

August 10, 2008

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday



What does it take to get our attention?

SHUTTERSTOCK

Major movements of fire, wind, and earth do get us thinking. It is in the face of natural disasters that we ask the big questions. Fire destroys a home. *Why is this happening?* An earthquake takes dozens of lives. *Where is God?* We ask questions of fellow human beings too: *Who will help us? Can you help?* We may ask more troubling ones: *Why didn't more people help here?*

How often do we face questions from yet another angle? When we're safe and we see and hear about troubled places and troubled people, what should we do? Some folks do go to these places to help. The tough questions may be how and why did they help?

Are they extraordinary people? How did they know to go there? How did they have the time to go?

Did they have the Spirit in Jesus, who could calm things down? Were they like Jesus, who could walk on the waves? Were they like Peter? Which Peter? The impetuous disciple who stepped out of the boat? Or the surprised, scared Peter who looked down and sank? Was Peter aware of what he risked? What do we fear more, going or not going? Do we fear walking on the waves? Sinking if we get out too deep?

God knew Elijah would be impressed by the noise and drama of rocks crushing and winds destroying everything in his path. Who can say why God's movements ever cause destruction?

Still, it was not, and is not, in the noise and chaos that God's voice comes to would-be prophets. God comes to the heart. That place, as Paul says, may be where great sorrow and constant anguish are. But it is a place where both God's voice and human voices are understood, where both God and humans are moved to heal.

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Today's Readings

1 Kgs 19:9a,

11-13a

Rom 9:1-5

Mt 14:22-33

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Noon to 12:30 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses are held at the Church on Bethel Road unless otherwise noted

Saturday 6:00 PM ♦ Confessions Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM (English) ♦ 12:30 PM (Spanish)

Holy Days 7:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Daily Mass 8:45 AM

WELCOME NEW FAMILIES AND VISITORS

Please complete a registration card at the Welcome Table in the church foyer and return it at your earliest convenience. Thank You!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	August 9	6:00 PM	Violeta Cruz, RIP	<i>Memorial of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin and martyr</i>
Sunday	August 10	8:00 AM	Enrique Loaldi, RIP	<i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		10:45 AM	Sharmayne Bierschenk	<i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		12:30 PM	La Comunidad	<i>19° Domingo Ordinario</i>
Monday	August 11	8:45 AM	Sharmayne Bierschenk	<i>Memorial of St. Clare, virgin</i>
Tuesday	August 12	8:45 AM	Communion Service	<i>Weekday</i>
Wednesday	August 13	8:45 AM	Dolores Mees, RIP	<i>Memorial of St. Pontian, pope and martyr, and St. Hippolytus, priest and martyr</i>
Thursday	August 14	8:45 AM	Richard Nadler, RIP	<i>Memorial of St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest and martyr</i>
Friday	August 15	7:00 AM	Community	<i>Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
		7:00 PM	Guillermo Torres, RIP.	
Saturday	August 16	6:00 PM	J. W. Wright & Deceased Members of K.O.C.	<i>Memorial of St. Stephen of Hungary</i>
Sunday	August 17	8:00 AM	Violeta Cruz, RIP	<i>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		10:45 AM	In Thanksgiving	<i>20h Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		12:30 PM	La Comunidad	<i>20° Domingo Ordinario</i>

Marriage – six months notice required – please see Fr. Casey. **Aviso para el Matrimonio** – seis meses es necesaria

Baptism Instruction—English (1st Thursday of each month); Spanish (1st Monday of each month)

Quinceañera – three month notice required – girl must be attending CCD and Mass *regularly* – please see Fr. Casey

Prayer Chain Coordinators—Ann Allen (817-594-8637) Bette Binzer (817-599-0454) LaVerne Cardwell (817-594-3805)

Weekly Visitation of the Sick & Shut-Ins. Contact the church office to be on the schedule.

Census Information—Please notify the church office if you are new to our Parish, have a change of address or phone number, or move to another Parish.

Bulletin Notices are to be written or typed and in the office at least one week prior to event – notices may be e-mailed – deadline

**August 2nd & 3rd
REGULAR
COLLECTION
\$12,084.00
SECOND COLLECTION
Land Purchase
\$2,096.00**

Flowers for the Altar this Weekend

Are a Gift from

Lawrence & Barbara Bierschenk

In Honor of Sharmayne Bierschenk's Birthday

And

Ruiz, Reyes, McCreery-Rivera Family

In Honor of Lydia Ruiz's Birthday



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, August 15

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass at 7 AM & 7 PM

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus is with us to help us do what may seem impossible.

Have faith that you will not sink. Listen for his voice of encouragement.

(Matthew 14:22-33)

19° Domingo Ordinario

No teman. Ten fe y confía en la llamada del Señor. Considera el sacerdocio o la vida religiosa

(Mateo 14:22-23)

Next weekend, Fr. Ed Schoellmann, a Maryknoll missionary priest will speak at all Masses. He will share his experience serving missions of Africa and Russia. You will be invited to participate spiritually and financially in the Church's mission that brings the Good News of Jesus to all people. You may enroll in the Maryknoll Society and receive their monthly magazine.

THANK YOU. The family of James Casey Stephens wishes to express their sincere gratitude for your prayers and support during our time of sorrow. A special thank you to the funeral committee for preparing and serving the family meal.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION continues this weekend after all masses. Those registering for **FIRST COMMUNION** class (2nd grade), a copy of your child's **BAPTISMAL** certificate is **REQUIRED**. Those registering for **CONFIRMATION** class (10th grade) copies of your child's **BAPTISMAL** and **FIRST COMMUNION** certificates are **REQUIRED**. Please have these copies when registering. Classes will start on Sunday, September 7, 2008. Any questions, please contact Jeanette Houle at doschicas@att.net or 817-613-8008.

Registracion para la drotina sera este Domingo despues de la Míssa.

CALL FOR CATECHISTS! The following Catechist positions are available for the 2008-09 Religious Education School Year. Training is available. **5th grade - 1 position; 6th grade - 1 position; Children's Gospel—adult needed for the 8 AM and 10:45 AM Mass.** Any questions, please contact Jeanette Houle at doschicas@att.net or call 817-613-8008.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES. St. Stephen is still collecting school supplies that will be made available to our parishioners. These items can be left in the church foyer in the pantry basket or brought to the church office. If you have questions, please call the office at 817-596-9585:

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, come join us Monday, August 18, 7 PM, in the Family Center. Catholicism is a way of life. Becoming Catholic is a journey in faith. The Catholic Church has a process for initiating adults into the Catholic Church. The process is called the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)*. This ritual includes a four-stage journey. **First Stage: Pre-Catechumenate.** (*This stage is a time of inquiry, not of commitment.*) There are other options available if this does not meet your needs. Catholics who wish to renew their faith are also welcome. Call the church office at 817-596-9585 for more information.

ANNULMENTS. If you are divorced and need a church annulment, please contact the church office at 817-596-9585.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. On Saturday, **August the 16**, at the 6PM Mass the Knights of Columbus will honor the memory of our deceased Brother Knights of Council 7264. We will be adding the following names to our Memorial Plaque. J.W. WRIGHT, JOE JUNGMAN, ERNESTO DURAN, JOHN STYRSKY, JAMES ADOCHIO, JOHN MARAK, EDWARD DUGAN. We would be honored by the attendance of the families of our Council's deceased brothers at this celebration. A hamburger supper for the families will follow. **Please RVSP to Chuck Schabow 817 599 6644 or Jesse Chavez 817 596 2881.**

CENTER OF HOPE. St. Stephen will be serving at the Center of Hope **September 2, 3, and 4**. Please help us assist those in need by donating food or serving. Sign-up sheets will be available after all Masses in the church foyer. *Please do your part! God Bless and Thank you.* For information call Norma Gonzales at 817-596-4876.

MONTSERRAT LADIES RETREAT SEPTEMBER 11-14: Come away and pray on the shores of beautiful Lake Lewisville in a women's retreat. Take time to reflect on God's love for you. Treasure the silence to talk and listen directly to our Lord and Creator. Call Helen Taaffe at 817-594-6697 or Carole Malugani at 817-594-4252 to register, or call Montserrat directly at 940-321-6020 to register by phone. It is also possible to register online at www.montserratretreat.org anytime day or night.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Oficina Para El Ministerio Hispano Les Invita A Escuchar El Testimonio De Joel Rodriguez El Sabado 23 Agosto—Lugar

**Catholic Center, Diocese of Fort Worth
800 W. Loop 820 S, Fort Worth, TX
De 8:30 AM—4:00 PM**

\$15.00—Comida y Material

Para Mas Informacion—Andaes Aranda 817-560-3300

Young Adult Council Meeting—Volunteers Needed! God has given each of us unique qualities, gifts, and talents that enrich our lives; yet, little is asked of us in return. Find out how you can volunteer your gifts to His ministry by attending the next Young Adult Council Meeting on Thursday, August 14, 6—9 PM at the Catholic Renewal Center (next to Nolan Catholic High School). The goal of this meeting is to begin the discernment process for new positions on the council. The Young Adult Ministry needs you!

Making the Connection. A Two-Weekend Formational Program in Ministry with Young Adults; **Part 1:** August 16-17 (8:30 a.m.) with Joan Weber; **Location:** The Catholic Renewal Center; **Schedule:** 9 AM—5 PM Saturday (lunch Noon); 9 AM—3 PM Sunday (lunch Noon). Contact Kevin Prevou at 817-560-2452, ext. 261 kprevou@fwdioc.org.

Celebration of the Diocesan 40th Anniversary. The Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth will begin a year of spiritual renewal to commemorate its 40th Anniversary. The observance will **begin on Sunday, August 9, 2009**, with a diocesan Mass at the Fort Worth Convention Center and will **conclude on Monday, August 9, 2010**, with Evening Prayer at St. Patrick Cathedral. Details on activities throughout the anniversary year will be announced later.

YOUTH GROUP. All youth ages 13 and above are invited to participate in the **Youth Music Ministry**. Any questions contact Anthony Lucia at 940-859-1449 or Jeanette Houle at doschicas@att.net. **The Divine Mercy Chaplet** will continue on **Wednesday, August 13, 3 PM in the Church**. Any questions, please contact Jeanette Houle at doschicas@att.net.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(All activities held at Bethel Road)

Monday, August 11

7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #72

Tuesday, August 12

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (Rm. 1 & 2)

7:15 PM Knights of Columbus

7:30 PM Rosary to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday, August 13

11:30 AM Lunch Bunch (Mesquite Pit on Fort Worth Hwy.)

3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

6:30 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, August 14

10:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00 AM Quilting Group (Pro Shop)

7:00 PM Grief Group

7:00 PM Grupo de Oracion

Friday, August 15

7:00 AM Solemnity of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, August 16

7:00 PM Cursillistas Ultreya (Spanish))

Dear Padre

Why do United States bishops favor immigration reform?

Q Catholic bishops were very active in pushing comprehensive immigration reform. Many Catholics disagree with this policy. Why are the bishops in favor of it?

Perplexed

Dear Perplexed,

Our bishops' challenge is like the prophets', who preached not a few unpopular messages.

On January 22, 2003, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Catholic Bishops of Mexico jointly published a pastoral letter called "Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope." In it, the bishops pledge "to defend the migrant [and] to support the creation of the necessary conditions so that all may enjoy the fruit of their work and life in their homeland, if they so wish."

The Bible tells us strangers are to be respected and

helped (Deuteronomy 10:19, Psalm 146:9, Matthew 25:38, Romans 12:13). Pope Benedict also speaks of his concern for immigrants, especially the young, who are so often exploited. European, African (largely forced), Asian, and Hispanic immigrants have contributed so much to the greatness of the United States.

In Chicago, a daily rosary is prayed for this important issue. We would do well to join them in that prayer.

Donnell Kirchner, C.Ss.R.



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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August 11 <i>Saint Clare, virgin</i> Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c Mt 17:22-27	August 12 <i>Weekday</i> Ez 2:8-3:4 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14	August 13 <i>Weekday</i> Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 Mt 18:15-20	August 14 <i>Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest and martyr</i> Ez 12:1-12 Mt 18:21-19:1	August 15 <i>Assumption of Mary</i> Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2 1 Cor 15:54b-57 Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56	August 16 <i>Weekday</i> Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32 Mt 19:13-15	August 17 <i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 56:1, 6-7 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28