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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 p.m. (Vigil, English)

Sunday 7:45 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m. (Spanish)

Daily Masses:

Monday - Communion Service 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

First Saturday 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., or by appointment

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (Chapel)

Mon., Tue., Wed. & Fri. 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND

Call the Parish Office

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES

By appointment with the Pastor

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Teresa Grimm - 661-391-4640

ADULT OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Ed & Carole Lugo, (951) 903-8471

Chris & Terry Thompson, (661) 203-7255

LIFE TEEN - Traci Peel (661) 859-4179

2nd & 4th Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM)

Natalie Olvera, (661) 910-5090

youngadultministryctk@gmail.com

Contact Deacon Fred Ansolabehere at

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For the following:

Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors



Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time - August 9, 2026

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Parish Finance Council - Dcn. Fred Ansolabehere,

Tom Duncan, Ron Holbert, Jude Hupp, Peggy Hubble,
and Ed Lugo

Greeters/Ushers - Kathy Haynes, (661) 588-8877

Music Ministry - Jim McClelland, (661) 472-1763

Carmelite Discalced Secular - 3rd Sunday 1:00 p.m.

McGovern Hall, Carole Souza, (559) 936-5432,
thelittleway73@gmail.com

Ladies Guild - 2nd Thursday (monthly) 6:00 p.m.,

McGovern Hall, Peggy Hubble, President (661) 747-5942,
phubble523@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus - 1st Thursday (monthly) 7:00 p.m.,

McGovern Hall, Justin Fleeman, Grand Knight (661) 343-7282,
FLEE_SR@sbcglobal.net

Right to Life Rosary - 4th Thursday (monthly) 6:30 p.m.

Norm Reimers, ncreimers@att.net

Bible Study - Tuesday 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Room A

Spanish Prayer Group - Tuesday 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

McGovern Hall, Oscar Coreas, (661) 477-2252

Prayer Blanket Ministry - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays (monthly)

9:00 a.m. - Noon, Room B, Karen Flores, (661) 345-5217

Prayer Blankets are available in the parish office.

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-PASTOR'S PAGE — August 9, 2026

My Dear Family,

I pray that we are surviving the summers' heat and staying hydrated. As we are in the nineteenth Sunday of the liturgical year, Jesus is reminding us to stay focused on him for he will reach out to us no matter how deep we may be sinking. In Christ we will never go under, for he will always lift you up.

Faith depends on the faithfulness of Jesus; In life, in death, and in every storm...SO WHERE DO YOU NEED TO TRUST THE FAITHFULNESS OF JESUS TODAY?

And as Peter got into the boat, **wind ceased and those in the boat WORSHIPED HIM SAYING 'TRULY, YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD.'** If Peter was able to give his testimony to us today, he would probably say something like this "You know I didn't think at that time...but looking back I'm grateful for that storm. My faith was stretched to the limits in it, but it was in that storm that I saw the glory of Jesus. And it was in that storm that I discovered what it takes to have faith in Jesus, and what it really does."

I am sure when Peter got back in that boat, the disciples would have had many, many, many unanswered questions:

- 1. Why did Jesus allow the storm?**
- 2. Why did he tell them to get into the boat, when he knew the storm was coming?**
- 3. Why did he leave them straining by themselves for so long?**
- 4. Why did he come in the fourth watch of the night?**
- 5. Why didn't he come in the first or the second or the third watch of the night?**

They wouldn't have had to face all these difficulties and hardships. He could have made all these much easier...

- 6. Who knows if there is another storm or more storms to come?**

But my dear family, you see, the story ends in this way, reminding us that these men had something better to do than to agonize themselves over unanswered questions and unfulfilled wishes and dreams.

They had come to realize that the Son of God is with them!!! And realizing that they were in the presence of the Son of God, they worshiped. When you realize that the Son of God is always for you, that he is always with you, that no place how ever dark and frightening that Jesus is reaching out to you and holding you up, and he will never let you go, AND WHEN YOU COME TO SEE THESE THINGS, YOU TOO WILL TRULY WORSHIP HIM. Much in my prayers.

God Bless You,
~Father Joseph~





Mi Querida Familia,

Una vez Sócrates dijo: "Habla solo si tus palabras prueban el silencio que te rodea" Lo que él quería decir era que nuestras palabras deberían ser comunicación intencional y con propósito en lugar de charla sin pensar. Lo que significa decir que nuestras palabras deberían enriquecer en lugar de disminuir el momento. Deben llevar y transmitir sabiduría. Hemos perdido el arte de hablar y nuestras palabras no contienen sabiduría. Por lo tanto, nuestras conversaciones se han llenado de palabras sin sentido y por debajo del estándar. A veces están llenas de vulgaridad, profanidad y enojo.

Es por eso que necesitamos silencio en nuestras vidas. A medida que envejezco, lo deseo tanto. Cuando estoy en mi rectoría, estoy solo. Sin ruidos de televisión, sin ruidos humanos. No he visto televisión durante más de 30 años. El silencio puede traer un entendimiento profundo de uno mismo. Puedes prestar atención a tus pensamientos y observar lo que está sucediendo en tu mundo interior. Pero el silencio también puede permitirnos encontrarnos con muchos ruidos internos; a menudo, estos ruidos internos pueden ser tan perturbadores que una vida ocupada y distraída parece preferible a un tiempo de silencio.

Dos "ruidos" disgustosos se presentan rápidamente en nuestro silencio: ***los sonidos de lujuria y los ruidos de la ira.***

El deseo revela nuestras muchas necesidades insatisfechas, mientras que la ira revela nuestras muchas relaciones no resueltas. Estas dos realidades son muy difíciles de enfrentar. La lujuria a menudo actúa como una señal, una 'máscara' o un síntoma, revelando necesidades emocionales, psicológicas o espirituales más profundas y no atendidas, en lugar de ser simplemente un deseo sexual. Desde las perspectivas psicológica y espiritual, este sentimiento intenso, a menudo compulsivo, surge cuando las personas intentan llenar un vacío interno o manejar el malestar con sentimientos intensos. La ira puede revelar nuestros sentimientos más profundos como el miedo, la soledad y las necesidades insatisfechas. Esto puede mostrar cómo se han violado los límites, cómo las personas han sido injustas con nosotros o la falta de conexiones emocionales con las personas que deberían habernos amado. Bueno, ¿qué vamos a hacer? Jesús dice: "Ve y aprende el significado de las palabras: Misericordia quiero, y no sacrificio" (Mateo 9:13). Lo que Jesús quiso decir con sacrificio aquí es "ofrecer", "cortar", "quemar" o "matar". Esto es lo que mucha gente en mi país hace, cuando se enfrentan a estos problemas. O bien ofrecen sacrificios o realizan 'poojas' (la forma hindú o budista de ofrecer adoración) para superarlos. No deberíamos hacer eso con nuestra lujuria y enojo. Simplemente no funcionará, pero podemos ser misericordiosos con nuestro propio yo ruidoso que grita desde lo profundo de nuestro ser. Podemos convertir a estos enemigos en amigos. ¿Cómo? Bueno, lo dejo para mi próxima página. Permítanme sugerirles, ***sean buenos consigo mismos. Sé amable. ¿Cuál es el segundo mandamiento más importante? Ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo. Aprende a amarte a ti mismo. Perdónate a ti mismo.***

Estás mucho en mis oraciones.

Que Dios te bendiga,

~Padre Joseph~



The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time is a key celebration that focuses on themes of deep faith, trust in God during storms or fear, and spiritual readiness

Luke 12:32-34

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not be afraid any longer, little flock for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

Our Lord tells the disciples and through them and all his followers, how they should conduct their lives on earth so that they would always be found in God's friendship when their call to judgment comes. In answer to a question put to him by Peter, our lord says that more will be expected of those who have received greater gifts from God than of those who received lesser gifts.

This teaching of our Lord should make us sit up and take serious notice. He has taken us into his household. He has made us his "little flock". We are invited guests in his home, his Church, rather than mere servants. He warns us today that we must always be busy about our vocation, about the reason why he invited us into his home. We are Christians, we are members of His Church, for our own eternal good. God, through Christ's Incarnation, has put us on the road to heaven.

Take a serious look at your way of living today. Is your behavior in the home, in your place of work, in your recreation, in your relations with God, prayers and church attendance and with your neighbor, it is such that you would change nothing in it? If it is, thank God for it and keep on going; you are on the right road to glory, Put things right today, and then you need not worry when your call to judgment comes

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Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat Aug. 8	4 pm	+Joe and +Shirley Clerou
Sun Aug. 9	7:45 am	+Ronnie Garone
	9:30 am	+Joseph Passaglia
	11 am	+Genovevo Medina
Mon Aug. 10	8 am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tue Aug. 11	8 am	Int. of Charles Ullrich
Wed Aug. 12	8 am	Available/Disponibile
Thu Aug. 13	8 am	+For the soul of Billy Uribe +Jerry Janzen
Fri Aug. 14	8 am	Available/Disponibile
Sat Aug. 15	4 pm	+Genovevo Medina
Sun Aug. 16	7:45 am	+Loretta Becherucci
	9:30 am	+Joseph Passaglia
	11 am	+Rafaela Mejia and +Celestino Andrade

OREMUS

Please keep these parishioners in your prayers

Justin Fleeman

John Beath

Father Joseph

Rita Parungrug

Pam Greenleaf & Charles Ullrich

The Smith Family

Raclyn (Pinsler) Antrim

Mary Lou Salas & Family

Pat Murray

Requiescat in Pace

Amanda Duncan

Gregory Salas

Lorenzo Silva

A Message from the CTK Office of Religious Education:

Registration for Sacramental Preparation will end on August 23rd.

A mandatory meeting for parents and guardians will be held on Sept. 2nd at 6pm in the church hall. The first day of classes will be Sept. 9th. First Communion classes will begin at 5:30pm and Confirmation classes at 6pm. Thank you!

First Communion - Year One and Year Two
Confirmation - Year One and Year Two
Sacramental Prep for older children and adults
Homeschooling Families
Children with Special Needs

Registration Forms are available in the office, in the back of the church, and through email: tmariegrimm@gmail.com

For any questions, please call Teresa (626) 321-7970

Un Mensaje de la Oficina de Educación Religiosa de CTK:

Las inscripciones para la preparación sacramental finalizarán el 23 de Agosto.

El 2 de Septiembre a las 6:00 pm. Se llevará a cabo una reunion obligatoria para padres or tutores en el salón de la iglesia. El primer día de clases será el 9 de Septiembre: las clases de Primera Comunión comenzarán a las 5:30 pm y las Confirmación a las 6:00 pm. ¡Gracias!

Primera Comunión: Primer y Segundo Año
Confirmación: Primer y Segundo Año
Preparación sacramental para niños mayores y adultos
Familias que educan en casa (homeschooling)
Ninos con necesidades especiales

Los formularios de inscripción están disponibles en la oficina, en la parte posterior de la iglesia y por correo electrónico: tmariegrimm@gmail.com



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Please contact Mr Ed Lugo,
(951) 903-8471

The class is free and requires a Birth Certificate and previous sacrament certificate(s)

Meetings are 1.5 hours in the Queen of Heaven

1st year students - Sept.10th, Thursdays, 5:30pm
2nd year students - Sept. 8th, Tuesdays, 5:30pm

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AS PER FATHER'S REQUEST

BAPTISMS WILL NOW BE HELD ONLY ON THE 2ND & 4TH SATURDAYS OF THE MONTH, 1 PM & 2 PM IN THE CHURCH

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