I am afraid. Where is the Lord?

Today’s first reading gives us dramatic examples of the power and majesty of nature where you might expect to find the Lord: strong and heavy wind rending mountains and crushing rocks, earthquake, fire. Was the Lord in these? No. Our God of surprises is in a tiny whispering sound! Elijah had been told the Lord will be passing by and only at the tiny whispering sound, not the mighty forces of nature, did he recognize the passing of the Lord, hide his face in his cloak and stand at the entrance of the cave. I’m sure I would have been hiding IN the cave at any one of the mighty forces of nature and in fear not even looking for the Lord. Much less in a tiny, whispering sound! What an invitation! I resolve not to let my fears drown out the subtle, gentle voice of God.

The Gospel setting is a familiar one: Jesus seeks some alone time to be with his Father on the mountain top and sends the disciples off in their boat to go before him to the other side of the lake. As can happen with a rather shallow lake, the wind comes up and tosses the boat around. Another fearful gesture from nature. It is the fourth watch, the hours from 3-6 a.m., the time of significant encounters with God in many Bible stories. A holy time.

The disciples see a figure approaching on the water – more fear! They think it is a ghost, but the figure speaks: ”Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter: “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” Jesus replies simply: “Come.”

Once again fear interferes. Peter, realizing the strength of the wind begins to sink and cries out “Lord, save me!”

Jesus immediately reaches out and catches Peter, saying, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

I am often wakened at three a.m. for no rational reason…what a great time to turn to the Lord in prayer. To listen for that tiny whispering sound. To remember all his words in this Gospel. And reach for his hand, outstretched toward mine……

“Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”
“Come.”
“O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

~Susanne Braddock
Creighton University – retired

“My prayerful Lord, You spent the night in prayer to Your Father not because You needed help, but because of Your love. Your prayer was an expression of that love and was a natural requirement of it. Please help me to also establish an unbreakable habit of prayer so that my love for You will remain strong and so that I can follow You through every apparent obstacle in life. Jesus, I trust in You.”
PLEASE NOTE:
PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN

All priests, deacons, employees, and volunteers who completed a Protecting God’s Children workshop prior to January 1, 2020, are REQUIRED to update their certification by completing the Protecting God’s Children Online Awareness Session 4.0 with Vulnerable Adults Training 2.0 combined module. THIS IS MANDATORY WITH NO OPTIONS FOR NOT COMPLETING THE TRAINING OR BACKGROUND CHECK FOR EVERY EMPLOYEE AND ANY VOLUNTEER WHO HAS THE POSSIBILITY OF SPENDING UNSUPERVISED TIME WITH MINORS OR VUNERABLE ADULTS.

The module is self-paced and takes approximately two hours to complete. Individuals may pause, save, and resume their position in the training if they cannot complete it in one sitting. SPECIAL INFORMATION: YOUR TRAINING AND BACKGROUND CHECK MUST BE COMPLETED BY August 30, 2023 please. Our annual audit is due and in that audit we must list who has completed the background check and updated training.

Please see Rhonda Gilbert with any questions OR GO TO: https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/index.cfm?f

Sunday Community Dinners... As one of our most important ministries to our members, neighbors, we have been blessed to have many sponsors, but as with most ministries, we are in need of more. If you and your group would like to sponsor a meal, please email Georgia Kingsley at gfk111@aol.com. Three groups have agreed to sponsor the upcoming Sunday meals: Today, Sunday, August 13 - Maryanne Flores, Regina and Katie; August 20 – Maryanne Flores, Regina and Katie

Nativity Pantry News: Thank you for your continued support of the pantry. This week the pantry needs Soups, Canned Fruit, and snacks or candy for the kids. Also, if you have an abundance of reusable grocery bags that you aren’t using, the pantry would love them. We put the groceries in them for families that walk here for their food. This ministry could not happen without you!

Volunteer Help Needed!
Rosary Community Retreats puts on 4 retreats per year tailored to the needs of developmentally disabled adults. For each group of 3 clients, we need 1 volunteer worker to serve as a shepherd for the weekend. Our needs as follows:
Sept. 15-17 we need 5 female volunteers and 2 male volunteers
Oct. 20-22 we need 2 female volunteers and 1 male volunteers
The Retreats are held at the Colombiere Conference Center, Clarkston (Jesuit Center)
Staff and volunteers to arrive by 6:00 PM Friday and depart at 1:30 PM Sunday
WE REALLY need your help!
Thanks & Laus Deo,
John Schlitt (734-425-1246)
MASS INTENTIONS
August 13, 2023
Benjamin Villanueva

August 20, 2023
Raymond Hughes
Donald Hughes, Jr.

August 27, 2023
Angela McDonald
Robert Wedgeworth

PRAY FOR THE HEALING PRESENCE
Marianne Burns
Mary Canaday
Sister Hackett
Joy Harris
Joan Jackson
Michael Martin
Tommy Nance
Ronald Parham
Elizabeth Pilette
Dr. Bob Preuss
Cynthia Richardson
Alicia Smith
Anna Tyler
Rene VanZaelen
Alonda Walker
Jerry Walker
Theresa Williamson
Pam Young

Please call the rectory at 313-331-0253 to let us know when a name should be removed from the list. Praise God for His Healing mercies!

TODAY’S READINGS
First Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a
(Coming of the Lord)

Psalm 85: 9, 10, 11-12, 13-14
(Truth and Justice)

Romans 9: 1-5
(Blessed by God)

Psalm 130: 5
(Hope and Trust)

Matthew 14: 22-33
(Jesus Walks on Water)

The Holy Father’s Intentions for the Month of August 2023
For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Aug., 14: Deuteronomy 10: 12-22; Psalm 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Second Thessalonians 2: 14; Matthew 17: 22-27

Tues., Aug. 15: Revelation 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab; Psalm 45: 10, 11, 12, 16; First Corinthians 15: 20-27; Luke 1: 39-56

Wed., Aug. 16: Deuteronomy 34: 1-12; Psalm 66: 1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17; Second Corinthians 5: 19; Matthew 18: 15-20

Thurs., Aug. 17: Joshua 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17; Psalm 114: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Psalm 119: 135; Matthew 18: 21 – 19: 1

Fri., Aug. 18: Joshua 24: 1-13; Psalm 136: 1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24; First Thessalonians 2: 13; Matthew 19: 3-12

Sat., Aug. 19: Joshua 24: 14-29; Psalm 16: 1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Matthew 11: 25; Matthew 19: 13-15

Sun., Aug. 20: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7; Psalm 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8; Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32; Matthew 4: 23; Matthew 15: 21-28

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE:
Stewards Listen

“He said, ‘Come.’ Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.”
- Matthew 14:29

When we hear Jesus calling, do we respond as Stewards and trust that He knows what He’s doing? If so, we are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

WEEKLY COLLECTION
Sunday, August 6, 2023

Collection $1,644.58
Online Donations $2,637.00
TOTAL $4,281.58
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EVENTS & NOTICES

St. Augustine St. Monica Catholic Church
Feastday Celebration & Revival August 18 & 19, 7pm
Feastday celebration Mass Sunday August 20, 2023, 10am
August 20th after Mass:
Jazz On the Lawn!

Featuring phenomenal jazz artists from the
Metro Detroit Jazz Musicians!

Dominican Center: Spirituality for Mission

Listening to the Cry of the Earth & the Cry of the Poor:
An Ecological Spirituality Retreat

Saturday, September 16
St. Suzanne Cody Rouge
Community Resource Center
19321 W. Chicago, Detroit, MI 48228
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
$15/person (scholarships available)
lunch provided

Dominican & Franciscan Spirituality both find a common home in the Ecological Spirituality expressed in Pope Francis’ pastoral letter Laudato Si’, subtitled "on care for our common home". This retreat sponsored by the Dominican Center: Spirituality for Mission and guided in part by our Franciscan brothers and sisters will recognize the cry of the earth and the poor on the very land now referred to as the westside of Detroit. This retreat will utilize a rhythm of prayer time, presentations, and reflection moments. By the end of our day, we will propose some healing action steps for the care of our "common home".

**Speakers:**
Ms Doris "Thunder Feather" Allen - Minister DeJuan Bland
Mr. Naim Edwards - Ms Joni Scott

Questions? Contact Barb Matievich at Director@DominicanCenter.org

register online at stpaulretreat.org/event/ecological-spirituality-retreat
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Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 10a to 4p

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Joni Scott, Director of Religious Education
Gayle Koyton, Boulevard Ministry

Council Members
Steven Dearing, Niam Edwards, Marian Harvey,
Sr. Mary Ellen Howard, Dan Hurley, Donna King,
Leslie Kirby, Richard Preuss, Nicholas Rennpage

St. Charles Mission Statement
St. Charles Borromeo, a diverse urban parish of Detroit, is rooted in Christ’s Gospel and Catholic tradition. We strive to build a community of faith through education, worship, and evangelization. We are called to carry on Christ’s ministry to our brothers and sisters, especially the sick and their families, the elderly, youth, and the disabled. With Mary as our example of unconditional love, we strive to welcome everyone to share joyfully in the peace, love and salvation of Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that it is the Holy Spirit who calls and empowers us, who strengthens and renews us, and who gives us the will to continue our mission, until Jesus comes.

Family of Parishes Prayer Groups

Tuesday Men’s Prayer Group
6pm, St. Augustine / St. Monica

Tuesday Zoom Prime Time Bible Study
St. Elizabeth / Sacred Heart, 7pm.
For Zoom link go to www.sacredheartdetroit.com/primetime

Archbishop Vigneron’s statement on Pope Francis’ Global Rules for Reporting Abuse
A new papal law requiring priests and religious to report sexual abuse and misconduct provides “clear directives for universal accountability in response to the horrors of clergy sexual abuse,” Archbishop Vigneron has told Detroit Catholic. The law provides whistleblower protections for anyone making a report and requires all dioceses to have a system in place to receive the claims confidentially. And it outlines internal procedures for conducting preliminary investigations when the accused is a bishop, cardinal or religious superior. “I am deeply sorry to all those who have been injured and are enduring a lifetime of physical, emotional and spiritual suffering because of perverse actions by those in authority,” the archbishop said. “No one is above civil law, and importantly, no one is above God’s law.” Pope Francis announced the new norms. The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others directly to law enforcement – no matter when the abuse occurred. The Michigan Attorney General’s Office has established a toll-free reporting hotline at (844- 324-3374, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5pm). Individuals also may contact their local police department. For complaints involving priests, deacons, religious, or laity, individuals are welcomed to contact the Archdiocese of Detroit’s Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or vac@aod.org.
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