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# St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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## Kindness

and truth shall meet;

justice and peace shall kiss.

Truth shall spring out of the earth,  
and justice shall look down from heaven.

Psalm 85:11-12



August 9, 2020  
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FREE TO CHOOSE

Our readings today drench us in God's kindness. The Old Testament reading, Paul's letter, and the Gospel demonstrate God's creative and personalized outreach to us. In each case, we see a different reaction to God's gestures. Elijah drinks in his consolation, recognizing God in gentle silence and going out to meet God. The Israelites, according to Saint Paul, though encountering God in a variety of ways through the centuries, ultimately reject the Messiah whom God sends to them. Peter thinks he recognizes the Lord coming to him on the water, but demands proof and grows frightened. At all times and in all places, God longs for us to believe and goes to great lengths to strengthen our faith. Ultimately, God never compels belief, but leaves us free to choose. Today's scriptures challenge us to consider our own response to God's constant work in our lives.

### EMBRACING DIVERSITY

Today's readings console and challenge us, reminding us just how hard God works for us so we might have faith. God's labors are infinitely diverse, too, always tailored to fit our particular situations, personalities, and needs. In Elijah's case, he is hiding in a cave on the very same mountain where Moses once encountered God in the burning bush. Hunted by the pagan Queen Jezebel, Elijah is running for his life. While Moses experienced God in fire on this mountain, Elijah requires a gentler touch. God comes to him not in awesome displays of power, but in a "tiny whispering sound." God provides exactly the tranquility Elijah needs before sending him off on a new mission.

God's creative care for us does not always lead to faith, however. In a strikingly tender passage, Saint Paul shares his heartbreak that God's chosen people could reject Jesus, even after all God has done to prepare them for the Messiah. God has accompanied the chosen people through adoption, miracles, covenants, commandments, prophets, and kings. Despite ages of dedicated and inventive caregiving, God's people do not unite in worship of the true Messiah. The proper response to this lack of faith is sorrow, and Saint Paul pours out the "constant anguish" in his heart.

In yet another astonishingly creative gesture, God visits people in need of faith by defying the laws of nature. Matthew's Gospel describes Jesus actually walking on water to comfort his disciples during a storm at sea. After their terror subsides and the winds grow calm, faith floods the disciples' hearts. They worship Jesus, proclaiming, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

### TO THE LIMIT

Sometimes God's creative overtures are almost too much to handle. In a daring effort to trust, Peter challenges Jesus to share miraculous power with him. Jesus obliges, and Peter walks on water. Peter enjoys his miracle until his natural limitations spoil his faith. Just imagine what barriers we can shatter if only we believe.

### TODAY'S READINGS

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a  
Psalm 85:9-14  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:22-33

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**Mass Intentions:** Mass intentions may be for the living and/or the departed, with a † designating in the bulletin a deceased person. There is a \$10 suggested donation per Mass intention. Permission from the sick person or his/her family must be granted before a name's inclusion in these prayers. To schedule a Mass intention, call the Parish Office.

**Baptism:** Sacramental preparation is required for all parents. Godparents and Grandparents are also encouraged to attend. Baptismal prep sessions are given every other month and Baptism Masses are held once a month. Call the Parish Office to schedule a child for Baptism and the parents for baptismal prep.

**Penance:** Saturdays at Guardian Angels or by appointment.

**Matrimony:** Pre-registration required at least one year in advance; marriage preparation course is required. Initial contact: 952-227-4000, or e-mail: info@Gachaska.org.

**Anointing:** If you wish to receive an anointing please call the Parish Office: (952) 227-4000 .

**Communion for the Homebound:** When we come together to pray at our Eucharistic liturgy, we do not forget the members of our community who are unable to be with us because of ill health. We remember them in our prayers, and we wish to include them in our Holy Communion. Members of our community bring the Blessed Sacrament to them to comfort them and to unite us in the Eucharist. We are not always aware of those who have this need. Please call the Parish Office to let us know if you or a member of your family would like to have Holy Communion brought to them. That way we can schedule a time for our ministers to visit and bring the Sacrament.

**Hospital, Nursing Home, Homebound Visits:** Churches are no longer notified by hospitals or nursing homes when a parishioner is admitted unless the family has requested it. If you or a family member are homebound, hospitalized or in a nursing home and would like a visit from a member of the ministry staff, please call the Parish Office.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday:	Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
Friday:	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 [59-63]; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	<u>Vigil:</u> 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 <u>Day:</u> Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Nagasaki Memorial Day
Monday:	St. Lawrence
Tuesday:	St. Clare
Wednesday:	St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Thursday:	Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus
Friday:	St. Maximilian Kolbe
Saturday:	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## Mass Schedule

*(Note: All Masses are at Guardian Angels until further notice)*

Ω—indicates a live-streamed Mass which can be found at:  
<https://gachaska.org/live-mass-and-mass-video-archive/>

### Weekdays:

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Ω  
Thursday: 8:00 a.m. Ω  
Friday: 8:00 a.m. Ω

### Weekends:

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m.  
Sundays: 8:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. Ω  
Sundays: 12:30 p.m. (Mass in Spanish)

### Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 3:15-3:45 p.m.

### Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursday: 8:30-9:30 a.m.



**Gospel Reflection,**  
**19th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A**  
 1 Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a; Romans 9: 1-5;  
 Matthew 14: 22-33



**We Need Not Doubt the Holy Spirit**

In our gospel Peter asks a remarkable thing from Jesus. He says, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” How often have we looked to Jesus in faith? How often have we looked to him with real faith of the kind where it seemed we almost had to walk on water? But then the winds come and we start to look around. We falter and begin to sink like Peter. Jesus asks Peter, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” We can imagine the love that Jesus had for Peter as he said this. It is much like a father to a child. Jesus wanted to elicit out of Peter a reflection of himself.

We can ask ourselves this question too. In my time as a pastor, I have seen the Holy Spirit work through faith communities and difficulties subside. There will be challenges and winds will blow. But we can be sure that the Holy Spirit will move in the midst of them in order that our community will be made stronger.

I look forward to our time together as we think of what a “new Pentecost” means, as the Archbishop has put it in his letter to us all. I look forward to being a Church that “goes forth” and is a “field hospital” as Pope Francis describes. I look forward to being a Church that helps people meet challenges that they face in our time and that helps people find renewed hope, often in the midst of brokenness. May God bless our endeavors and may God bless you all!

Father Tony

**Mass of the Assumption**

We will have morning Mass on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. Come and celebrate Mary who is a pattern of what we shall be, she who was assumed body and soul into heaven!



**An Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen**



**Church Calendar**

- Monday, Aug. 10**
- Tuesday, Aug. 11**  
5:30 p.m. Mass at GA
- Wednesday, Aug. 12**  
8 a.m. Mass at GA † Gerald Schneider
- Thursday, Aug. 13**  
8 a.m. Mass at GA † Charlie & Phyllis Stacken
- Friday, Aug. 14**  
8 a.m. Mass at GA † Deceased members of the Bob Burkhart Family
- Saturday, Aug. 15**  
4 p.m. Mass at GA † Marie Koll
- Sunday, Aug. 16**  
8 a.m. Mass at GA † Marilyn Schepers  
10 a.m. Mass at GA † Jay Perrill  
12:30 p.m. Mass at GA in Spanish

**Election Resources**

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of engagement in the political process as a means of putting our faith into action. Yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with vitriol and harsh language. As Catholics, we must model a better way. The USCCB invites you to join the Civilize It campaign by taking the pledge below as a way to promote civility, love our neighbors, and build community. Go to [www.wearesaltandlight.org](http://www.wearesaltandlight.org) to take the Civilize It pledge as an individual, family, or community.



# Sunday Readings

## August 9, 2020

### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Reading 1

**1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–13a**

At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter. Then the LORD said to him, “Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the Lord will be passing by.” A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD—but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake—but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire—but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

#### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 85:9, 10, 11–12, 13–14**

**R. (8) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what God proclaims;  
the LORD—for he proclaims peace.

Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,  
glory dwelling in our land.

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

Kindness and truth shall meet;  
justice and peace shall kiss.

Truth shall spring out of the earth,  
and justice shall look down from heaven.

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

The LORD himself will give his benefits;  
our land shall yield its increase.

Justice shall walk before him,  
and prepare the way of his steps.

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

#### Reading 2

**Rom 9:1–5**

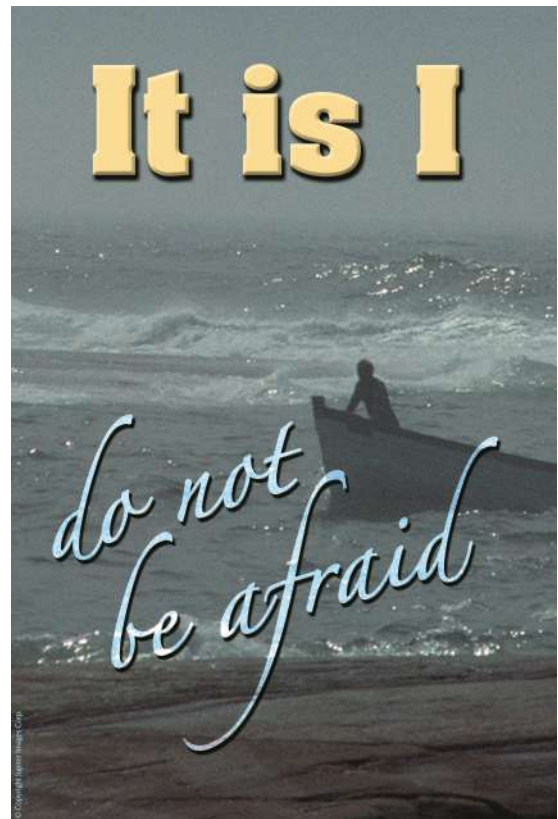
Brothers and sisters: I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

#### Gospel

**Mt 14:22–33**

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. “It is a ghost,” they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.” 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!” Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, “Truly, you are the Son of God.”

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# St. Nicholas Prayer Garden



## Faith Formation

During these challenging times, we continue to prayerfully consider the programming options for Fall Faith Formation. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

First, please join us in praying for all that are responsible for making the decisions that not only affect children's education, but also their health and safety. We also need YOU to accompany our children on their journey of faith. There are so many roles to fill – teacher, classroom assistant, hall monitor, and administrative tasks.

If you have ever wondered if you could help children learn the beauty and joy of our faith, please contact us. Each one of us is called to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. Faith Formation is a wonderful place to share your gifts.

The Guardian Angels Faith Formation program is for youth entering grades 1-10. Sacramental Preparation for the First Sacraments and Confirmation is available to all students enrolled in our program, or attending a Catholic School. Please review the registration materials for full details.

If you have any questions about our Faith Formation program, please contact us directly. Blessings,

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Greetings, from your Friends of St Nicholas Prayer Garden. Our board members and many volunteers have been working hard to finish multiple projects in the Prayer Garden for your enjoyment. If you are curious about who these dedicated, hardworking individuals are, please check out our informative website. The Prayer Garden offers beautiful background scenery for family pictures and building lifetime memories. We welcome young families, wedding anniversaries, and multi-generational family pictures. Marriage proposals and celebrating new life, our Prayer Garden has been the center of growing love at St Nicholas. There is still lots of summer for us to enjoy! Bring a lunch, sit at the picnic table and enjoy the serene beauty and prayerful environment of the Prayer Garden. God's Blessings made the Prayer Garden possible!

### MINISTRY SCHEDULING

Guardian Angels will begin to schedule at least lectors for Masses for September and October. An email was sent for those who are already in the Ministry Scheduler Pro system. If you are interested in signing up for a ministry with the liturgy, please go to the Guardian Angels website at [gachaska.org](http://gachaska.org) and Click on Liturgy and Worship, then Ministry Schedule to create a user sign in. We schedule all liturgies electronically so that you can choose when you are available and which Masses you prefer.

If you have any questions on using MSP, Lynn in the Parish Office can assist you at (952) 227-4000.

St. Nicholas will not have scheduled Masses yet in September or October. You are more than welcome to schedule ministry for the Guardian Angels masses in the meantime!



# La misericordia

y la fidelidad se encuentran,  
la justicia y la paz se besan;  
la fidelidad brota de la tierra  
y la justicia mira desde el cielo.

Salmo 85 (84):11-12



9 de agosto de 2020  
Decimonoveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

## LIBRE PARA ELEGIR

Nuestras lecturas de hoy nos empapa en la bondad de Dios. La lectura del Antiguo Testamento, la carta de Pablo y el Evangelio nos demuestran el alcance creativo y personalizado de Dios a nosotros. En cada caso, vemos una reacción diferente a los gestos de Dios. Elías bebe en su consuelo, reconociendo a Dios en silencio suave y saliendo a encontrarse con Dios. Los israelitas, según san Pablo, aunque se encuentran con Dios de diversas maneras a través de los siglos, en última instancia rechazan al Mesías que Dios les envía. Pedro cree que reconoce que el Señor viene a él sobre el agua, pero exige pruebas y se asusta. En todo momento y en todos los lugares, Dios anhela que creemos y hace todo lo posible para fortalecer nuestra fe. En última instancia, Dios nunca obliga a la creencia, sino que nos deja libres para elegir. Las Escrituras de hoy nos desafían a considerar nuestra propia respuesta a la obra constante de Dios en nuestra vida.

## ACEPTANDO LA DIVERSIDAD

Las lecturas de hoy nos consuelan y nos desafían, solo recordándonos lo duro que Dios trabaja para nosotros para que podamos tener fe. Los trabajos de Dios son diversamente infinitos también, siempre para medirlos y acomodarlos a nuestras situaciones particulares, personalidades y necesidades. En el caso de Elías, él está escondido en una cueva en la misma montaña donde Moisés una vez encontró a Dios en la zarza ardiente. Siendo perseguido por la reina pagana Jezabel, Elías escapa por su vida. Mientras Moisés experimenta a Dios en el fuego en esta montaña, Elías requiere un toque más gentil. Dios viene a él no en una muestra extraordinaria de poder sino en el “sonido de la brisa suave”. Dios provee exactamente la tranquilidad que Elías necesita antes de enviarlo a una nueva misión.

Sin embargo, el cuidado creador de Dios no siempre nos guía a la fe. En un pasaje sorprendente, san Pablo nos comparte su angustia que el pueblo elegido por Dios puede rechazar a Jesús, aún después de todo lo que Dios ha hecho para prepararlos por el Mesías. Dios ha acompañado al pueblo elegido por medio de la adopción, los milagros, la alianza, los mandamientos, los profetas y reyes. Pese a los años de dedicado e ingenioso cuidado, el pueblo de Dios no se une al culto del verdadero Mesías. La propia respuesta a esta falta de fe es el dolor, y san Pablo derrama la “constante angustia” de su corazón.

En otro asombroso gesto, Dios visita a su pueblo que necesita fe desafiando las leyes de la naturaleza. El Evangelio de Mateo describe a Jesús caminando sobre el agua para consolar a sus discípulos durante una tormenta en el mar. Después de que pasa su espanto y el viento se calma, la fe inunda a los corazones de los discípulos. Ellos alaban a Jesús, proclamando “verdaderamente, tú eres el Hijo de Dios”.

## HASTA EL LÍMITE

Algunas veces las propuestas creativas de Dios son demasiado para sobrellevar. En un atrevido esfuerzo, Pedro desafia a Jesús a compartirle su poder con él. Jesús obliga a Pedro a caminar sobre el agua. Pedro disfruta este milagro hasta que sus limitaciones naturales estropean su fe. Solo imagina que barreras podemos romper si solamente creyéramos.

## LECTURAS DE HOY

1 Reyes 19:9a, 11–13a  
Salmo 85 (84):9–14  
Romanos 9:1–5  
Mateo 14:22–33



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**9 de agosto de 2020**  
**Decimonoveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

**Primera lectura**

**1 Re 19, 9a. 11–13a**

Al llegar al monte de Dios, el Horeb, el profeta Elías entró en una cueva y permaneció allí. El Señor le dijo: “Sal de la cueva y quédate en el monte para ver al Señor, porque el Señor va a pasar”.

Así lo hizo Elías y, al acercarse el Señor, vino primero un viento huracanado, que partía las montañas y resquebrajaba las rocas; pero el Señor no estaba en el viento. Se produjo después un terremoto; pero el Señor no estaba en el terremoto. Luego vino un fuego; pero el Señor no estaba en el fuego. Después del fuego se escuchó el murmullo de una brisa suave. Al oírlo, Elías se cubrió el rostro con el manto y salió a la entrada de la cueva.

**Salmo Responsorial**

**Sal 84, 9ab–10. 11–12. 13–14**

**R. (8) Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia.**

Escucharé las palabras del Señor,  
palabras de paz para su pueblo santo.  
Está ya cerca nuestra salvación  
y la gloria del Señor habitará en la tierra.

**R. Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia.**

La misericordia y la verdad se encontraron,  
la justicia y la paz se besaron,  
la fidelidad brotó en la tierra  
y la justicia vino del cielo.

**R. Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia.**

Cuando el Señor nos muestre su bondad,  
nuestra tierra producirá su fruto.  
La justicia le abrirá camino al Señor  
e irá siguiendo sus pisadas.

**R. Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia.**

**Segunda lectura**

**Rom 9, 1–5**

Hermanos: Les hablo con toda verdad en Cristo; no miento. Mi conciencia me atestigua, con la luz del Espíritu Santo, que tengo una infinita tristeza, y un dolor incesante tortura mi corazón.

Hasta aceptaría verme separado de Cristo, si esto fuera para bien de mis hermanos, los de mi raza y de mi sangre, los israelitas, a quienes pertenecen la adopción filial, la gloria, la alianza, la ley, el culto y las promesas. Ellos son descendientes de los patriarcas; y de su raza, según la carne, nació Cristo, el cual está por encima de todo y es Dios bendito por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

**Evangelio**

**Mt 14, 22–33**

En aquel tiempo, inmediatamente después de la multiplicación de los panes, Jesús hizo que sus discípulos subieran a la barca y se dirigieran a la otra orilla, mientras él despedía a la gente. Después de despedirla, subió al monte a solas para orar. Llegada la noche, estaba él solo allí.

Entretanto, la barca iba ya muy lejos de la costa, y las olas la sacudían, porque el viento era contrario. A la madrugada, Jesús fue hacia ellos, caminando sobre el agua. Los discípulos, al verlo andar sobre el agua, se espantaron, y decían: “¡Es un fantasma!” Y daban gritos de terror. Pero Jesús les dijo enseguida: “Tranquilícense y no teman. Soy yo”.

Entonces le dijo Pedro: “Señor, si eres tú, mándame ir a ti caminando sobre el agua”. Jesús le contestó: “Ven”. Pedro bajó de la barca y comenzó a caminar sobre el agua hacia Jesús; pero al sentir la fuerza del viento, le entró miedo, comenzó a hundirse y gritó: “¡Sálvame, Señor!” Inmediatamente Jesús le tendió la mano, lo sostuvo y le dijo: “Hombre de poca fe, ¿por qué dudaste?”

En cuanto subieron a la barca, el viento se calmó. Los que estaban en la barca se postraron ante Jesús diciendo: “Verdaderamente tú eres el Hijo de Dios”.

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