



August 13, 2017— Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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God gives us in baptism by our worship in faith,
by our witness in hope and by our service in love.

AUGUST 13, 2017 | NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Kindness and truth shall meet,
justice and peace shall kiss,
Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from
Heaven.
—Psalm 85:11-12

Heaven.



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the Sacraments,*

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MASS INTENTIONS
AUG 12TH—AUG 18TH

**SATURDAY**

5 pm **Lester W. Conner, RIP**

SUNDAY

7:30 am **Jeffrey Weber, Special Intention**
9 am **Alison Pivonka, Special Intention**
10:30 am **For All Parishioners**

MONDAY

8 am Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
Maria Louisa Marsella, RIP

TUESDAY

8 am Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1
Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Augusto Bastianelli, RIP

WEDNESDAY

8 am Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
Mary Kaye Burgess, RIP

THURSDAY

8 am Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21-19:1
Patricia Morgante, RIP

FRIDAY

8 am Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12
Walker James Wallace I, RIP

The text of the **Call to Worship** is by John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), an American Quaker poet and advocate of the abolition of slavery: *Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence praise.*

The Offertory is by Richard Lloyd (b. 1933). The words are by Isaac Watts (1674-1748), also known for 'Joy to the World and 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross': *Come, dearest Lord, descend and dwell by faith in every breast; then shall we know and taste and feel the joys that cannot be expressed. Come, fill our hearts with inward strength, make our enlarged souls possess and learn the height and breadth and length of thine unmeasurable grace. Amen.*

The Communion begins with Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) by Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594, also known as Orlandus Lassus) a Franco-Flemish composer born in Mons who represents the culmination of Renaissance musical art. He worked variously in Naples from 1550 to 1553, Rome for the following years and finally Munich until 1594. In 1570 he was raised to a hereditary rank of nobility by Emperor Maximilian II, and in 1574 became one of the very few musicians to receive a papal knighthood. His over 2000 works make him one of the most versatile and cosmopolitan composers in history.

The second piece is *Cantate Domino* by Giovanni Francesco Anerio (1567-1630) who was a choirboy under Palestrina at Saint Peter's in Rome and from 1600 held many choirmaster posts in that city. He also worked for a time at Verona cathedral and his last years were spent directing music at the Polish court; he died returning from there to Rome. The text is from Psalm 149: *O sing unto the Lord, sing a new song, O praise him the company of the saints. Rejoice ye Israel now in him your maker, and children of Zion be joyful in the Lord your King. O let us praise his name with dancing, with timbrel and harp sing praises. Let the saints be joyful in praising him, let us praise him, and be joyful in glory.*

The third piece is *The Call* from *Five Mystical Songs* by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). After the death of his father in 1875 his mother, Margaret Susan Wedgwood, the great granddaughter of the potter Josiah Wedgwood, took him to live with her family, which included his great uncle Charles Darwin. After service in the First World War, Ralph discovered that English folk songs were fast becoming extinct owing to the increase of literacy and printed music in rural areas, which led him to travel the countryside, transcribing and preserving many himself. The words are by the Welsh poet George Herbert (1593-1633): *Come, my way, my Truth, my Life: Such a way, as gives us breath: Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast: Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move: Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as Joys in love.*

Clergy Schedule

Saturday, 5:00 pm Fr. Duncanson
Sunday, 7:30 am Fr. Duncanson / Deacon Walsh Preaches
Sunday, 9:00 am Fr. Timone
Sunday, 10:30 am Fr. Duncanson

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: TUESDAY, AUGUST 15th
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Masses at 8:00 am and 6:00 pm in the church

TODAY'S READINGS

FOUND AS THE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
IN THE COMPANION MISSAL

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

Psalm: *Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation* (Psalm 85).

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

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

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass*
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The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

At the end of the Constitution on the Church, the Second Vatican Council provided this beautiful meditation on the mystery that we celebrate each year on August 15th: The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

“The Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all guilt of original sin, on the completion of her earthly sojourn, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen of the universe, that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and the conqueror of sin and death.” (*Lumen Gentium* #59)

In his book *Catholicism: A Journey to the Heart of the Faith*, this is how Bishop Robert Barron explains the mystery of the Assumption: “The dogma of the Assumption of Mary describes the full salvation of this prime disciple of Jesus—Mary’s entry, in the fullness of her person, into the presence of God. At the close of the Apostles’ Creed, we speak of our hope for ‘the resurrection of the body.’ Mary, assumed body and soul into heaven, has experienced precisely this kind resurrection and hence becomes a sign of hope for the rest of the human race...

“When we speak of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother’s body, we are not envisioning a journey through space, as though Mary moved up into the sky. The ‘heavens’ are a rich and consistent biblical symbol for the transcendent, for a manner of existence that lies beyond our familiar dimensions of space and time.

“The Assumption of Mary means that the Blessed Mother was ‘translated,’ in the totality of her being, from this dimensional system to the higher one for which we use the symbolically evocative term ‘heaven.’ Perhaps a comparison would help here. Think of a square, a circle, and a triangle plotted out on a two-dimensional plane. Now imagine those figures elevated through the introduction of a third dimension into a cube, a sphere, and a pyramid. They have not so much lost their former identities as found them heightened, deepened, and perfected.

“What if there were a conscious subject who lived exclusively in a two-dimensional world? He would know only squares, circles, triangles, and so on, and if you spoke to him of cubes, spheres, and pyramids, he would find your language utterly impenetrable, so much nonsense.

“Heaven is a symbol for a higher dimensional system that contains the dimensions with which we are familiar but that helps to explain why we can speak of Mary, especially in her heavenly state, interceding, helping us and praying for us. Again, to people who have known only this world, such a concept will necessarily seem opaque, even ridiculous. The doctrine of Mary’s Assumption both whets our appetite for this higher world and teases our minds into the consideration of it.

God bless you!

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MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

Monday, September 11, 2017, 11:00 AM

St. Gregory the Great Parish

11451 Blue Cypress Drive Scripps Ranch
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INFORMATION: Margie Mills at
 858-271-7410; margie.r.mills@gmail.com



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*Please RSVP to jennifermiller@me.com
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Next weekend Sept 8-10th, 2017. For more information about a Retrouvaille, contact their registration team at 951-259-9474 or www.HelpOurMarriage.org

From the Diocesan Office for Social Ministry

Day of Reflection--Saturday, August 19, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Catherine Laboure Parish, 4124 Mt. Abraham Ave, San Diego, CA 92111. Join The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Diocesan Council of San Diego, and the San Diego Diocesan Office for Social Ministry as they proudly host 400 Years of the Vincentian Charism."

Fr. Greg Adolf will share his love of the gospel and bring it to life as he sheds light on the Vincentian charism, a gift from God that benefits the whole community in the present day church. A special invitation goes out to those not currently affiliated with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to attend and learn more about the mission of direct service to the poor. The day's activities will include Mass celebrated by Bishop John Dolan.

Registration is free and includes a complimentary breakfast and lunch. Register by Monday August 16 at socialministrysandiego.com/sv or contact Maria Valencia at mvalencia@sdccatholic.org or 858-490-8323.



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Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

— Psalm 85:12

Please join us in singing the Psalm Response:



Lord, let us — see your kind - ness and grant us your sal - va - tion.

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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Our Parishioners contributed **\$17,679.00** in the weekly collection to further the Mission & Ministry provided by the Church of the Nativity.

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to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ.**

Annual Catholic Appeal 2017

Our Parish Assessment: **\$115,000**

As of July 26th:

Total Pledges: \$151,312

Number of Pledges: 218

Inspired by Pope Francis’ Post-Synodal Exhortation, “*Amoris Laetitia*,” the theme of the **Diocese of San Diego’s 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal** is “**The Joy of Love.**”

Inviting each of us to prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal this year, Bishop Robert McElroy explains that our participation accomplishes something simple but profound: it opens the door of faith for others and for ourselves.

“Because of your gift, someone will meet Jesus Christ, have the opportunity to experience His loving grace, know His Mercy and Love.”

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Saturday Vigil: 5 pm; Sunday: 7:30 am, 9 am, 10:30 am

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 Mary Lou Matthews, 858-481-6255
 Monthly Luncheons - September through June

Men of Nativity: First Thursday of the month
 6 - 8 pm in the Parish Commons

Next Meeting: September 7th

Speaker: Deacon Mike Daniels
 Contact Tim Van Damm, 617-501-3950, or
 Scott Maxwell, smaxwell@catholicextension.org

Small Christian Communities - Faith Sharing Groups
 See Deacon Jim Walsh or contact Kathy Alameda at
 858-756-9755 or kathyalameda1@gmail.com

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Celebrated on the 4th Sunday, after 10:30 am Mass
 Please contact the Parish Office 858-756-1911 or
jmoore@nativitycatholic.org.

Marriage: Saturdays, 10 am or 2 pm
 Wedding Coordinator: Georgiana Strate, 858-755-7459

Anointing of the Sick: Encouraged for anyone critically ill,
 for the elderly, or prior to major surgery

Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:15 pm in the Chapel

Eucharist:
Weekday Mass: Monday - Friday, 8 am in the Chapel
Centering Prayer Group: Saturdays, 9 am in the Chapel
 Contact: Dixie Welsh, 858-756-1911

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Friday after 8 am Mass
Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesdays, after 8 am Mass
Rosary: Weekdays, after 8 am Mass in the Chapel

**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

Classes meet September through June

PRESCHOOL THROUGH 8TH GRADE

Preschool - 6th Grade:

Sundays, 8:50 am - 10:05 am at The Nativity School

Junior High:

Sundays, 5pm - 6:15 pm in the Parish Commons

PLEASE DIRECT ALL INQUIRIES REGARDING THE FAMILY FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM TO:

FFF@NATIVITYMAIL.ORG.

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR UPDATES REGARDING REGISTRATION INFORMATION.

HIGH SCHOOL: 9TH - 12TH GRADE

Contact: Mike James, 858-756-1911, ext. 5

Youth Group: Sundays, 5pm to 6:15pm

Registrations for the 2017-2018 Youth Ministry year will be mailed home in August.

September 17 from 5-6:15pm will be our Kickoff Party for only the new teens and their parents. We will explain the Youth Ministry policies and procedures as well as the Confirmation Program requirements and have pizza and refreshments. Parents will also do a short survey to determine some of our topics for the year. Returning teens and their parents are not required to attend as they received this information in previous years.

Returning teens start on Sunday September 24 from 5-6:15pm in the Commons. It will be our "Get To Know You Night" to introduce the new teens to the returning teens.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Contact: Mike James, 858-756-1911, ext. 5

If you are an adult looking to convert to Catholicism, learn more about the Catholic faith, need to pick up a missed sacrament, or are a lifelong Catholic looking for a refresher course; then R.C.I.A. will help answer your questions.

Sponsors, spouses, children, friends, and guests are also welcome to attend the class. At each class, we spend time answering your questions about the Catholic faith, go over bible readings from Mass, and discuss the current chapter in our book. The most important thing is getting your questions answered.

There is no commitment to converting to Catholicism – the purpose of the class is informational. You decide if and when you are ready to pursue the sacraments at Easter.

To join R.C.I.A. please contact Mike James at (858) 756-1911. We already have 6 people enrolled. Class meets in the Parish classroom on Sundays starting on September 17 from 11:30am-12:30pm and continues each Sunday until Easter.