



At once [Jesus] spoke to [his disciples],
“Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”

MATTHEW 14:27

One for All

MIGUEL DULICK

In the first reading, Elijah is ready for anything—a whirlwind, an earthquake, a fire—because “the Lord will pass by” (1 Kings 19:11). But God comes tiptoeing, with a tiny whisper. Elijah, a giant of a prophet, covers his face like a child and wraps himself in the word of the Lord. Ordinarily, at this point, a homily would move on to the gospel. But in the second reading, from Romans, we are brought up short. Paul, a giant himself, would love a reassuring whisper from God. He is in utter agony, for the doubtful salvation of “my own brothers,” the Jews. Such is his distress that he wishes he could offer himself in exchange, even to the extent of being “accursed and separated from Christ” (literally, “anathema”) for “my kin.” (See Romans 9:3.) His anguish is heartbreaking, especially since it seems to be a prayer he has repeated over and over. Paul was no doubt thinking of Moses, who dramatically offered his own life to save the Israelites from God’s judgment after the golden calf: “[Lord,] if you would only forgive their sin! But if you will not, then blot me out of the book that you have written” (Exodus 32:32). Paul’s faith told him that Christ had opened the door of salvation to everyone, and even rejection by the chosen people could not close it. In fact, it confirmed its universal promise. A paradox perhaps, much like when Jesus walked on water, as we hear about in today’s gospel. ●



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Reflect

Is there a situation that is causing you anguish? Do you believe God hears you?



St. Joseph’s Church

was consecrated on the 29th of January 1928.
It is the oldest standing Roman Catholic Church on the island.
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Afternoon - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday morning - 9:00 a.m.

Baptism	By appointment: one month in advance
Weddings	1 year in advance (approx.)
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Sunday morning: 8:30 a.m.
Filipino Mass – Saturday	15 th August 2026: 11:00 a.m.
Kids & Youth Ministry	4 th October 2026
Youth/Family Mass	4 th October 2026
Pastoral & Finance Council	TBA
Coffee Social	Resumes in September
Second Collection	8 th /9 th August 2026

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Mrs. Elizabeth Card – Pastoral Council Chairperson	Mrs. Annette Barclay St. Vincent de Paul Society Representative
Walette Cross Stewardship Representative	Natalia Walker & Justin Tavares Religious Education - Kids & Youth Ministry
Mrs. Mary Harvey - Parish Administrator & Finance Committee Team Leader	Mrs. Jane Farge - Music Ministry



Today’s Hymns

Entrance:	All the Ends of the Earth	#573
Offertory:	Be Not Afraid	#673
Communion:	Pan De Vida	#784
Recessional:	I Sing the Mighty Power of God	#618



Leader of Song: Justin Tavares

The St. Joseph’s Parish family takes this opportunity to thank you for coming to worship with us today. May the loving Lord always be with you, and with your families.



Sunday – 16th August 2026

Proclaimer of God’s Word
Opening/Closing of the Church
Eucharistic Minister
Collection Counters
Altar Server
Music

Walette Cross
Annette Barclay
Elizabeth Card
Joanne Smith

Jane Farge

Prayers: Please keep our **sick and shut-ins** in your prayers, especially Ilene Bremar, Andrew Card, Eleanor Correia, Peter Farge, Mary Maybury.

MASS INTENTIONS:
Saturday, 8th August For the People of St. Josephs
Sunday, 9th August †Tammy Barclay & †Victor Heyliger

ATTENDANCE & COLLECTION

MASS	Attendees	Collection
Sunday 2 nd August – 9:00 am	65	\$498

Thank you for your kindness and generosity, it is greatly appreciated. Banking information: St. Joseph’s Parish – Account Number: 20006060757062100



This week is the second weekend of the month, therefore, there will be two collections: regular and maintenance.

BIRTHDAYS

The following parishioner is unable to attend Mass so please remember her in prayer, and if possible, give her a call to extend to her your best wishes (234-0489).

BIRTHDAYS

Mary Maybury 14th August
May God, our loving heavenly Father, bless you all with many more special days

We extend a big THANK YOU to Maurice for ensuring that the church property was secured during the Cup Match holiday.

KIDS & YOUTH MINISTRY & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026/2027, will, hopefully, resume on Sunday, 4th October 2026.

If any of the children in the parish will attain the age of eight years old before December 2026, and you wish to register them in the First Holy Communion class, please let Liz Card know. It is anticipated that these classes will start on the 4th October.

Fr. Dandy will celebrate the **Filipino Mass** at St. Josephs, next Saturday, 15th August: Time 11:00 a.m. All are welcome.

BISHOP’s CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,
This is a Bishop’s Corner that I would have preferred not to write, but life does not always unfold as we would wish.

I would like to inform you that Fr. Dandy Traje, CP, has been called by his religious superiors to return to the Philippines. Religious orders enjoy a degree of autonomy within the Catholic Church, and in matters of obedience and internal discipline they are governed by their own constitutions and regulations, independently of the authority of the diocesan bishop.

I appealed this decision both to Fr. Dandy’s Provincial Superior and to the Superior General of the Passionists. However, the decision has been upheld, as Fr. Dandy has been entrusted with important responsibilities within his Province and his presence is needed there. I am grateful, however, that the Passionists have assured me they will send another priest to replace Fr. Dandy in ministry in our Diocese as soon as possible.

Fr. Dandy will be leaving our island on 20 October 2026. Our annual St. Theresa’s Dinner, which will take place on Saturday, 3 October, will provide us with an opportunity to express our gratitude to Fr. Dandy for his four years of faithful and dedicated ministry in our Diocese.

Please join me in praying that the necessary personnel arrangements will be made soon so that our Diocese may continue to provide effective pastoral care for the People of God.

Have a peaceful weekend and a good week!
Bishop Wes

Lunch & Movie

On Thursday, 13 August, the 2007 film “The Amazing Grace”, will be shown at the Summer Lunch & Movie Event.

John Newton is captain of a slave ship moored off the coast of Nigeria. He stands at a crossroads of his life, his morality and religion at odds with the brutality of his chosen profession. Stepping ashore, he starts on a journey of redemption that will end in tragedy but prove the catalyst for greater achievements. A local anthem sung in adversity by the slaves whom he captures punctuates the film. It will be the inspiration for Newton’s redemption and, years later, for his writing of the world’s most enduring hymn, “Amazing Grace”.

TRUSTING GOD IN THE STORM

The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A shows us how God works in ways we might not expect. Elijah hears God not in the strong wind, the earthquake, or the fire, but in a quiet whisper. This teaches us that God is close even in silence and stillness. His presence is gentle yet sure. The psalm reminds us that peace, kindness, truth, and justice all meet in God. He is faithful to His promises and guides His people with care. It is a picture of hope for those who look to Him with trust.

Paul, in his letter, speaks with sorrow for his people. He loves them so deeply that he wishes they could see the blessing of Christ. His words show the weight of love and the longing for others to know the truth of God’s plan.

In the Gospel, Jesus comes to His disciples walking on the water. Peter steps out in faith but grows afraid and begins to sink. Jesus saves him and calms the storm. On the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, we are reminded that Jesus is with us in every storm, ready to lift us up when we falter.

Summary: God speaks in quiet ways and stays close to His people. Jesus calls His followers to trust Him, even when they are afraid, and He is ready to help when their faith is weak.

Challenge: Listen for God’s voice in quiet moments each day. Turn to Jesus with trust instead of letting fear take over.

Action Step: Spend a few quiet minutes in prayer this week. Tell Jesus about one fear and ask Him to help you trust Him.

Verse to Remember: “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.” (Matthew 14:27)

REFLECTION:

- When have you felt God’s presence in a quiet moment?
- What distractions make it hard for you to listen to God?
- Have you ever been afraid to trust God? Why?
- How do you handle doubts in your faith?
- What storms in life have tested your trust in God?
- How do you see God working in difficult times?
- What helps you focus on Jesus when you feel overwhelmed?
- How can you encourage someone who is struggling with faith?
- What lessons can you learn from Peter’s experience on the water?
- How can prayer help you grow in trust and faith?

PRAYER

Lord, help me to trust You in all things. When life feels uncertain, remind me that You are near. Teach me to listen for Your voice in quiet moments and to hold onto faith during struggles. Strengthen me when I feel weak and guide me closer to You each day. Amen.

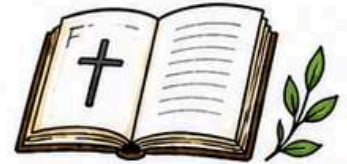
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

MAIN MESSAGE

- God speaks in quiet ways.
- Trust Jesus, even in storms.
- He saves when we call to Him.
- Love others and lead them to Christ.



KEY SCRIPTURE



“Take courage,
it is I; do not
be afraid.”

— Matthew 14:27

THE READINGS



First Reading

God is in a quiet whisper.
1 Kings 19:9A, 11-13A



Psalm

Peace and justice come
from the Lord.
Psalm 85



Second Reading

Paul's deep love for
his people.
Romans 9:1-5



Gospel

Jesus walks on water.
Peter trusts, then doubts.
Jesus saves him.
Matthew 14:22-33

THEMES TO KNOW



God in quiet ways



Trust over fear



Jesus saves



Love for others



Peace and justice

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US



Listen for God in quiet moments.



Trust Jesus when things feel hard.



Call on Him when you need help.



Show love and care for others.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- When have I felt like I was in a storm?
- How can I trust Jesus more?
- How can I show His love to others?



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TRY THIS



Take a few minutes today to pray and tell Jesus one thing you need help with.



Dear Padre,

I am in my third year of sobriety. Can I still become a eucharistic minister if I do not partake in Christ's blood?

Yes. Your personal sobriety practice has nothing to do with your eligibility for service as a minister of the Eucharist. Some would even argue that your commitment to sobriety is a powerful witness of your commitment to living a responsible and mature Catholic life. Instead of an obstacle to ministry, it is a shining example and witness of the power of God's grace at work in your life.

Practically, since ministers of the Cup are often required to consume any remaining Precious Blood after holy Communion is distributed, it might be a good personal practice to make sure there are enough ministers present to perform this necessary step in ablution. If everyone is informed in advance, it contributes to the shared sense of reverence and respect that is required of a eucharistic minister. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We live immersed in a culture of speed, immediacy, and haste—a culture of “discard” and indifference that prevents us from pausing along the way and drawing near to acknowledge the needs and suffering that surround us. In the parable, when the Samaritan saw the wounded man, he did not “pass by.” Instead, he looked upon him with an open and attentive gaze—the very gaze of Jesus.

MESSAGE ON WORLD DAY OF THE SICK,
ROME, FEBRUARY 11, 2026



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Monday

August 10
St. Lawrence, Deacon
and Martyr
2 Cor 9:6–10
Jn 12:24–26

Tuesday

August 11
St. Clare, Virgin
Ez 2:8–3:4
Mt 18:1–5, 10,
12–14

Wednesday

August 12
Weekday
Ez 9:1–7; 10:18–22
Mt 18:15–20

Thursday

August 13
Weekday
Ez 12:1–12
Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday

August 14
St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr
Ez 16:1–15, 60, 63
or 16:59–63
Mt 19:3–12

Saturday

August 15
The Assumption of
the Blessed Virgin
Mary
Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a,
10ab
1 Cor 15:20–27
Lk 1:39–56

Sunday

August 16
Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6–7
Rom 11:13–15,
29–32
Mt 15:21–28