



NINETEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 9, 2026



Dear Friends in Christ,

How many times in our life do we confront a “strong wind” and a “big wave”? There must be many times. We cannot count the number of times, can we? Do you remember the last time a “strong wind” and a “big wave” blew into your life or covered you? It might have been the bad news from your sister who was just diagnosed with cancer; or one of your children who died suddenly; or your savings for retirement had been messed up; or your spouse did not keep their promise with you; or one of your children suddenly left the Church though he/she had been raised in the Catholic faith; or the priest whom you loved and trusted was accused of sexual abuse to a minor twenty years ago; and the list goes on and on.

So, how did you cope with it? How did you react to it? How was your faith in God during that time?

You still prayed to God? You faithfully came to Church? You prayed to God more than ever before? Your faith in God stood firmly on His promises? You tried to listen to God’s advice and wisdom? Was God the first one whom you ran to for help? (or was He the last one?)

As we profess our faith in Jesus Christ as the disciples did: “Truly, you are the Son of God,” let us mean what we profess. This was the shortest version of “The Creed.”

May we continue to nourish our faith with the sacraments that Jesus entrusted to the Church, particularly the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. We must receive these two sacraments often and reverently. Jesus knew our faith would be challenged, so He gave us the Eucharist. Jesus knew when being challenged we might fail, so He forgives and lifts us up through the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Jesus must love to see more people come to Him by attending daily Mass as many times as possible (whenever you have a chance), or stopping by the Church during the day to visit with Him.

Friends - when we have Jesus and He is with us and our house is built on the rock, it doesn’t matter how strong the wind or how big the wave is, we will not be afraid. “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid,” is what Jesus tells us.

May we come to Jesus often in the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation. Amen.

Peace,

Fr. Tien



History of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 15

The Feast of the Assumption is one of the oldest holy days in the Church, with accounts of celebrations going back to the sixth century. Christians in the East, both Catholic and Orthodox refer to it as the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos, or “the falling asleep of the Mother of God.” The earliest printed reference to the belief that Mary’s body was assumed into Heaven dates from the fourth century, in a document entitled “The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother of God.” The document is written in the voice of the Apostle John, to whom Christ on the Cross had entrusted the care of His mother, and it recounts the death, laying in the tomb, and assumption of the Blessed Virgin. Tradition variously places Mary’s death at Jerusalem or at Ephesus, where John was living.





Our Sanctuary Lamp this week
is in memory of James R. Swanson
by Charlene Galbrecht.

Our Ladies Guild will meet this Monday at 10:00 a.m.
All women of the Parish are invited!



Our Parish Library provides our parish family with materials that are consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church that will help to expand our knowledge and deepen our faith in Jesus Christ and His Church. The library provides a quality source of Catholic literature, serves as a center of religious information, provided opportunity, guidance, and encouragement to read for pleasure and continuing spiritual fulfillment.

We plan to have 2 busses to go to the
Eucharistic Congress in Charlotte on
September 12th. More information will come later.



The Solemnity of the Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15th this year
will fall on Saturday. It is not obligatory.
Attendance is encouraged but not required.

Prayers for healing: Donna Barbaro, Dolores Botti, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Daniel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Guyla Ivers, Anette ML Jigla, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Terry McConnell, Michelle Mercer, Dee Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, John Ontiveros, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Mike Scarborough, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Art Todesco, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell, Rosalie Perreault, David Ramsey, Susie Lopez Pineda, Kamri Peck, Kathy Tallent, Denise Burkart, Connie Blackburn, Sharon Beals, Josephine Jennings, Dominga Feria Lopez, Bill Garbinski, Nick Birchard, Mary Ann Janda, Josiah Mihok



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Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, August 8

Saint Dominic, Priest

5:00 P.M. ✚ Bill Holten by the Choir

Sunday, August 9

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. ✚ Jim Gatewood

11:30 A.M. Misericordia Group

Monday, August 10

Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

9:00 A.M. ✚ Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, August 11

Saint Clare, Virgin

NO MASS

Wednesday, August 12

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

5:30 P.M. Susana Acevedo Rios

✚ Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, August 13

Saints Pontian, Pope, and

Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

9:00 A.M. ✚ Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, August 14

Saints Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

9:00 A.M. ✚ Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 A.M. Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 P.M. ✚ Bill Holten by the Choir

✚ Andrea and ✚ Bob Hutchinson

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Sunday, August 16

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. Linda Zeagler, Ian Beer

11:30 A.M. Maria Carmen Elias