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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 13, 2017



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

MATTHEW 14:28

Storms of Life

First Reading

Elijah waits on the mountain for the LORD to pass by (1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a).

As noted in the reflection on the Second Reading from last Sunday (the 18th Sunday) from Romans 8, everything that God has made, however vast or naturally powerful, is only a creature before the God who is Creator of all. In this passage from 1 Kings, Elijah the prophet, who is fleeing from a threat of death by the wicked King Ahab and Queen Jezebel, and who is about to undertake a difficult mission to undermine their authority, is given a special vision to fortify him for the task. God demonstrates his transcendence and power by signs that resemble those shown to Israel at this same location (Horeb is also called Mt. Sinai) at the time of the Exodus: violent wind, earthquake, and fire. And then, with shocking irony, God communicates to Elijah, not in these signs of his power, but in a whisper.

In so doing, God is in effect saying to his prophet, "I who control the immense forces of nature am with you in littleness, in gentleness, in intimacy." Perhaps we should see in this Old Testament revelation of the majesty of God a sort of prophecy of the humble birth of the divine child at Bethlehem, of the baptism of the sinless One in the Jordan by John, or the mystery of Christ's self-offering like a lamb led to slaughter. As one theologian has put it, the more God humbles himself, the more he reveals who he is.



break is born of the fact that Israel had been the subject of a tre-

mendous series of divine favors: the patriarchs, promises, prophets, covenant adoption, the glory of her revealed law, and Temple worship. How could it be that at this critical juncture of salvation history, in which God fully reveals himself in the Messiah for whom Israel had longed—she would miss her "visitation"? (Luke 19:44). For Paul, and for us, this is a mystery, which is somehow part of God's plan for the salvation of the world, but a great sorrow as well. St. Peter on Pentecost says that it was ignorance on their part that made them fail to see who Jesus was (see Acts 2:14-36). But many more refuse, even after the Resurrection, to recognize in Jesus the fulfillment of the very promises in which they hoped. Paul himself had been one of those who could not see this truth, and had been taken directly in hand by God

Second Reading

From the Israelites, with their law and the prophets, comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5).

This passage is the beginning of a larger reflection by St. Paul on the mystery of Israel's failure to recognize its own Messiah, other parts of which we will see in the Sundays that follow. Paul expresses his compassion for his own Jewish people, "only a remnant" of which have accepted Jesus (Romans 9:27). Paul's heart-

so that he could serve the mission to the Gentiles. And so his sorrow is likely over the fact that the rest of Israel has not received a similar grace and, again, the reason for that will only be known when Israel finally does come to see in Jesus her Messiah.

Gospel Reading

As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified (Matthew 14:22-33).

In this Gospel text we can see a reflection of the themes from the First Reading. Elijah had just received a miraculous meal (1 Kings 19:5-8) before beholding his vision of the power and gentleness of God on the mountain. In Matthew 14, the feeding of the five thousand precedes Jesus's retreat to the mountain to commune with his Father, and then he comes down and demonstrates his divine power by walking upon a storm-tossed sea.

Peter is cast in a role like Elijah, who is a man of remarkable faith, capable of prophesying boldly to kings, and yet who fears for his life. Peter, too, is bold enough to be the only one who invites Jesus to call him out on to the turbulent waters and yet who doubts when he sees just how stormy that sea is. We, too, are people of faith who still fear and second-guess our earlier commitments to God. Sometimes our faith, expansive and even heroic at the outset, turns to "little faith" when the struggles begin. Peter supplies an iconic response for all of us, crying out to the Lord for help when his faith turns from heroic to "little." Note that Jesus immediately responds, taking Peter's hand. He will always do the same for us.

Grow in Discipleship

Have you ever been in a storm at sea? If you have, you know how terrifying it can be. Now imagine being in a storm in a small wooden boat...and not knowing how to swim! (It's been suggested that most fishermen in Jesus's time didn't know how to swim.) This is the scene we have in today's Gospel.

Jesus has just performed the miracle of the feeding the 5,000 and has sent his disciples ahead of him, saying he will meet them on the other side of the Sea of Galilee. It's the darkest time of night and the wind is against the boat. As any sailor will tell you, that's when a boat is most likely to capsize. In the darkness, the disciples see Jesus coming toward them, walking on the water. They cry out in fear and Jesus responds, "Take courage. It is I." In doing so, he utters the Divine Name, indicating that he is more than a teacher or miracle worker; he is God.

Peter isn't sure that this is really Jesus so he asks the figure to command

him to come. Jesus obliges with a single word: Come. Now this is where the story gets really interesting. As long as Peter keeps his eyes fixed on Jesus, he is fine. The minute he notices that he is walking on water in the middle of a raging storm, he sinks. After crying out for help, he is rescued by Jesus, who calms the storms and comforts the disciples.

Peter's lesson is our lesson, too. We need to trust Jesus, not only in the good times, but also when the storms of life batter us. Would that we could know his presence in our lives, in our dark days, our bright days—and every day.

Watch the short Opening the Word video reflection by Patrick Coffin on FORMED.org

Discussion

When the Apostles first saw Jesus, they were terrified and cried out in fear. What is the significance of Jesus's response to them, according to the video?

At what point does Jesus rescue Peter?

Why does he wait when he can see that Peter is drowning?

DIGGING DEEPER: Bible Time

In Jesus's time, the twenty-four hour day was arranged into four parts called watches. First watch was sunset to 9 pm. Second watch was 9 pm to midnight. Third watch was midnight to 3 am. Fourth watch was 3 am to sunrise. In addition, the daylight hours were divided into four "hours." First hour was sunrise to 9 am. Third hour was 9 am to noon. Sixth hour was noon to 3 pm. Ninth hour was 3 pm to sunset.

Jesus was crucified in the third hour (Mark 15:25) and gave up his spirit in the ninth hour (Matthew 27:46-50). The Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and Mary in the third hour (Acts 2:15).

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

The Bible and the Virgin Mary

Episode 11: The Assumption

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Just in time for the Solemnity of the Assumption on August 15, this beautiful and awe-inspiring Bible study from the St. Paul Center will make Marian doctrine and devotion come alive in a powerful, new way!



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Mass Intentions

Saturday 8/12

- 8:30am Ramiro Resendiz †
Hector & Sofia Hernandez †
5:00pm Dorothy Cavalli †
Zenaida G & Oscar Mangabet
7:00pm Serafino Alba
Charlotte & Walter †
Mass for Our Parish

Sunday 8/13

- 6:45am Thomas Heise †
8:00am Melanie Maher †
9:30am Ralph Melendez †
Concepcion Duenas
11:00am Antony Pham Van Hoi †
12:30pm Souls in Purgatory †
6:00pm Betty Hamstrong †

Monday 8/14

- 8:30am Erik Forstreuter
Fernando Castro †
The Traczynski Family †
6:00pm The Mendez Family
7:30pm Alan & Paula †

Tuesday 8/15

- 8:30am Siegried Forspreveer
Priscillano Lacaba †
6:00pm Dolores Wiez †
7:30pm Sofia Hernandez †

Wednesday 8/16

- 8:30am Thomas McVey
Audrey Snyder †
Gary Kubicki †
7:00pm Sergio Soto Valencia

Thursday 8/17

- 8:30am Souls in Purgatory
Ralph Melendez †
Fr Jeremy Leatherby
Betty Taylor †

Friday 8/18

- 8:30am The Families of 9/11
Lafica Fernandes
Souls in Purgatory
Magna Flouta †

Prayers & Devotion



Prayer

Imagine you are with the disciples seated, or perhaps fearfully lying in the stern of the boat. You see a ghostly image coming toward you and at first you are not sure who it is. Suddenly you realize it is Jesus when he says, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Jesus then bids you, like he did Peter, to come out onto the water and walk with him. What would you do? How would you feel about leaving the boat? Would you take Jesus up on the invitation?

Resolution

Prayerfully consider how Jesus may be wanting you to "get out of the boat" and give up control by entrusting something in your life to him. Ask Jesus to help you surrender that to him with confidence, remembering what he told the Apostles: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

Parish Prayer Requests

Prayers of thanksgiving for Shirley Garcia on her 90th birthday and for Phil & Andrea McCarthy on their 46th wedding anniversary.

Yunuen Guadalupe Garcia, age 15, daughter of Knight of Columbus, Ricardo Garcia, who is recovering from brain surgery.

For the repose of the souls of Mary Vinh Thi Dinh and Paul Harrison.

*Please send your prayer requests to
Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com*

News & Announcements

Congratulations to Joe, Andrew and Blanca!

Several RCIA candidates will be completing their sacraments of Christian Initiation at the 5:00 pm Mass this weekend. **Joe Lane** will make a Profession of Faith and be received into the Catholic Church. **Andrew Romero** and **Blanca Calderon** will join him in receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and first Holy Communion. We rejoice for these signs of God at work in our midst! We ask God's blessing on these candidates as they go forth to live their lives as fully-initiated disciples of Christ.

If you are an adult who is desiring the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, we are here to help! Contact Marjorie at 925-447-2925 or email at RCIA@StMichaelLivermore.com



St Michael Teens had a BLAST

...at the Stuebenville NorCal Catholic Youth Conference! They had profound experiences in Eucharistic Adoration, attended workshops on deepening their prayer life and so much more. Continue to pray for our teens!

All teens are invited to join LifeTeen! Come to Mass on Sundays at 6:00 pm, then meet in the Convent after. Contact Joseph at Youth@StMichaelLivermore.com

Sunday, August 27 at the 9:30 am is our "Family Mass"

St Michael School students are asked to attend in uniform. All Faith Formation families, and families with young children are invited. Watch for the upcoming monthly family masses, and tell your friends!

Collection Report

Thank you for your generous financial gifts. Because of you, we can continue to celebrate the sacraments, grow disciples and bring Christ to people.

8/13 Collection	\$19,910.11
Month to Date	\$19,910.11
Monthly Goal	\$86,274.51
Percentage	23%
Maintenance	\$6,441.43

\$500 Needed to Serve Dinner to the Needy

For the 10th year, St Michael parishioners will prepare and serve dinner for very low income and homeless seniors at St Mary's Center in Oakland on 8/27. We lovingly prepare a delicious home-cooked meal, serve it with joy and care and provide extra for St Mary's Center's daily mission. Can you help contribute toward the grocery cost? Our goal is \$500. A gift of any amount is appreciated. Contact Lisa Malone at 925-455-0508.

Volunteer Sign Ups After Mass

Don't miss this opportunity to get involved in making the Fall Festival a huge success!

- Would your ministry or group like to sponsor a booth?
- Did you get your raffle tickets in the mail?
- Is September 30 and October 1 saved on your calendar?

Got more questions?
Festival@StMichaelLivermore.com

This Week

MONDAY, AUG 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Readings: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

Suggestion:

Watch the movie *Life for Life: Maximilian Kolbe* on FORMED.org

TUESDAY, AUG 15

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings:

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 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

WEDNESDAY, AUG 16

St. Stephen of Hungary

Readings: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

Events:

Confession at 2:30 pm in the Convent

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena at 6:00 pm in the Chapel

THURSDAY, AUG 17

Readings: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21 -- 19:1

Events:

**Celebration of Our Lady of Help/
Festa de Nossa Senhora da**

Ajuda: Rosary at 7:30 pm at a private residence in Pleasanton. Email ideslp@outlook.com for address.

FRIDAY, AUG 18

Readings: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12

Events:

**Celebration of Our Lady of Help/
Festa de Nossa Senhora da**

Ajuda: Rosary at 7:30 pm at a private residence in Pleasanton. Email ideslp@outlook.com for address.

SATURDAY, AUG 19

St. John Eudes

Readings: os 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15

Events:

Dress-a-Girl at Trinity Lutheran, Pleasanton.

Live Christ Share in the Convent

SUNDAY, AUG 20

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Events:

**Celebration of Our Lady of Help/
Festa de Nossa Senhora da**

Ajuda: After the 11 am Mass, join the procession to St Michael's schoolyard, accompanied by the Portuguese marching band, Recreio do Emigrante Português. Chicken lunch for sale. Concert following lunch. Sponsored by IDES Livermore & Pleasanton



Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass on Monday, August 14
6:00 pm in English and 7:30 pm Spanish

Mass on Tuesday, August 15
8:30 am and 6 pm in English, 7:30 pm in Spanish

Upcoming

Open Heart Kitchen Wed, August 30

St. Michael's Parish provides volunteers every 5th Wednesday at Open Heart Kitchen, Tri Valley's free hot meal service for those in need. Volunteers prepare the food on site as directed by the Open Heart Kitchen staff, set tables, serve the food, organize donated items and clean up afterwards. There are two shifts: 9:30 am-11:45 am and 11:45 am-2:00 pm.

To volunteer, contact Diane Schord at 925-447-4344 or dhschord@sbcglobal.net

Confirmation Preparation Classes for Adults Wed, September 6

If you are an adult who is baptized Catholic and who has received first Holy Communion but have never been confirmed, NOW IS YOUR CHANCE to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation!

Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:30 pm in the Convent.

Marjorie Melendez 925-447-2925
RCIA@stmichaellivermore.com

Train to Become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Have you thought about what it would be like to bring Our Lord present in the Eucharist to the assembly at Mass? Prayerfully consider training to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

You need attend only one day/time. Either Tuesday, October 3 after 8:30 am mass until about 10:30 am **OR** Tuesday , October 17 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

Please RSVP to Debbie Pizzato at Liturgy@StMichaelLivermore.com or call 925 667-4095.

Grow Disciples!

Teen Confirmation

Classes for Teens will be on Mondays at 6:00—8:00 pm starting September 18, or Sundays at 2:00-4:00 pm starting September 24th.

Register by August 21

Faith Formation & First Communion

Classes in English will be on Wednesdays at 4:00-5:30 pm **or 6:00-7:30 pm**, beginning October 4th. Classes in Spanish will be on Fridays at 5:00-6:30 pm, beginning October 6th.

Register by September 6

Middle School Youth Ministry

Meeting on Thursday evenings 6:00 pm-8:00 pm, starting October 5.

No need to register, just drop in!

LifeTeen High School Ministry

Join us at the 6:00 pm Mass on Sundays and gather in the Convent after! We meet throughout the year, and all teens are welcome to join us at any time.

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Episodio 11: La Asunción

Esta sesión está repleta de todo tipo de material importante. Vamos a examinar el dogma de la Asunción de María, así como las muchas facetas de la identidad de la mujer en la visión del apóstol Juan en Apocalipsis 12. Vamos también a aprender cómo la visión de Juan en Apocalipsis es el cumplimiento dramático de la promesa que Dios hizo en el Jardín del Edén: el 'primer evangelio'.

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Solemnidad de Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María Día sagrado de obligación

Misa de la vigilia el lunes, 14 de agosto
6:00 pm en inglés y 7:30 pm en español

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Lunes: San Maximiliano Kolbe

Martes: La Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María

Miércoles: San Esteban de Hungría

Sábado: San Juan Eudes; Santa María Virgen

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- Sal afuera y ponte de pie en el cerro ante el Señor (1 Reyes 19:9a, 11-13a).

Salmo -- Señor, muéstranos tu bondad, y danos tu salvación (Salmo 85 [84]).

Segunda lectura -- Cristo es uno de los israelitas, quien como Dios, está por encima de todo (Romanos 9:1-5).

Evangelio -- Señor, si eres tú, manda que yo llegue hasta ti caminando sobre el agua (Mateo 14:22-33).

La matriculación ya está disponible

Formación de fe grados 1-5

**Ministerio de la juventud de secundaria
confirmación de adolescentes**

Grados 1-5: Clases en inglés serán miércoles 4:00-5:30 o 6:00-7:30, comenzando el 4 de Octubre. Clases en Español serán los viernes de 5:00-6:30, empezar el 6 de Octubre. Fecha límite para inscribirse es el 6 de Septiembre.

Confirmación de adolescentes: clases serán los Lunes a 6:00 – 8:00 comenzando 18 de Septiembre o los Domingos comenzando el 24 de Septiembre. 2:00-4:00, Fecha límite es para inscribirse es el 21 de Agosto (segundo año los estudiantes están inscritos automáticamente en el programa y no necesita registrarse de nuevo.)

Ministerio de la escuela

media: 6-8 º grado secundaria borde Ministerio de la juventud reunirá el Jueves a las 6:30-8:00, a partir del 5 de Octubre. No hay plazos, sólo caer registrarse!

Formularios de inscripción en la oficina de formación de fe, oficina de la iglesia o descargar en StMichaelLivermore.com/FaithFormation

Tienes preguntas? Comunicarse con Lourdes en el 925-667-4096 Faith@StMichaelLivermore.com



Inscripciones voluntarias después de la misa de cada Domingo de agosto!

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- ¿Recibió sus boletos de rifa por correo?
- ¿Registro el 30 de septiembre y el 1 de octubre en su calendario?

¿Tiene más preguntas? Festival@StMichaelLivermore.com

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septiembre de 11-21:30 y el domingo 1 de octubre de 10-16:00.

¿Desea ayudar en el Festival de otoño de este año para que sea un éxito rotundo? Puede patrocinar un stand, ofrecerse como voluntario, donar a la



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5:00 pm (English), 7:00 pm (español)

Sunday | Domingo

6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am,
12:30 pm (español), 6:00 pm

Sign Language | Lenguaje por Señas

1st Sun, 11:00 am
Primer domingo a las 11:00 am

Vietnamese | Vietnamita

4th Sun, 3:30 pm
Cuarto domingo a las 3:30 pm

Confession | Confesión

Saturday, in the church | Sábado en la iglesia

9:00 am & 3:45 pm in English
6:15 pm en español

1st & 3rd Wed in the Convent Chapel,
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Anointing of the Sick | Unción de los Enfermos

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