

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST
8
2021

The bread that I will give is my
flesh for the life of the world.

John 6:51

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On the greatest feasts and solemnities of the Church's liturgical year, the three readings are chosen to all apply to the theme or the event being celebrated. During Ordinary Time, however, only the Jewish scriptures/Old Testament selections are chosen to go with the Gospel. The second reading makes its way independently through the New Testament letters and often appears to have a very different message.

Today's readings, however, present us with that happy coincidence of a Sunday in Ordinary Time in which all three readings are very much closely connected—a connection that we might describe as God's generosity in nurturing the people so that they can in turn "nourish" each other by their acts of service and charity.

SERVE EACH OTHER

In John's Gospel, Jesus insists over and over that he is the bread of life; when he sees that some of his listeners find this hard to believe, he insists on it even more strongly. Note that

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centuries before the Christians celebrate Jesus as the Bread of Life in the Eucharist, the psalmist sings, "Taste and see how good the Lord is!"

John's Gospel contains no blessing of the Bread and Cup that the Church uses to consecrate the bread and wine. What John does have is Jesus washing the feet of the disciples and commanding them to wash each other's feet, which is to say, to serve each other without regard to station or rank. He also gives a long, prayerful discourse in which he gives the "new commandment" to love one another. Receiving Holy Communion is much more than a "me and Jesus" moment, although that is undoubtedly a precious encounter. Ultimately, our reception of the Bread of Life attains its fullness only in our mutual love and service in our communities and beyond.

God fed Elisha to strengthen him on his journey. God fed the Israelites with manna on their journey in the wilderness. Today, we receive from God the Bread of Life for strength in whatever journey we are on.

Today's Readings: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

PASTOR: Rev. Michael T. "Mike" Snider

Celebration of the Sacraments:

Mass: Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM
Tues - Fri: 9:00 AM

Reconciliation:

Saturday & Sunday:
45 minutes before Mass

Marriage or Baptism:

Contact the parish office six
(6) months prior to the
anticipated date 903-769-3235

Welcome Visitors!

*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us
and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home."*

*Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years,
you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!*

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Al & Evelyn Murfin. Aimee Mills. Rick & Teri Jackson. Ron Emma. Kate Serres. John Gillespie. Belinda Flowers. Dona Jordan. Jaye Anderson. Georgette March. Daniel Corrigan. Kyle Fabitz. Greg Mooney. Garry Fetsch. Karee Haney. Bollinger Family. Charlie Parker. Molly Dunn. Regina Davies. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Shay Mikalonis. Wanda & George Duke. Fleming Family. Doris & Jo Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Judy Fazzio. Joshua & Chase Larsson. Avery Boultinhouse. Wanda & Mike Stephens. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month. **We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: Valerie Branch (Niece of Jeanette Sterner). Ed & Diane Stanley, part-time parishioners. Tom Moroney, brother of Roger Moroney.**

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

Dawn Quinn, US Army PVT 2nd Class (Granddaughter of Bob & Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Lt. "JG" Gary Buchanan; 2nd Lt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: After resting and taking nourishment twice, Elijah is strengthened to walk to the mountain of God, Horeb (1 Kings 19:4-8).

Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading: Be sealed by the Holy Spirit of God so as to be imitators of God and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2).

Gospel: Jesus professes that he is the living bread and whoever eats this bread will live forever (John 6:41-51).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

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

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

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

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

Sunday 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

Mass—Intentions

Sat. 8/07 Rev. Luis Arroyave (Daughters of Divine Hope)

Sun 8/08 Rev. Juan Sardinias (Daughters of Divine Hope)

Tue 8/10 9:00am Communion Service. 9:30am Adoration

Wed 8/11 No 9:00am Mass

Thurs 8/12 No 9:00am Mass

Fri. 8/13 Edel Quinn+ (Legion of Mary)

Sat. 8/14 Shirley Bonicard+ (M/M Bonicard)

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts for the month of June, 2021

Expenditures \$ 3,882

Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 4,176

Attendance 7/31 Saturday 52 8/01 Sunday 76

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving.



Pope's Intention for August:

The Church. Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

MAKE DEPOSITS

Friendship is like a bank account. You can't continue to draw on it without making deposits.—Anonymous

A CLEAR CONSCIENCE

There's no pillow so soft as a clear conscience.

—French proverb

HELPER NEEDED

God is a good worker; but loves to be helped.

—Basque proverb

CIVIL DISCOURSE

"Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God." These words bring us up short! What could we be doing to grieve the Holy Spirit? Alas, the same things that the Ephesians were doing in the time of Paul, that is, fighting, shouting, reviling each other with fury, anger, and malice. Just tune in to talk radio some day or observe some "road rage" on the expressway. If we who are part-takers of the Body of Christ can treat one another this way, what does that mean about our belief in Christ's message of peace and reconciliation? The Eucharist is the sacrament of unity. It is communion with God and with each other. A good first step would be to speak civilly to each other, even in disagreement!

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Would you be interested in spending an hour with our Lord in adoration?



Please contact Cathy Ellis at cathy.ellis@gmail.com. Cathy will need your name, and a one hour time slot on Tuesdays that you would be willing to come to the church and adore our Lord.

August Second Collections:

7/31 & 8/1 "Building & Maintenance Fund." 8/14 & 8/15 "Holy Spirit Faith Formation." 8/21 & 8/22 "Black & Indian Missions."



Patriotic Rosary for Peace in America
Due to conflicting summer schedules there will be no Patriotic Rosary in Aug. & Sept. We will start back on Saturday, October 2nd at 9:00am.



Cenacle of Life: Cenacle of Life devotion each Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm. Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki 817-637-9382**

In loving memory of the following, we are saddened to announce the passing of:

Valerie Branch 7/21, niece of Jeanette & Sven Sterner 312 Oxbow Cv, HLR, TX 75765.

Ed 7/18/21 & Dianne Stanley 5/25/21, part-time parishioners. Ed's rosary @ 2:30pm followed by the funeral at 3:00pm on 8/14/21 at Our Lady of Dallas Cistercian Abbey in Irving, TX. Their Children are: Christy Stanley Marlowe, 2715 Stanford Ave., Dis., TX 75225; John Stanley, 9212 Edgemont, North Richland Hills, TX 76180; Marie Stanley Johnson, 2610 Toledo Dr., Irving, TX 75062.

Tom Moroney 7/30/21, brother of Roger Moroney. (Roger & Shirley Moroney, 201 North Ridge Rd., Bailey, CO 80421)

Legion of Mary—Pilgrim Statue: Thanks to a couple of parishioners, Our Lady of Fatima Statue was not in lockdown during Covid. **Now She is ready to visit your home. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749 or Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953.** The Statue will be delivered to your home on the day of your choice and picked up at the end of one week. If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.

The Holy Spirit Food Ministry would like to thank all our parishioners for their food donations. The large plastic bin is located by in the hallway by Bridget's office. **We are in the need of pasta; canned vegetables and sauce.**

Looking for volunteers to get involved with the Food Ministry. Call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or theduckdude@att.net

Are you ready for some coffee and donuts after Sun., 9:00am Mass? Looking to start back **Sunday, Sept. 12th**, if we can get volunteers to help with the following:



1st Sunday of each month (when no K of C breakfast), 2nd Sunday, 3rd, 4th and when there is a 5th Sunday. Also, needed alternates. Volunteers needed for picking up donuts & delivering to church, serve coffee, juice and donuts. Clean-up the kitchen. Additionally, need someone to purchase donuts on a monthly basis (estimate cost of donuts on a weekly basis is \$33.00) this was the cost before covid. Sign-up sheet located outside my office. Questions, call 903-769-3235 or email holy.spirit2@yahoo.com

Thank You, Bridget

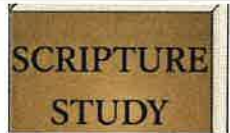


Thank you,
*Bob Mailliard; Bryan & Dolly Todd;
Stan & Terry Evans; Al & Evelyn Murfin*

Fr. Mike is still on vacation through Aug. 12th. His first weekday Mass will be held on Friday, Aug. 13th at 9:00am. Let's keep him in our prayers for safe travels.

Fr. Ron Demski will be celebrating Mass, thisweekend of Aug. 7th & 8th.

So, do you ever wish God would just talk to you sometimes?



You do? Great! Let's get together and talk about it. (He already talks to you, you know. One way is through our Bibles.)

We would like to offer a weekly, on-ongoing course of Scripture Study for men only; women only or co-ed. And we need your input to determine exactly how, what, and when we will make this available to you. Please fill out the mini form below and drop it into the collection basket or email me (email address below). Please do not fill out the form unless you are serious about participating. After we tabulate and collate the information you provide for us, we will report our finding and offer suggestions for the "preferred" Scripture Study. The sooner we receive your input, the sooner we can announce your preferences and our plan to accommodate them. If you require any additional information please feel free to contact **randymunoz80@hotmail.com**. Fill out the following info with your

NAME: _____ **phone #** _____ **Place in collection basket or email Randy Munoz.**

When would you like to meet? (Check one day and one time)

Sunday _____ Monday _____ Tuesday _____ Wednesday _____ Thursday _____
Morning _____ Evening _____ **When Would You Like To Start Scripture Study** In July 2021 _____ Aug. _____ Sept. _____

Men only _____ Women only _____ Co-Ed _____

What would you prefer for a format? Structured (specific scriptures and formal study guides – Little Rock, etc.) _____
Unstructured (pick a book and go) _____

Article for the Big Sandy-Hawkins Journal. 11 August 2021 Edition
(Submission date: 6 August 2021) Submitted by Randy Munoz.

What image comes to your mind when you hear the name Mary Magdalene? ... An article by Sister Sue Paweski "Saint Mary of Magdala: Apostle to the Apostles", <https://spsmw.org/2020/07/22/st-mary-of-magdala-apostle-to-the-apostles/> attempts to provide us with a few answers. ... So much of what we think about Mary of Magdala has to do with how her story has devolved and evolved throughout the millennia. Let's begin with Scripture. The canonical Gospels mention Mary of Magdala 12 times, more than any other woman. Her name, "of Magdala" or Mary Magdalene, comes from the town of her birth. The Resurrection stories are at the heart of Mary's prominence and are the reasons St. Thomas Aquinas named her "Apostle of the Apostles." Each of the canonical Gospels has a different account of the Resurrection story. Mark's Gospel has two different endings. In the first, Mary of Magdala and Jesus' mother, Mary, watch Jesus being laid in the tomb. That is the end of the first version. Chapter 16 was added later. In that account, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome arrive at the tomb to anoint Jesus. An angel meets them and tells them Jesus has risen from the dead. They are to tell Peter and the apostles. ... In Matthew, Mary and another woman identified as "the other Mary" witness Jesus' entombment. They return after the Sabbath to anoint Jesus. An angel meets them and tells them Jesus will encounter them on their way to Galilee. They do see Jesus and embrace his feet. He instructs them to tell the apostles that he will visit them in Galilee. Luke's account mentions the women who come to the tomb for the burial preparation: Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary, the mother of James. Two angels tell them that Jesus has risen. They leave and tell the apostles. John's account is very different from the synoptic Gospels. Jesus reveals himself to Mary after Peter and the apostles see the empty tomb and leave, believing that Jesus was raised from the dead. Mary stays and weeps. She enters the tomb and sees two angels. After a brief exchange, she meets a man she assumes is a gardener, then realizes it is the risen Jesus and she utters, "Rabbouni!" Jesus tells her to go to the apostles and tell them what she has seen. At first they are incredulous, and then believe what Mary has told them. Though the accounts vary, Mary of Magdala is the constant in all the renditions. She is the one who relates to the apostles that Jesus has risen. And yet, the popular image of Mary Magdalene is of a repentant sinner, a prostitute. How did that happen?

Misinformation – The metamorphosis happened when Pope Gregory the Great conflated different women in the Gospels into a new and different Mary of Magdala. Here is the mix: First there is Mary of Bethany, sister of Martha and Lazarus who anointed Jesus' feet and dried them with her hair; then the unnamed adulterous woman whom Jesus saves from stoning. There is another unnamed woman identified only as "a sinner" who anoints Jesus and also dries his feet with her hair. And then there is Mary of Magdala whom Jesus exorcised of seven demons. Historical context from biblical scholars has explained that in the ancient world, severe ailments, especially those that were not readily obvious, were deemed to be demonic. Whatever ailment Mary suffered from must have been serious. When Jesus healed her, she became his devoted follower. (To be continued)



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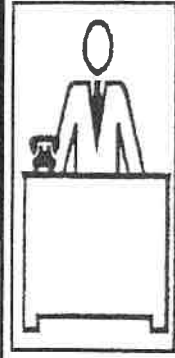
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