



## 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday, August 9, 2020

### Gospel Reflection

The God of revelation is a hidden and mysterious God. The disciples experienced this God on the Sea of Galilee: they were caught in a storm while Jesus was up on a mountain by himself praying. The Gospel says they were terrified when they saw him walking on the water.

Elijah thought he would experience God in a strong and heavy wind, or in an earthquake, or in a fire. Instead he found God in "a tiny whispering sound."

We keep thinking that God will be found in the great and powerful, and we wonder why so many people seem never to find God.

Our sights have to be lowered, so to speak, from the powerful to the powerless, from the rich to the poor, from the satisfied to the suffering, from the oppressors to the oppressed. We have to listen carefully for the tiny whispering sounds of alienation and powerlessness.

Lord, let us see your kindness. Let us see it in all the little people who follow you, carrying their crosses of daily sacrifice, suffering, humiliation, and victimization.

~ Gerald Darring

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### Family Resources for Catholics in Lockdown Times

As we adjust to the lockdown and its phases and eventually its aftermath, a wealth of resources for families, updated weekly, is available on the Archdiocesan website, [sfarch.org/covid](https://sfarch.org/covid), from the Office of Marriage and Family Life. Recent updates include information on conferences for Catholic women, marriage enrichment for couples, help for couples struggling with infertility, and resources for parents concerned about social media and their children.

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### Combatting Racism

A new webpage [sfarchdiocese.org/combatting-racism](https://sfarchdiocese.org/combatting-racism) on the Archdiocesan website provides Catholic statements on the current crisis in race relations, a video "Stations of the Cross" produced by the Catholic bishops of California as a prayer against racism, and links to various resources.

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## Monthly Meetings for Men Discerning a Priestly Vocation

Monthly meetings for men interested in exploring a vocation to the priesthood have been on hold since March. Now they will resume: for San Mateo County on the first Monday of each month; for San Francisco County on the third Monday. The meetings will be online via Zoom or possibly in-person: to be determined. Any man interested in participating should contact one of the priest below:

**Third Monday Meeting, August 17:** Church of the Visitation, San Francisco  
Fr. Cameron Faller at [faller.cameron@sfarch.org](mailto:faller.cameron@sfarch.org).

**First Monday Meeting, September 7:** St. Pius X Church, Redwood City  
Fr. Tom Martin at [martin.thomas@sfarch.org](mailto:martin.thomas@sfarch.org)

"Let us remember that *love* lives  
through *sacrifice* and is nourished  
by *giving* ..."

- St. Maximilian Kolbe

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The Feast of the Assumption is one of the most important feast days of the year on the official Roman Catholic Church calendar. According to Roman Catholic theology, Mary was "assumed body and soul into heavenly glory" several years after her son, Jesus, ascended into heaven. The importance of this event in Mary's life is only surpassed by her role in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ.

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We pray for the repose of the soul of **Msgr. Edward McTaggart** and offer our sympathy to his family and friends. Msgr. Edward McTaggart, retired pastor of St. Brendan Parish and former vicar general of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, died July 30. Msgr. McTaggart was ordained in 1955, he was 91 years old.

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Fr. Raymond Zohlen** and offer our sympathy to his family and friends. Father Ray Zohlen died Aug. 3, 2020 at Nazareth House in San Rafael following a slow decline in his health. Father Zohlen celebrated his 95th birthday July 20.

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## Mass Intentions

### **Monday, August 10**

James McGarry  
Marco Betata  
Frank & Kathleen O'Keeffe

### **Tuesday, August 11**

Marygrace Mihardja  
Curtis Mallegni  
James & John O'Neill

### **Wednesday, August 12**

Mike Penney  
Conor Hurley  
Fr. Vito Perrone, Living

### **Thursday, August 13**

Jeremiah & Margaret Casey  
Antonion Addad  
Liam Chawke

### **Friday, August 14**

Gard Family, Living  
Gail Beresford  
Soan Van Nguyen

### **Saturday, August 15**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - No Mass Intentions (Not a Holy Day)

### **Sunday, August 16**

Brian McGarry  
Kun Chat Chiang