



Saturday, August 8
E 5:30pm Betty Bellagio +
Sunday, August 9
E 8:00am Anthony Barnes & Rena Buchignani +
E 10:00am Amato & Grdina Families+
12:00pm For the People

Monday, August 10
9:00am Mary Callahan +
Tuesday, August 11
E 9:00am Frank McSorley +
Wednesday, August 12
E 9:00am Victims of Domestic Violence-Int
Thursday, August 13
E 9:00am For the People
Friday, August 14
E 9:00am Phillip Michael Salcedo +
Saturday, August 15
E 5:30pm For the People
Sunday, August 16
E 8:00am Garfagnoli & Catelani Families+
E 10:00am Michelle Jones+
12:00pm Flora Hernandez+



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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| Giovanny Ayon | Olivia Carrillo |
| Joyce Cafferata | Angella Creel |
| Jerry Eichma | Sherlyn Cortez |
| Zachary Mac Murray | Bill Conrad |
| Judy Nicholls | Fred Pisani |
| Rose Guerrero | Evelyn Rossi |
| Helle Siergert | Samaria Sue E |
| Francisco Munguia | Ignacia Sanabria R. |
| Lupe Nuño | Melissa Warren |
| Mary Putnam | Maria Suarez |
| Gabriele Sanchioli | Gina Giacomelli |
| Robert Zimmerman | Larry Giovannoni |
| Jon Brown | Cecelia Del Angel |
| Fausto Catelani | Becky Oseguera |
| Jack Lynch | Vance Adler |
| John Brown | Richard Sarao |
| John Provenzale | Lourdes Pisani |
| Dale & Colette Philips | Grace Popich Hall |
| Emily Nuñez | Georgia Minaglia |
| Karen Hibbe Moore | Janet Donaldson |
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| Kathy Hall Adkinson | Sandra Connelly |
| John Mcstravick | Andrea Brinson |
| Wayne Waechtler | Joey Bell |
| Margaret Brown | Gerry Fernandez |
| Grace Agius | Juana Nuñez |
| Irene Wystepek | Janet Donaldson |
- Rest in Peace: Maria Salud Madrigal+**
Ruth Delgado+

FREE TO CHOOSE

Our reading today drench us in God’s kindness. The Old Testament reading, Paul’s letter and the Gospel demonstrate God’s creative and personalized outreach to us. In each case, we see a different reaction to God’s gestures. Elijah drinks in his consolation, recognizing God in gentle silence and going out to meet God. The Israelites, according to Saint Paul, though encountering God in a variety of ways through the centuries, ultimately reject the Messiah whom God sends to them. Peter thinks he recognizes the Lord coming to him on the water, but demands proof and grows frightened. At all times and in all places, God longs for us to believe and goes to great lights to strengthen our faith. Ultimately, God never compels belief, but leaves us free to choose, Today’s scriptures challenge us to consider our own response to God’s constant work in our lives.



EMBRACING DIVERSITY

Today's readings console and challenge us, reminding us just how hard God works for us so we might have faith. God's labors are infinitely diverse, too, always tailored to fit our particular situations, personalities, and needs. In Elijah's case, he is hiding in a cave on the very same mountain where Moses once encountered God in the burning bush. Hunted by the pagan Queen Jezebel, Elijah is running for his life. While Moses experienced God in fire on this mountain, Elijah requires a gentler touch. God comes to him not in awesome displays of power, but in a "tiny whispering sound" God provides exactly the tranquility Elijah needs before sending him off on a new mission.

God's creative care for us does not always lead to faith, however. In a strikingly tender passage, Saint Paul shares his heartbreak that God's chosen people could reject Jesus, even after all God has done to prepare them for the Messiah. God has accompanied the chosen people through adoption, miracles, covenants, commandments, prophets, and kings. Despite ages of dedicated and inventive caregiving, God's people do not unite in worship of the true Messiah. The proper response to this lack of faith is sorrow, and Saint Paul pours out the "constant anguish" in his heart.

In yet another astonishingly creative gesture, God visits people in need of faith by defying the laws of nature. Matthew's Gospel describes Jesus actually walking on water to comfort his disciple during a storm at sea. After their terror subsides and the winds grow calm, faith floods the disciples' hearts. They worship Jesus, proclaiming, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

TO THE LIMIT

Sometimes God's creative overtures are almost too much to handle. In a daring effort to trust, Peter challenges Jesus to shae

miraculous power with him, Jesus obliges, and Peter walks on water. Peter enjoys his miracle until his natural limitations spoil his faith. Just imagine what barriers we can shatter if only we believe.

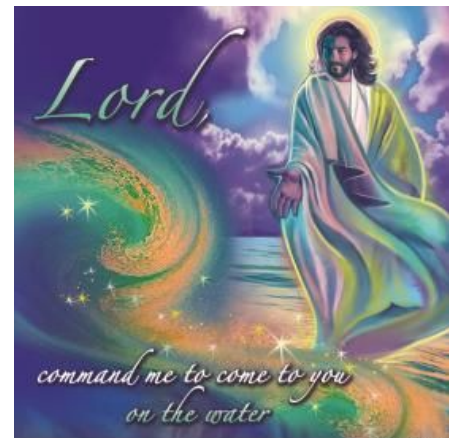
TODAY'S READINGS

1 Kings 19:9a, 11 - 13a
 Psalm 85:9-14
 Romans 9:1-5
 Matthew 14:22-33

The Church is closed for Public Masses as long as the Shelter in Place mandate is in place by the Sonoma County Health Department.

Plan for Church Operations when Public Masses cannot be held:

- ★ Weekly Mass Recording:
Saturday 5:30pm
- ★ Open for Private Prayer:
Everyday
- ★ Holy Hour/Confessions:
Monday - Thursday 11am-12noon
- ★ Baptisms:
Saturday 12:00noon
Call Parish Office (707-433-5536) to confirm date



When the Church Reopens, Please

NOTE:

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 5:30 PM (English), Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 AM (English), and 12:00 PM (Spanish)

To attend Mass, these guidelines are to be followed for the Safety of our Parishioners and Staff:

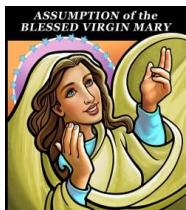
- DO NOT ATTEND Mass if you have a fever, cough or symptoms of the flu.
- Face Coverings/Masks are required at all times.
- Wash hands at home and use hand sanitizer upon entering the Church.
- Please maintain a 6 foot distance from one another.
- All Church doors will remain open during Mass.

For those who cannot attend Mass:

Please attend Mass online at the following site:

<https://stjohnshealdsburg.org>

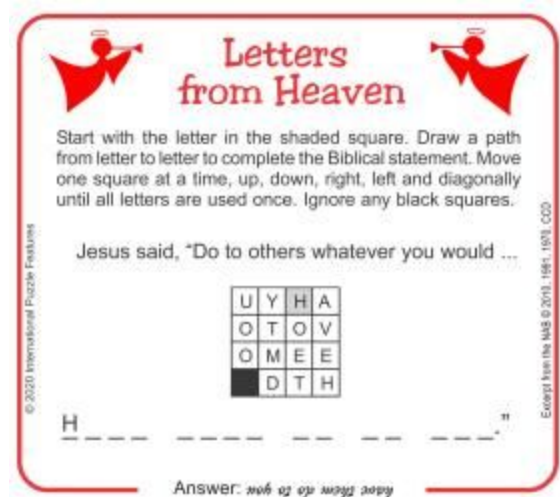
You can access the Mass on this Home page.



Peter's Pence Collection

Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disaster. Please be generous. For more information, visit

www.uscfb.org/peters-pence.com



GRATITUDE

We appreciate your continued support of St. John's Parish with your contributions through Online Giving, mailed in donations and your Envelopes you have brought by the Church Office. Thank you for this important support to continue Our Lord's work and serve the members of the Parish, the needy and the community.



God's Word for Children



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The disciples were caught in a storm at sea.
Peter saw Jesus walking toward them on the water.
Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water, too.
But then he got scared and started to sink. He called, "Lord, save me!"
Jesus caught Peter and they returned to the boat.

Finish this picture to illustrate the story.

You can read it in your Bible at Matthew 14:22-33.

Draw ... Jesus' feet on the water.

Draw ... a frightened look
on Peter's face.

Draw ... a sail on the boat.



Help Elijah find his way to the entrance of the cave.
The LORD will be passing by!

Start

End

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