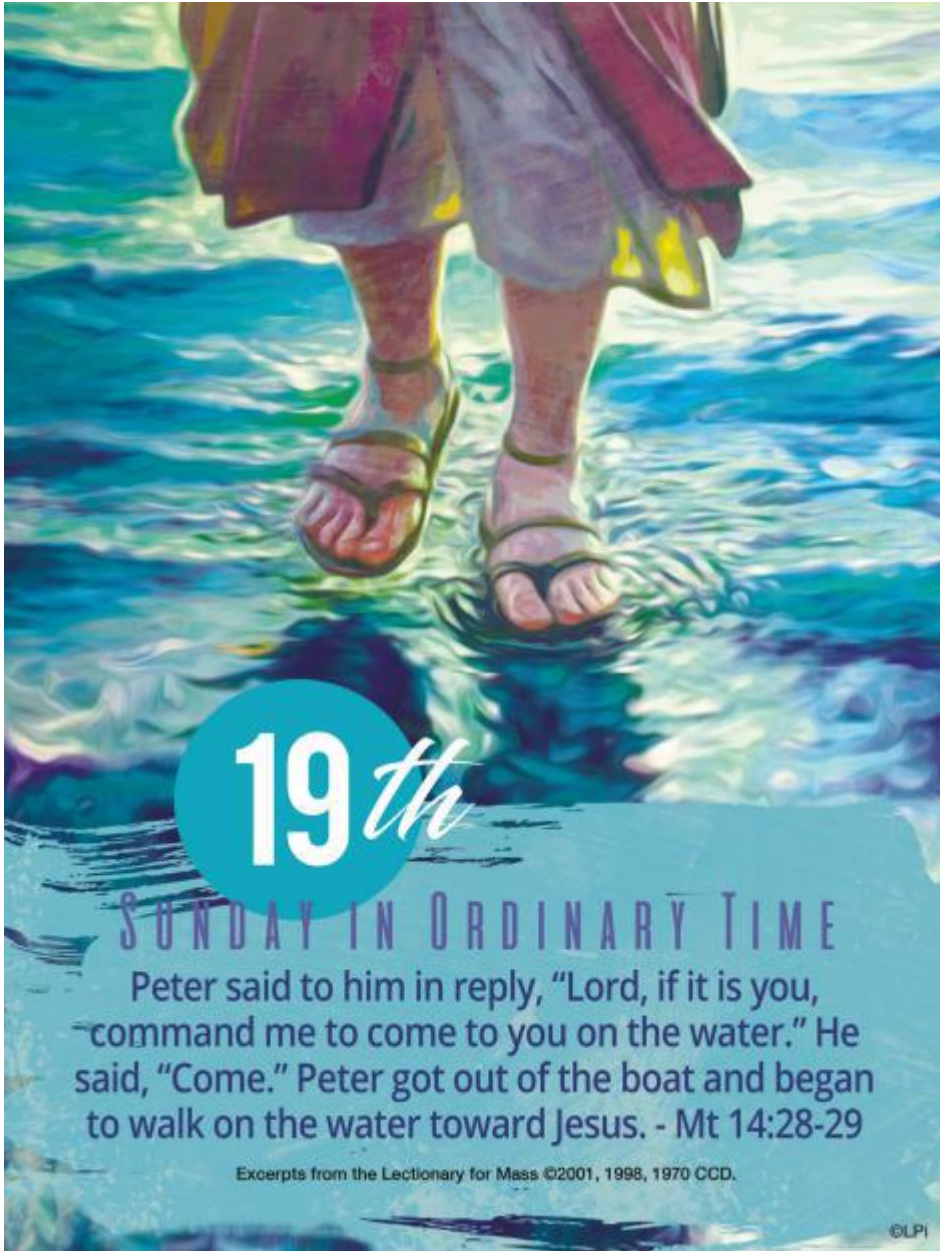


# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, August 9, 2020

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Prayer for Peace

O God of selfless love,  
we are a blest people to  
have a god like you.

You instill your love for us  
into the hearts of your  
human creatures.

Even if those human  
creatures do not  
acknowledge you, your love  
for us still shines through.

We ask your blessing upon  
all first responders today  
and ask you to protect them  
and their families.

Help us love people of all  
nations, races, and creeds,  
which will bring about the  
end to wars and terrorism.

We ask all this in  
your peace.

Amen.

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Scripture readings speak about faith. In the First Book of Kings, the prophet Elijah recognizes God, not in the strong wind and earthquake, but in a gentle breeze. In his Letter to the Roman community, St. Paul is frustrated with the Jews in Rome for lacking faith in the truth of his preaching: Christ Jesus as the Messiah. In St. Matthew's Gospel, the evangelist tells of St. Peter's effort to join Jesus, in a violent wind, on the water outside of the boat. When Peter's lack of faith causes him to begin sinking, Jesus reaches out and saves him. We, as Christian stewards, seek to deepen our faith in Christ — to make Him the center of our lives. We accomplish this when we commit to daily prayer, read Scripture, attend Sunday Mass regularly, partake in Holy Communion, and participate in the Sacrament of Penance. As Elijah observed, sometimes the Spirit of God is quiet and we must be still and listen for His comforting words of peace.

### Sacred Heart's Reopening Schedule:

#### WEEKENDS

Saturday – 4:00pm

Sunday – 10:00am

#### WEEKDAYS

Monday – 9:00am

Tuesday – No Mass

Wednesday – 9:00am

Thursday – No Mass

Friday – 9:00am



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*I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing. (Luke 12:49)*

**LISTEN to the Archbishop: ACTION STEP 1.2— Family Mentoring & Accompaniment:** I charge parishes to mentor and accompany families through: 1. Implementing the plan developed by AOD Central Services [see Action Step 1.1 from last week]. 2. Form family discipleship groups, responsive to the needs of the community, that gather in homes to accompany one another with joys and struggles of life. 3. Give support to movements and Christian communities that promote family life and evangelization. 4. Use all existing parish programs and events as opportunities for families to encounter Jesus anew, grow daily as His disciples, and give witness to the power of His mercy. 5. Help men and women understand their identity and re-claim their sacrificial role as Christian husbands/wives and fathers/mothers.

UNLEASH THE GOSPEL, pg 53

**PRAY:** *Tear or cut off this prayer and keep it where you'll remember to pray it throughout the week*

*Come, Holy Spirit, to your people at Sacred Heart Church. Open our minds and hearts to understand and accept this vision for our parish. Give us the desire and the capacity to follow the call of the archdiocese to us at Sacred Heart Parish to accompany and mentor families in their joys and struggles. Lead us to trust in You, Holy Spirit, to guide us into using our existing and future parish activities and resources to help our families encounter Jesus and grow in love for Him. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love so as to become a parish that accompanies our families. Amen!*

**ACT:** What is this letter saying to **you**? Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart about how you might participate in this Action Step. Is there some way Sacred Heart Parish could serve your family? Is there some way your family could serve other families at Sacred Heart Parish? Pray the above prayer throughout the week, and listen for the Holy Spirit's guidance.

To read the entire letter, "Unleash the Gospel" go to [unleashthegospel.org](http://unleashthegospel.org)

# Saint OF THE WEEK

**AUGUST 13 | SAINT CASSIAN**

On August 13, it is the feast day of St. Cassian. St. Cassian was a schoolmaster at Imola in northeast Italy. He died a martyr during the Roman persecutions under Diocletian, probably in the third century.

Cassian had apparently been a schoolteacher for some time. Then a widespread persecution of Christians commenced. Roman officials arrested him because he was known, or at least suspected, to be a Christian. He was taken before the governor, and the governor demanded, as usual, that he offer sacrifice to the gods. Naturally, Cassian refused to perform this act of apostasy, so he was condemned to death.

Now, the Romans had many set types of execution to choose from, but sometimes they invented others. Knowing that Cassian was a schoolmaster, the governor decided that it would be a clever novelty to have him stabbed to death by his own pupils!

The schoolmaster was therefore stretched out on the ground and fixed down securely. Then Cassian's former students were brought in. They had not particularly liked their teacher because he had been strict with them. Given the signal, therefore, they set about with a fiendish joy to torment him. They broke their wooden writing tablets over his head, carved their initials carefully on his flesh, and finally stabbed him all over with their pens. Cassian meanwhile accepted their blows with much patience and no malice. He died bloodied with a thousand little wounds. He is the patron saint of Imola, Mexico City, schoolteachers, shorthand-writers, and parish clerks.



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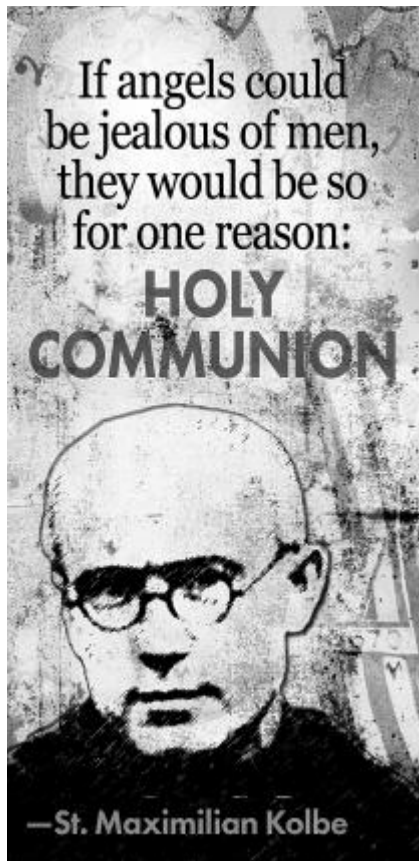
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## UPDATE

The Archdiocese of Detroit Pro-life Ministry would like to thank all Pastors, parishes and the many individuals who helped to educate and collect parishioners' signatures after Masses last summer and fall, in support of the Michigan Values Life Citizen's initiative to end dismemberment abortion and in response to Archbishop Vigneron's request. We are filled with gratitude for these faithful efforts.

Disappointedly, as anticipated, Right to Life's Citizen's initiative signatures were challenged by Planned Parenthood and roadblocks were met all along the way in this signature collecting process. The Bureau of Elections and State Board of

Canvassers have recommended the petitions not be certified. There will not be a citizen-initiated legislation put forward to vote in this election. Yet our faith and the presence of God within, speaks to us of the beauty and truth of our human dignity, being made in the image and likeness of God; compelling us to stand in solidarity with the vulnerable whose fundamental rights to life have been violated and in such a brutal way. Please look for a letter in the mail this weekend from the Michigan Catholic Conference with further explanations.

Together we are capable of fighting against this "Throw Away Culture" where children are discarded before they are born, with continued education and witness to the Gospel of Life. Together let us commit to defend life in all its stages. For Gospel of Life Resources to include Prayers, Education, Advocacy and Outreach for you or your parish, please contact **Kathleen Wilson**, [wilson.kathleen@aod.org](mailto:wilson.kathleen@aod.org) or **313-237-4691**.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Be still and know that I am God. Silence is sacred. Silence speaks the language of the soul and is the foundation of all life and eternity itself. Silence takes us beyond the limits of our minds and allows us to seek and to love the essence of all love, perfect love, and being. In silence, we can be non-verbally present to things and to God in ways that words cannot accomplish. We can discover, encounter, and be present to truths that our minds struggle to conceive and then set aside the boxes we put around things when comprehending them is challenging. We can know the unknowable and touch eternity when we encounter the core silence in our souls.

We can do this even on a noisy street and in the midst of the greatest distraction. Once we have made friends with silence, the rambling noise of the world no longer seems to matter, and we can carry a deep forgiving peace within us, even when physical silence cannot be found. We know that we are loved, cared for,

sustained, nourished, embraced, and carried. There is nothing to fear in silence, and I can be present to myself in the same way that God is present to me. I can see myself as God sees me. All of my faults, weaknesses, imperfections, failings, and sinfulness melt away in the abundance of God's mercy. All of the worldly things we see as being important no longer are.

It is in silence that all of the barriers that divide us disappear. There is no more "yours" and "mine" but only the oneness of "ours." There is no longer a need to "figure things out," and we tap into our desire to simply let things be. Silence is creative and powerful and gives us hope. Silence is God's greatest blessing. God became one with humanity in silence. It allows us to be one with all of creation,



with the moon and the stars and all of the creatures God has made. The smallest particle of creation radiates with beauty. Silence allows us to soar beyond ourselves and connect in ways that the mind can only imagine. When all is quiet, we begin to see that it is only our fear that keeps us from the Lord. It is our fear that causes us to sink and to fail. We can hear the gentle whisper that tells us to reach for God's hand. We discover that we yearn for the salvation and wholeness that only God can give to us. Be still my soul and be at peace. ©LPi

## HOW FAMILIES OF PARISHES RELATE TO THE NEW VATICAN DOCUMENT ON COMMUNITY EVANGELIZATION

By Dcn. Mike Houghton

“The Synod’s foundational conviction is that the Church in the Archdiocese of Detroit is resolved to obey the Holy Spirit and be made by him a band of joyful missionary disciples. This means that the Archdiocese, following the call of Pope Francis, is resolved to undergo a “missionary conversion,” a change in our culture, such that every person at every level of the Church, through personal encounter with Jesus Christ, embraces his or her identity as a son or daughter of God and, in the power of the Holy Spirit, is formed and sent forth as a joyful missionary disciple... For parishes and archdiocesan services, it means the renewal of structures to make them Spirit-led and radically mission-oriented.”

This quote is from the Foundational Conviction of Unleash the Gospel (UTG), and now three years after its release we see its affirmation in an ecclesiological reflection released by the Vatican Congregation for the Clergy entitled The Pastoral Conversion of the Parish community in the service of the evangelizing mission of the Church (hereafter referred to as the Instruction).

This commentary is presented as both a brief summary of the Instruction itself and a reflection on how it fits so well with our missionary journey here in the AOD.

The Instruction is presented in eleven Chapters which walk the reader through an appreciation for how parishes have traditionally been organized, how current cultural influences will impact the future role of parishes, and then a series of considerations as to what the parish structure may look like moving forward.

In Chapter I of the Instruction, we read that, “In order for the journey of the Word to continue, the Christian community must make a determined missionary decision capable of transforming everything, so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably

channeled for the evangelization of today’s world rather than for her self-preservation.” In a similar but perhaps more efficient way, UTG calls us to undergo a missionary conversion.

In Chapters II and III, we read that “increased mobility and the digital culture have expanded the confines” of the territorial configuration of the parish, and that it is “necessary to find new forms of accompaniment and closeness.” It goes on to say that this task “ought not be seen as a burden but rather a challenge to be embraced with enthusiasm.” Put another way, we are called to be joyful missionary disciples.

Chapter IV makes it clear that mission is the guiding principle for renewal. Chapter V tells the reader that, “The Parish is not identified as a building or a series of structures, but rather as a specific community of the faithful.” Chapter VI then begins to bridge over from the previous Chapters into an understanding that, “The conversion of structures, which the Church must undertake, requires a significant change in mentality and interior renewal.” It also emphasizes the importance of carrying out changes with flexibility and gradualism.

Chapters VII and VIII are arguably the meat and potatoes of the document. These two Chapters comprise about 1/3 of the total text of the document. It is here where the focus on Parish groupings (or “Families” as we call them here in the AOD) are detailed, as well as considerations as to the ordinary and extraordinary ways of assigning the pastoral care of the Parish community.

Chapters IX, X, and XI then describe various considerations such as how to populate other roles within a Parish grouping. While these other considerations are not insignificant, in the spirit of brevity they are not detailed here.

To be clear, the Instruction does not propose any new Church legislation. What it does propose is methods to better apply existing rules and canonical norms in the spirit of the missionary renewal of parishes.

But why is this so relevant to our efforts here in the AOD? Quite simply, our efforts to unleash the Gospel have not stopped despite our need to reconsider our parish structures, just as the efforts of the universal Church toward the

new evangelization have not stopped despite her need to consider the same on a global scale. While restructuring is a necessary course of action both globally and locally, we cannot ever lose sight of the fact that we do so for the purpose of being more missionary.

And so this Instruction provides us some wind in our sails, some reinforcement that the path we are on toward Families of Parishes is a good one. We are not alone; the Universal Church fully recognizes the need to make such changes, and as we have so often reinforced, she advises us that we must do everything we do with a heart and a mind for being more intentionally missionary.

Our move to Families of Parishes is not an easy one. It comes with much prayer, deliberation, debate, and even sometimes disappointment. But as the Instruction states, it must not be seen as a burden but rather a challenge to be embraced with enthusiasm.

The release of the Instruction was not comprehended when Archbishop Vigneron revealed his discernment to move to Families of Parishes this past Pentecost. But the fact that it was released is not a coincidence. Indeed, it is further evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our missionary thrust which began with our pre-Synod Year of Prayer just over six years ago.

The conclusion of the Instruction includes this statement: “While it remains an indispensable institution to encounter Christ and to have a living relationship with Him and with our brothers and sisters in the faith, it is likewise true that the Parish must constantly face changes taking place in today’s culture and in the existential reality of persons, in order to explore creatively new ways and methods that allow it to be at the height of its primary function, that is, being a force of evangelization.”

In similar fashion, the Foundational Conviction of UTG includes the statement: “For parishes and archdiocesan services, it means the renewal of structures to make them Spirit-led and radically mission-oriented.”

While our journey is not always easy, it is important to know that we are moving in concert with the direction of the Holy Spirit and the support of the universal Church.



## Mass Intentions

Rosary said one-half hour  
before daily Mass

### Saturday, August 8, 2020

4:00 p.m.

- † John Dzienisowicz
- † Ed Lentz by Family
- † Gerald Nardell by Jim Nardell

### Sunday, August 9, 2020

10:00 a.m.

- † Fred Samrah by Family
- † Mark Baker by Family

### Monday, August 10, 2020

9:00 a.m.

- † Eugene Carnage

### Tuesday, August 11, 2020

NO MASS

### Wednesday, August 12, 2020

9:00 a.m.

- † Richard Martus

### Thursday, August 13, 2020

NO MASS

### Friday, August 14, 2020

9:00 a.m.

- † Ray Meyers

### Saturday, August 15, 2020

4:00 p.m.

- † Michael J. Grady by Jim Nardell

### Sunday, August 16, 2020

10:00 a.m.

- † Connie Mazzola
- † Fred Samrah by Family
- † Mary Jo Singles



## PRAY FOR . . .

Names will be published for 3 weeks.  
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Audrey Patterson

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Elizabeth Jeri

David Sargent

Tommie Miller

Margaret O'Donnell

Gabrielle Roth-Haver

Don Boudreaux

Orleta Cairo

Jackson Hensley

Deacon Jack Parent

Marguerite Fishbaugh

Joe Kroetsch

Joan Martus

Laurie Graves

Ruth Caspary

JoAnn Eaton

Dora Murray

Diane Hurd

Richard Booms

Doreen Valente

Sue Augustyn

Andy Serocki

Mary Bourbeau

Peter Henrici

Ron Pedersen

Margaret Warczak

Lori Crowl

### Scripture Readings for the Week



#### Sunday, August 9:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10,  
11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/Mt  
14:22-33

#### Monday, August 10:

2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9  
[5]/Jn 12:24-26

#### Tuesday, August 11:

Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103,  
111, 131 [103a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10,  
12-14

#### Wednesday, August 12:

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4,  
5-6 [4b]/Mt 18:15-20

#### Thursday, August 13:

Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-  
62 [cf. 7b]/Mt 18:21—19:1

#### Friday, August 14:

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is  
12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/Mt 19:3-12

#### Saturday, August 15:

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/  
Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]1 Cor  
15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28. Day: Rv  
11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11,  
12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk  
1:39-56

#### Sunday, August 16:

Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/  
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

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Ssgt Joshua Coll, Air Force  
AMS3 Christion Compton, Navy  
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Liturgy Schedule		
August 8–9, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Lead E.M.	Lector
Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass	TBA	TBA
Sunday, 10:00 am Mass	TBA	TBA
August 15–16, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Lead E.M.	Lector
Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass	TBA	TBA
Sunday, 10:00 am Mass	TBA	TBA

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#### DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE

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#### KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

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