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The Bronx New York



AUGUST| 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday Vigil
7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)
Sunday
8:00am English (organ & cantor)
9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)
11:30am English (organ & cantor)
1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

Monday - Friday
8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English
Thursday & Saturday
7:45am Vietnamese

SACRAMENTS

Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Baptism

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements.

Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

Marriage

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

Visits to the Sick

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

AUGUST 9, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 10
8:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 11
8:30 a.m. Acción de gracias al Sagrado Corazón de Jesus, Rose Carucci, Lupe Seguinot, Roasa Caines (D)
12:00 p.m. Giuse (D)

Wednesday, August 12
8:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m. Margaret Grossenbacher(D)

Thursday, August 13
8:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m.

Friday, August 14
8:30 a.m. Jose Montezuma, Marisol Graterol Angelica Contreras (D), todas las almas que murieron en Venezuela
12:00 p.m. Carmen Ureña de Castillo (D)

Saturday, August 15
7:45 a.m.
7:00 p.m. San Anthony Negronm Cruz Negron, Ricardo Reyes, Filomena Reyes, Angel Maldonado (D), Rigoberto Garcia Altamirano (D), Nylsa Feliciano (D), Edward Feliciano (D)

Sunday, August 16
8:00 a.m. People of SNT, Louie Dedvukaj (L) Honor of St. Nicholas
9:30: a.m. Alfredo Densangre (D), Otilio De la Cruz (D), Simona Parra & Andy Puig (D)
11:30 am Miri family -Honor of St. Nicholas, Thanksgiving—Kasongo Family
1:30 pm Giuse & Maria (D)

READINGS

First Reading:
Then the LORD said to him,
"Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD;
the LORD will be passing by." (1 Kgs 19:11)

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

Second Reading:
I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie;
my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness. (Rom 9:1)

Gospel:
Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter,
and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" (Mt 14:31)

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Readings for the week of August 9, 2026

Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
Monday:	2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday:	Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday:	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	**Vigil**: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 **Day**: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Next Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 14:22-33

As a young, newly ordained priest, I admired a senior priest who was gifted, beloved, and had changed countless lives. But soon I learned that he had fallen in catastrophic and destructive ways. The painful juxtaposition of good and evil was complex to process. How could someone so seemingly good also be so broken and deceptive? It forced me to confront a sobering truth: leadership in the Church is no guarantee against weakness or sin.

Peter teaches that truth in this week's Gospel. When he sees Jesus walking on the sea, Peter does what leaders do. He goes first. **"Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."** But when he sees how strong the wind is, he becomes frightened and, beginning to sink, cries out, **"Lord, save me."** Immediately, Jesus stretches out his hand and catches him.

St. Thomas Aquinas observes that Peter overcomes the greater danger of the waves but falters before the lesser threat of the wind. This is the paradox leaders often face. It is not always the great trials that undo us, but the smaller, quieter temptations, such as subtle fears and compromises, that lead us to sink.

The good news is that Jesus does not abandon Peter. He saves him before it is too late. Our frail humanity lives within a rhythm of grace, risk, failure, and mercy. Jesus helps Peter overcome both the obvious and hidden sources of fear, and he promises to do the same for us. So, let us pray for all, especially our spiritual leaders.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Looking for God

What do we think when we see Jesus coming to save us?

The first thing the Apostles scream is "Ghost!" when they catch sight of Jesus walking towards them on water. That always makes me laugh. After all they have witnessed thus far as the companions of the Messiah, they see someone walking on water and they still react like extras in a bad episode of Scooby-Doo.

We are always more quick to believe a bad thing than a good thing. We can easily believe gossip and hearsay about a friend, but we fear being taken for a fool when it comes to faith. We would rather look cynical than stupid.

"Save me, God, for the waters have reached my neck," reads Psalm 69. "My eyes fail, from looking for my God."

I think back on my life, on all the various ways that God has rescued me from slipping beneath the surface. Rarely did it ever occur to me, in the midst of it, that I was being rescued. In fact, I usually thought I was being held underwater. Did I hear His voice directing me, or did I only hear my own despairing? "Save me, God." Was I looking for Him, or were my eyes shut in fear? "My eyes fail, from looking for my God."

It's never until after the fact — sometimes years after, or decades — that we see things clearly. That we see Christ in the situation, making his way toward us, hand outstretched.

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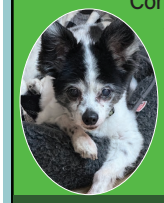

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