



# ST. JOHN FISHER

## Catholic Parish

### A FAMILY OF FAMILIAS

#### MASS MISA

##### Tuesday/Martes:

Chapel/Capilla @ 8:00 AM

##### Wednesday/Miércoles:

Chapel/Capilla @ 8:00 AM

##### Thursday/Jueves:

Chapel/Capilla @ 8:00 AM

##### Friday/Viernes:

Catholic Charities @ 8:00 AM

##### Saturday/Sábado:

Church/Iglesia @ 6:00 PM English

##### Sunday/Domingo:

Church/Iglesia @ 8:00 AM Español,  
10:00 AM English, 12:00 PM Español

#### CONFESSIONS CONFESIONES

##### Saturday/Sábado:

3:00 PM-5:00 PM

#### ADORATION ADORACIÓN

##### Thursdays Blessed Sacrament/ Jueves Exposición del Santísimo

8:00 AM-6:45 PM

#### OFFICE HOURS HORARIO DE OFICINA

##### Monday – Thursday/Lunes – Jueves

8:00 AM-5:00 PM

(One hour lunch/Una hora de almuerzo)

12:00 – 1:00 PM

##### Friday/Viernes:

8:00 AM-NOON

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# PRAYER & WORSHIP

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## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2020

<b>SUN 8/9</b>	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
<b>MON 8/10</b>	2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
<b>TUE 8/11</b>	Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
<b>WED 8/12</b>	Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [4b]/Mt 18:15-20
<b>THR 8/13</b>	Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/Mt 18:21—19:1
<b>FRI 8/14</b>	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/Mt 19:3-12
<b>SAT 8/15</b>	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
<b>SUN 8/16</b>	Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

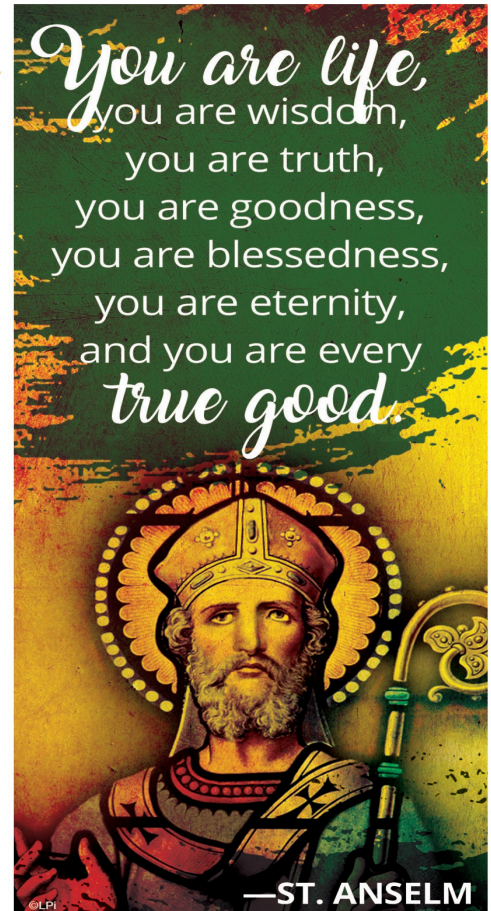
### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2020

<b>Sunday:</b>	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Monday:</b>	St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. Clare, Virgin
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
<b>Thursday:</b>	Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
<b>Friday:</b>	St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
<b>Saturday:</b>	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

There is something very sacred about silence. Silence connects us. It is where the heartbeat of all of creation — and its life blood and source — are embraced and where oneness is experienced. When in the presence of an environment that is silent, the worries, tribulations, struggles, and challenges of life seem to fade away, and we can experience a peaceful whisper. We can call that whisper God. Through the practice of contemplative prayer, we can find our way to that inner place of silence even in the midst of great distraction, busyness, and noise. The silence becomes one with us and grounds us. When we become friends with silence, friends with God, we can hear the gentle whisper of God's voice saying, "Come, stay here. Trust me and you will not fall."



Lord,  
help  
me see



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## WORSHIP & MEDITATION



### FIRST READING:

"Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by."  
(1 Kgs 11a)



### PSALM:

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



### SECOND READING:

For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh.  
(Rom 9:3)



### GOSPEL:

Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" (Mt 14:29-30)

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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.

# PARISH INFO

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## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

### 3 EASY STEPS

#### To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



#### Wash Your Hands

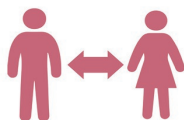
Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.

#### Don't Touch Your Face

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

#### Keep Your Distance

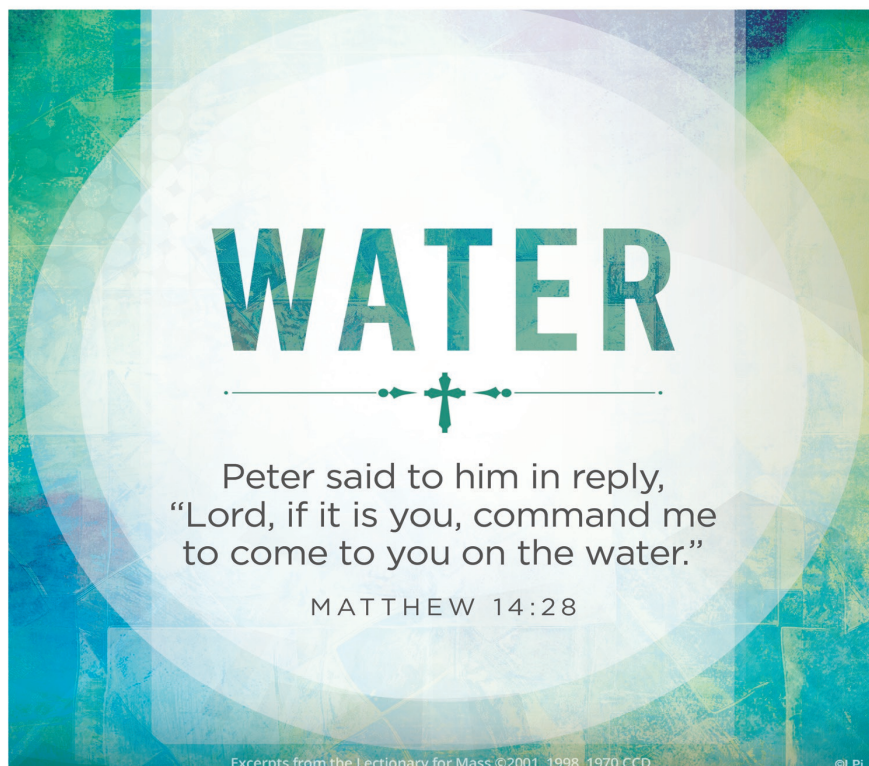
Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.



*Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"*

- Mt 14:28-30

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# PARISH ACTIVITIES

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## READ THE GOSPEL AND COLOR THE IMAGE!

### SHARING THE GOSPEL

One night the disciples were caught in a storm, out in the middle of a lake. The winds were strong. The waves crashed against their boat. But Jesus was so powerful, he walked on that stormy lake. Then he completely stopped the storm. No problem you have is ever too big for Jesus. He can do anything. Put all your trust in him.

### PRAYER

Jesus, I thank you for showing me how powerful you are.

### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

When you are afraid, ask Jesus for help. Remember how powerful he is.

## KIDS CORNER





# PASTOR'S DESK

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## DEAR ST. JOHN FISHER FAMILY,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells Peter: "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" (Mt 14:31) Jesus continues to say these words to us every time we feel alone and powerless in the storms that frequently batter our lives. These include the pandemic and all the ramifications it is having on our economy and our wellbeing. It includes the racial tensions, political divisions and injustices. They cause doubts or even a sense of rebellion within us. *"Why doesn't God see? Why doesn't he listen to me? Why doesn't he come? Why doesn't he do something? Where is the God who is love I have believed in? Is he just a figment of my imagination, just an illusion?"*

But he tells us: *"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."* Just as he came down from the mountain to be close to them in their difficulty, now too the Risen Lord continues to come into our lives and walk alongside us as our companion. He never leaves us alone in times of trial: he is there to share it with us. Perhaps we don't believe this enough. That is why he says once more: *O you of little faith, why did you doubt?*

Besides being a scolding, these words are an invitation to revive our faith. When Jesus was on earth, he made many promises. For example *"Ask and you will receive"* (Jn 16:24); *"Seek first for the kingdom of God and all these things will be given to you as well"* (Mt 6:33); those who have left everything for him will be given the hundredfold in this life and eternal life as their inheritance (Mt 19:29).

We can receive everything, but we have to

believe in His love especially in time of need. To receive everything from him, Jesus asks us to at least recognize his love first. Instead, we often fret as if we had to face life alone; as if we were orphans without a Father. Just like Peter, we focus on the violent choppy waters that seem to overpower us than on the presence of Jesus in our lives who takes us by the hand and walks with us, calming the violent waters.

If we stay focused on all that is hurting us, our problems and difficulties, worries and uncertainties, we will plunge into paralyzing fear, anguish and discouragement. But we are not alone! We believe that there is Someone who takes care of us. We should look to him. He is close by even when we think he isn't. Let's believe this, trust in him and entrust ourselves to him.

When our faith is put to the test, let's struggle and pray, like Peter who cried out *"Lord, save me!"* (Mt 14:30) or like the disciples in a similar situation *"Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"* (Mk 4:38). He will always help us. His is a true love and he will shoulder the load of each of our burdens.

*Fr. Jesse Garcia*

## QUERIDA FAMILIA DE ST. JUAN FISHER,

está teniendo en nuestra economía y nuestro bienestar. Incluye las tensiones raciales, las divisiones políticas y las injusticias. Causan dudas o incluso una sensación de rebelión dentro de nosotros. *"¿Por qué Dios no ve? ¿Por qué no me escucha? ¿Por qué no viene? ¿Por qué no hace algo? ¿Dónde está el Dios que es amor en el que he creído? ¿Dios solo es un producto de mi imaginación, una ilusión?"*

Pero él nos dice: "Ánimo, no teman, que soy yo." Así como él bajó de la montaña para estar cerca de ellos en su dificultad, ahora también el Señor Resucitado continúa viniendo a nuestras vidas y caminando junto a nosotros como nuestro compañero. Nunca nos deja solos en tiempos de prueba: está allí para compartirla con nosotros. Quizás no creemos esto lo suficiente. Por eso dice una vez más: *¡Hombre de poca fe, ¿Por qué dudaste?!*

Además de ser un regaño, estas palabras son una invitación a revivir nuestra fe. Cuando Jesús estuvo en esta tierra, hizo muchas promesas. Por ejemplo, *"Pidan y recibirán"* (Jn 16, 24); *"busquen primero su reino y su justicia, y se les darán también todas esas cosas"* (Mt 6: 33); aquellos que le han dejado todo por él recibirán el centenar en esta vida y la vida eterna como su herencia (Mt 19:29).

Podemos recibir todo, pero tenemos que creer en su amor, especialmente en tiempos de necesidad. Para recibir todo de él, Jesús nos pide que al menos reconozcamos su amor primero. En cambio, a menudo nos preocupamos como si

tuviéramos que enfrentar la vida solos; como si fuéramos huérfanos sin un padre. Al igual que Pedro, nos enfocamos en las violentas aguas picadas que parecen dominarnos y no en la presencia de Jesús en nuestras vidas que nos toma por la mano y camina con nosotros calmando las aguas violentas.

Si nos mantenemos enfocados en todo lo que nos está haciendo daño, o sea, en nuestros problemas y dificultades, preocupaciones e incertidumbres, nos sumergiremos en el miedo, la angustia y el desánimo paralizantes. ¡Pero no estamos solos! Creamos que hay alguien que nos cuida. Deberíamos mirarlo a él. Está cerca incluso cuando creemos que no. Creamos esto, confiemos en él y pongámonos en sus manos.

Cuando nuestra fe se pone a prueba, luchemos y recemos como Pedro que gritó *"¡Señor, sálvame!"* (Mt 14:30) o como los discípulos en una situación similar *"Maestro, ¿no te importa que nos hundamos?"* (Mc 4:38) Él siempre nos ayudará. El suyo es un amor verdadero y cargará con la carga de cada una de nuestras cargas.

*P. Jesse Garcia*





# CALENDAR & EVENTS

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Alfred Arredondo, Melissa Baca, Miguel De La Torre, Antonia Flores , Lupe Garcia, Pedro Granados, Cecilia Gonzalez, Mark Lester, Ofelia Gonzalez Morales, Leonard Martinez, Jessica Martinez, Serafin Nuñez, , Jesse Perez, Bryan Ramirez, Josefina Ramirez, Ramona Rosales, Joe Rosilez Sr., Aurora Sanchez, John Sanchez, Esteban Treviño, Joe Wiley,

Call the office with the names of those who need our prayers and also call to inform us when to remove the name from the list.

Llame a la oficina para informar sobre quienes están enfermos y podemos orar por ellos. Llámenos también cuando consideren que debemos sacarlos de la lista.



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But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

- Mt 14:30-31

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## LITURGICAL LIFE

### QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

#### First Reading

The Lord taught the prophet Elijah not to look for him in the usual places. When have you found God's voice in an unexpected circumstance?

#### Second Reading

Paul was puzzled and deeply saddened over fellow Jews (God's covenantal people) who did not believe that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah. What convinces you of Jesus' identity as our Lord and Savior?

#### Gospel Reading

Peter shows himself to be a man of "little faith" when faced with the grave danger of drowning. Who are the people in your life who show a depth of faith in times of extreme duress?



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

