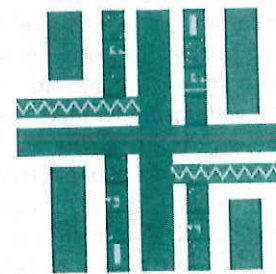


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Liturgy

Wednesday - Thursday : 8:00 AM (Mass)

Monday: 8:00 AM (Prayer Service)

Friday: 8:00 AM (Communion Service)

Rosary: Monday - Friday: 7:30 AM

Saturday Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses - 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (closed 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)

Sacraments

Baptism - Contact Margaret Roncalli

Marriage - Contact pastor 6 months in advance

Reconciliation

3:30 PM - 4:00 Saturday

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

For communion/visits to the sick & homebound; mass intentions, prayer request & funerals

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Mission & Vision

Through African American traditions, we are moved
by the Spirit to serve.

*“Misericordia: Making
Mercy Visible”*

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



Please **turn off** Cell Phones before
entering Church. Thank you!

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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Today's Good News ~Living with Christ
"For the Lord, your God, is the God of gods...who has n favorites, accepts no bribes" (Deuteronomy 10:17). We are all taught this about God, but I don't think it becomes real to us until we face some tragedy; a fire, a storm, an illness, an unexpected death. Until something pulls the rug out from under us, I think most of us subconsciously believe that if we're good and go to church, everything will work out for us. When disaster falls, one of our first reactions can be a sense of betrayal. At that point, our spiritual work begins by changing "why me?" into "why not Me?" In the face of tragedy, we must find some way to recognize that our suffering draws us more deeply into the great community of humanity, one among billions equally loved by God and called on to love each other. If we do, we can then look at our brothers and sisters as Jesus looked at us from the cross, with a compassion only possible when our suffering is shared. **Aileen O'Donoghue**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Maximilian Kolbe
- Tuesday:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday:** St. Stephen of Hungary
- Saturday:** St. John Eudes; Blessed Virgin Mary



- August 26, 2017 - Hope for Haiti White Party**
- September 2, 2017 - Parish Treasure Hunt**
- September 10, 2017 - World Peace Day (Heath Cabinet)**
- September 18, 2017 - Ministry Calendaring Meeting**
- September 24, 2017 - All Family Faith Day**
- October 1, 2017 - SVDP Jambalaya Dinner**
- October 7, 2017 - Proclaimer's Workshop**

Bulletins / Announcements

Please remember to submit all information for the Bulletin and/or Sunday Announcements **no later than Tuesday before 10:00 am/inserts before 4:00 p.m.** Thank you.

Scripture Study

Come and join Scripture Study every Thursday evening with Sr. Amora at 7:00 pm in Mother Lydia's Chapel. For more information call Gillian Small at (510) 501-9726 or ggms@att.net

We welcome all who come to celebrate with us. If you would like to register or if you need to update your information, please complete this registration form and place it in the collection basket, return to office or send us an email. Be Blessed!

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E-mail Address _____

- New Parishioner
- Change of Information
- Moving: Remove from list
- Please Call me - best time _____
- I would like to serve as _____