

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 13, 2017**

Truth shall spring out of the earth,  
and justice shall look down from heaven.  
— Psalm 85:12



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**NOTHING TO FEAR**

A rabbi was asked why God sends trials and troubles into human lives. "Because God gets lonely for his people" was the reply. There is some resonance with this wisdom in today's Gospel, as Jesus makes his disciples get into a boat without him and goes off alone while they venture into stormy waters. Of course, neither Jews nor Christians believe that the Almighty plays this sort of whimsical game with them, but there is some truth in the statement that we don't turn to God for saving help until we're in a bind. Peter's role today, as it is throughout the New Testament, is to be a sign or to represent each member of the church and the whole church. Our story is the tale told about Peter's faith today. What can bolster our faith is that even when Christ calls us to face bravely the tempests of life, if we are walking through them with our eyes fixed on him in faith, we have nothing to fear. Even when we falter or sink, simply crying "Lord, save me!" is enough to help us know the steady grasp of God's hand. Then, sheltered inside the walls of faith, the storms we endure lose their power over us.

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Elijah waits on the mountain for the LORD to pass by (1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a).

**Psalm** — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

**Second Reading** — From the Israelites, with their law and the prophets, comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5).

**Gospel** — As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified (Matthew 14:22-33).

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 14</b>
8:00 am	† John DeLuca
6:00 pm	† Coke Vannucchi
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 15</b>
8:00 am	† Bruna De Rosa
6:00 pm	† Jenny Sant
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 16</b>
8:00 am	† Vincent Gagliardo Sr. † Maria and † Giuseppe Mazzaferro
7:00pm	† Lourdes Soriano Sapanlay † Marcelo Ramos
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 17</b>
8:00 am	† Joseph I. Bosso
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 18</b>
8:00 am	† Paul and † Theresa Vella
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 19</b>
8:00 am	† Gaetano Zahra
4:30 pm	† Manuel Scerri
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 20</b>
7:30 am	People of the Parish † Stella Celeste
9:30 am	Italian Catholic Federation † Ron Mirkovich
11:30 am	The Maltese Society

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**Tuesday August 15<sup>th</sup> is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy day of obligation. Masses for the Holy day are: Monday August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm (Vigil) and Tuesday August 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am and 6:00 pm. All Masses will be in the Church. (Please note: The Monday morning Mass at 8:00am does not fulfill the Holy Day obligation.)**



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Our parish program is for the religious instruction of children who attend public schools. Since religion is not allowed to be taught in public schools, where will these children go to learn about our Catholic faith? First and foremost, they are taught the Catholic faith by their parents. In partnership with parents, our program continues the mission of Jesus Christ, through faith formation of the students in the areas of prayer, scripture, sacraments, Church history, Church traditions, Church doctrines and ethical issues in a way that is understandable and meaningful to these young children.

The students are also prepared to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Our students participate in our monthly Family Masses, the Christmas children's Mass, the Feast of St. Elizabeth, the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz, Flores de Mayo and Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrations.

We have classes beginning in K all the way to 8th grade (English & Spanish) at which time they are ready to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

Our classes are held every Saturday morning in Cantwell Hall beginning on September 9, 2017 until May 19, 2018. Our doors open at 8:30am to 10:30am (English) and 11:30am to 1:00pm (Spanish). Our fee is \$45.00/child which covers all books, all learning materials, sacrament receptions, sacrament gifts and many other things. Registration forms and Family Handbooks are available at [www.stelizabethsf.org](http://www.stelizabethsf.org) or you can pick up a form at the Parish Office at 449 Holyoke Street, SF from 9:00am to 3:30pm, Monday to Thursday (closed on Fridays.)

We the teachers, parents and students, would also, like to thank all of you for your continued support of our parish religious program through the first Sunday of the month 2nd collection. Your generosity has helped tremendously to purchase the necessities to educate these children who are the future of our parish.

Thank you,  
Tessie Alano  
Religious Education Director

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

St. Elizabeth Religious Education program is in need of a new Spanish teacher and teacher's aide for the 2017-2018 school year.

If you are interested or need more information, please contact Tessie Alano

at: [t\\_alano@yahoo.com](mailto:t_alano@yahoo.com) or 415-601-0310.



Father Suan,  
On your special day, we pray that God will continue to warm your heart and lift your spirits while granting you peace and serenity on this very special day of yours.

**Sunday Collection August 6, 2017**

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,958.00</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 1,042.00</b>
<b>Religious Education</b>	<b>\$ 623.00</b>

If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if you placed your parishioner/envelope # in the "memo" section of the check.

This helps us input your donation to the offertory data system. **We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers (or not having a Sunday collection envelope.)**



*Pray for our Beloved Deceased  
In your prayers this week, please remember  
the repose of the souls of our deceased  
parishioners, especially:*

*Rosendo Sumera*

*"Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..."*