter. Elijah heard God not in windstorm or earthquake, but in a tiny breeze. Peter heard Jesus invite him to walk on the sea, but wind and waves distracted Peter and he began to sink. Jennifer made two changes in her life. The TV was turned off except for certain programs, and she made time simply to be alone with God in weekly Eucharistic Adoration.

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What I Know

As for me, all I know is that I know nothing.

~ Socrates

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Peter said to Jesus,
"Lord, if it is you,
command me to come to you on the water."

Matthew 14:28

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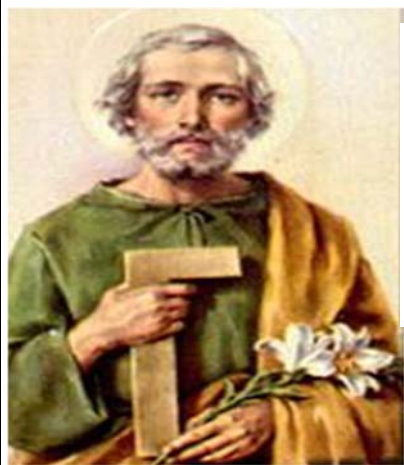
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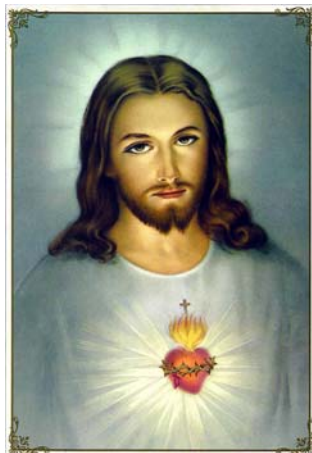
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The Graceful Chapter

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

3 He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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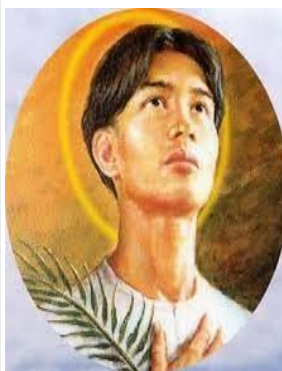


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