

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 11, 2019

We have just heard one of the most **famous lines** in the Bible.

- It gives us **God's own definition** of the most important Christian virtue, the very **bedrock** of our Christian life: **faith**.
- The writer of the Letter to the Hebrews tells us what faith is. He writes: "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen."

These are **two** ways of saying the **same** thing.

*"The realization of what is hoped for"* means that when we have **faith**, we are **filled with a certainty** that God will fulfill his **promises**, even though they haven't been fulfilled **yet**.

- "Evidence of things not seen" means that when we have **faith**, we have a **supernatural knowledge**, we know with certainty that all the things God has revealed are true.
- No one here in this church saw with their **physical** eyes Jesus rise from the dead, but we **know** that he is risen.
- No one here in this room sees with their **physical eyes** the body and blood of Jesus in the **Eucharist**, but we know they are **there**, underneath the appearances of bread and wine.

This is the **essence** of faith: **accepting** something as **true** - NOT because our own senses assure us of it, but because the **person** who tells it to us is **trustworthy**.

The **Church** that teaches us that Christ rose from the dead, and that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist, is **trustworthy**.

- It has **weathered the storms** of two thousand years,
- continuing to teach the **same doctrine** as when it started,
- continuing to celebrate the **same sacraments**,
- and continuing to give **saints** to this needy world.

This faith, this **evidence of things not seen** with our senses, is one of God's **greatest gifts** to us.

Today the Church is inviting us to **appreciate** it anew.

**Archbishop Roberto Gomez, Los Angeles.**

**Welcome Fr. Tom Provenzano, SDB.**

He just moved to the Washington DC area to study Sacred Theology at Catholic University. He will be visiting us whenever is possible.



will begin again on **Sunday, September 15th** following the 10am Mass in the school. Please register your children before the first day of Religious Ed. We are asking for \$50 per child towards the costs of providing this education. We will take registrations after the 8am and 10am Masses. Please come to the area around the baptismal font to fill out the registrations. Thank you for not waiting for classes to begin!



**Don't Delay!** Many families have called our Priests to anoint sick family members 5, 6, even 10 years after their illnesses had begun. Brothers and sisters, the Sacraments save us! Please do not wait - "Call for the Priests of the Church" - the letter of St.

James teaches us. Others who have lost their mental faculties were not given communion on a regular basis because the family thought "they no longer understand." It does not matter--the Eucharist saves us and even a patient with dementia or mentally impaired if they are a baptized Catholic CAN be given communion.

**Question of the week:** Considering that the end may come at any time, am I prepared? What can I do to prepare myself for my end time?

# Mass Intentions

**August 10 – 17, 2019**

Sat. 8/10	8:00 am	Home bound parishioners
	5:30 pm	+Bob & Marie McComus
Sun. 8/11	8:00am	Baby Lily M. Trotter (new born)
	10:00am	People of the Parish
	1:00pm	+Fr. Donald C. Howard
Mon. 8/12	12:00	+Richie Myers
Tue. 8/13	12:00	Morris T. Carter, Jr.
Wed. 8/14	12:00	+ Msgr. Maurice V. O'Connell
	7:00 pm	All parishioners
Thu. 8/15	12:00	All parishioners
Fri. 8/16	12:00	Rohini Perera
Sat. 8/17	8:00 am	Home bound parishioners
	5:30 pm	+A. J. Cooper III

**Please pray for the sick and home-bound of our Parish:**

\*Alice R. Allen, \*Amina Anderson-Pringle, \*Catherine Baum, \*Ann Butler, \*Carmen Dolores Campos, \*Eileen Carroll-Doshier, \*Carla Andrea Catacora, \*Shawn Coleman, \*William Corbel, \*Maria Cruz, \*Isel Fitzgerald, \*Linda Foster, \*Fr. Ricky Gancayo, \*Charlie Gick, \*Fr. Paul Grauls, SDB, \*John Green, Sr., \*Janet Henery, \*Blanca Hernandez, \*Lawrence C. Hill, \*Lee Hobbs, \*Sydney Horge, \*Francis Howard, \*James Humphries, \*Elaine Hunt, \*Helen Hurd, \*Larry Ivy, \*Irene Jimenez, \*Geraldine Jones, \*Charles Johnson, \*Manuel Juarez, \*Busara Kennedy, \*Claude Kolthoff, \*Betty Lawton, \*Yavonna Lewis, \*Sandra Lucas, \*Eric Malcolm, \*Edwin & Regina Mbanude, \*Theresa McNair, \*Edith Mebane, \*Maria Magdalena Medrano, \*Agnes Moore, \*Larry Morris, \*Iris Newman, \*Howard Noack, \*Fr. Everett Pearson, \*D. Cynthia Peters, \*James Pope, \*Dorothy Richburg, \*Fr. Vince Rigdon, \*Auristela Roman, \*Rosa Maria Santos, \*Robert Schaeffer, \*Andre Sims, \*Bonafacio Selayo \*Delores Sloan, \*Adrian Smith, \*Theresa Smith, \*Suzie Thompson, \*Dominic Valentine, \*Dorothy Waring, \*Paul Williams.

**Young Adult Bilingual Leadership Program:** Apostles on Mission. Learn more about how to live out your Catholic faith in daily life. The Archdiocese of Washington invites you to apply for a Fall bilingual leadership program in evangelization. This 10-week course will help you to discern how God is calling you to use your gifts and talents to serve the Church. The program includes prayer, formation, and one on one mentoring. Sessions in English and Spanish are held on Monday evenings from September 16-December 2 at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Silver Spring, MD (online participation available). Apply by August 15, 2019 at [www.apostlesonmission.org](http://www.apostlesonmission.org).

**Weekly Report**

**8/4/19**

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>453 souls</b>
Offerings & Tithes:	\$8,911
Spanish Mass:	\$766
Utility fund:	\$109
Maintenance fund:	\$773

For those who tithe and give regularly thank you! For those who do not, please prayerfully consider giving a sacrificial gift to keep your Nativity parish home strong and alive. Your ADW taxes help support the St. Anthony school in NE Washington and many other regional schools.



*"Taken up into heaven, Mary shows us the way to God, the way to heaven, the way to life."*

*-St. Pope John Paul II*

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**Assumption 2019.** The Solemnity of the Assumption of our Lady is August 15<sup>th</sup>. It is a holy day of obligation, the faithful must attend Holy Mass. A vigil and a mass will be offered at Nativity.

- August 14<sup>th</sup>. 7:00 pm (bilingual)
- August 15<sup>th</sup>. Noon

**Saint Gabriel Parish (26 Grand Circle, NW)** will have two masses on Thursday, August 15. 8:00 am in English and 7:00 pm bilingual

**Back to School.** The Social Outreach Committee will be collecting school supplies (notebooks, backpacks, pencils, paper, folders etc.) for children in the Parish beginning the weekend of Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup> until Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and distributing them on Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup> in the Church Lounge after the 10:00 am mass until 1:00 pm. Those in need of school supplies should fill out one of the supply request form -located on the table in the church vestibule as you enter the church- and drop the bottom part in the collection basket at Mass before August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019. **You keep the top part of the form.** You do not need to put your name on the form.