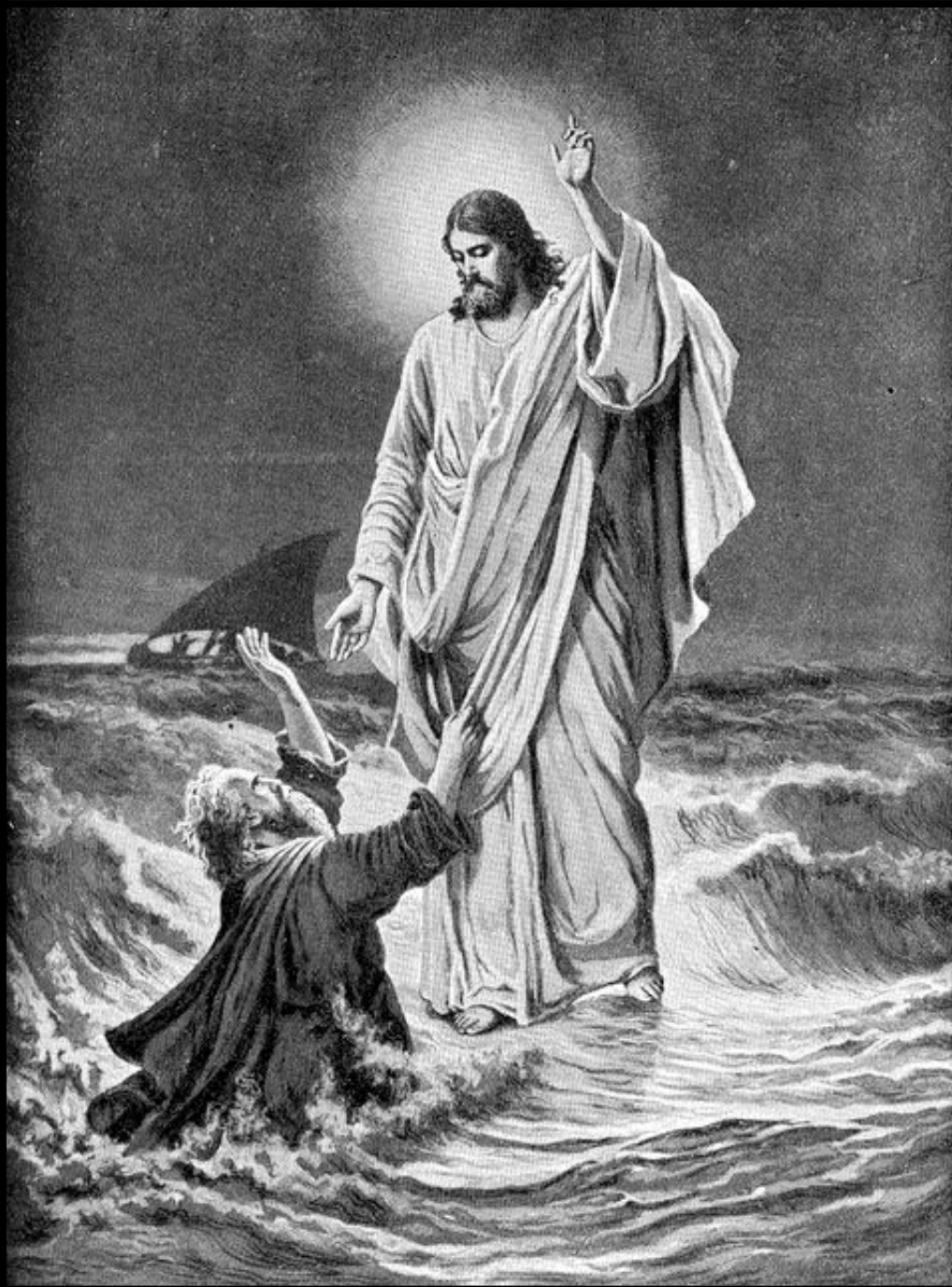


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**AUGUST 9, 2020**

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME**

“Take courage! It is I! Do not be afraid!”

Beloved,

For three thousand years, the world has heard the story of Elijah running for his life. God has not been found in hurricanes, earthquakes or tornadoes, loud football games, nor bombs from the sky. God was discovered in a tiny whispering sound.

What does that tell us?

There are many storms in our world. We have hurricanes, deadly viruses, horrible car accidents, stock market crashes, ecological collapse, unemployment, famine, division, hatred, racism and enough nuclear weapons to destroy the world many times over.

Jesus simply tells us, “**Take courage! It is I! Do not be afraid!**”

Here we are 75 years after the atomic bomb was dropped on civilians and much has not changed. I was there in Hiroshima close to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Navy chaplain. It was a beautiful day, but my heart was exploding and devastated.

I wrote in my journal on August 31, 1994:

*49 Years and 25 days ago  
(now 75 years and 2 days ago)  
A bomb shook humanity  
and forever altered  
a city  
a community  
a world*

*I walked amid the ashes  
that are no more  
raised up  
life breathed in*

*from ashes I was created and  
to ashes I shall return*

*it wasn't a gruesome walk  
although reality really was... we remember to live  
no more in fear... but to live...  
to learn... to love in peace*

*How could it be as we walked by the A-dome  
that we were prayed over  
by a woman with a small boy in her arms?  
She was a little dirty, a little tired, and a lot of peace  
that flowed from her soul  
no alms did she ask, but only that I remove my hat  
It was hard to be prayed over  
as I stood by that dome on the ground  
where 200,000 plus perished  
and numerous suffering lingered*



Fr. Ron in front of the A-Dome in Hiroshima .

*but guess I just needed to stand... wait... and pray  
for what my body would absorb in radiation  
still after all these years...  
a half century of  
radiation of  
love of  
peace of  
hope and  
hopefully of  
complete, gentle, joy  
(the tiny whispering sound of God within my soul)*

*eerie standing beside Japanese, Chinese, Australians  
fighting back tears... embarrassed  
ashamed, frustrated, scared...complexed*

*a silence, a deliberate movement, walk, preponderance  
part of me has died and cried  
while looking at tattered clothing  
worn by children of Love no more  
or shadows only of a person who disintegrated*

*a stone from children in Scotland with words...  
begged for peace... and... and...  
reconciliation*

*for give US God  
creator of life  
and raise these ashes up again to bones, to flesh, to Spirit.  
Love... that's what we must do.  
Gentle love.*

When Jesus whispers, "It is I!" he is actually saying in Hebrew, "I Am Yahweh".

In this hurricane season and storms of division, poverty, war, and a global world brought to her knees. Let us take the time to be with Jesus in order to hear his whispers of love and correction.

After breaking bread, Jesus went up the mountain by himself to pray... and still does... while we are tossed about by the storms of our world, families, emotions, fears and death. Please take the time to welcome Jesus into your boat, your heart, and brokenness in the Eucharist...  
Hear Jesus say to you, **"Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid."**



# Grow Strong in Your Faith

With Karen Lee



## How to Make a Prayer Garden

There are times when we need solitude, a brief respite from everyday life, a quiet place to be alone with God. What better place is there to go than outside in the tranquility of God's creation, where you can be surrounded by His incredible handiwork?

Why not create your own prayer garden? First, start by walking through your yard, and look for a peaceful spot where you can be comfortable. Once you find it, stop and imagine the possibilities. You will need a place to sit and relax, maybe a chair or a bench. It is nice to have a religious object- a statue, a cross, or a waterproof picture to focus on to help keep your thoughts on God. Then, surround your area with elements of nature. Beautiful plants are inspiring, especially ones with flowers that are fragrant, or that attract hummingbirds and butterflies to your surroundings. A bird feeder can also draw wildlife, who will fill the air with nature's song. If you want to get fancy, a water fountain would also add to the calming ambience. Finally, when it is complete, ask Father Ron to bless it for you, so it is a truly holy place.

If you would like a list of great resources or gardening advice, please email [adultformation@stmonicacatholicchurch.com](mailto:adultformation@stmonicacatholicchurch.com). If you already have a prayer garden, please email me pictures and we can share them in the bulletin with others to help give them ideas.

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# Mass Schedule

## Weekend Masses Limit 50

### No Reservations Needed

Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

### Drive Thru Communion

10:00 AM to 10:30 AM

## Daily Masses Limit 20 No Reservations Needed

Tuesday - 5:30 pm

Wednesday - Friday 8:30 am

### Facebook Live Events

Holy Hour Friday 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Rosary Friday 7:45 AM to 8:15 AM

Mass Sunday 9:00 AM

### Father Ron's Bible Study

Focus: The Gospel according to Matthew

Every Tuesday at 6:15 pm (Limit 10)

(Live on Facebook & Website)

Limit 10 in Person

# Ministry Schedules

## Saturday, August 15, 2020 4:30 PM

Ushers: Scott Phillips, Joe Iovino

Eucharistic Minister: Helen Muir

Lectors: Ken Freligh, Mary Jo Perry

Altar Server: Cory Donnelly

## Sunday, August 16, 2020 9:00 AM

Ushers: Jim McMillan, Karen McMillan,  
Ricky Webb

Eucharistic Minister: Catherine Webb

Lectors: Andy Hall Frank Fraize

Altar Server: Benjamin Motl

## Sunday, August 16, 2020 11:00 AM

Ushers: Bill Black, Betty Poteet

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Mundy

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## This Week's Daily Readings

Monday August 10, 2020

Reading 1, *Second Corinthians 9:6-10*  
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9*  
Gospel, *John 12:24-26*

Tuesday August 11

Reading 1, *Ezekiel 2:8--3:4*  
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131*  
Gospel, *Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14*

Wednesday August 12

Reading 1, *Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22*  
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6*  
Gospel, *Matthew 18:15-20*

Thursday August 13

Reading 1, *Ezekiel 12:1-12*  
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62*  
Gospel, *Matthew 18:21--19:1*

Friday August 14

Reading 1, *Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63*  
Responsorial Psalm, *Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6*  
Gospel, *Matthew 19:3-12*

Saturday August 15

Reading 1, *Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10*  
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 45:10, 11, 12, 16*  
Gospel, *Luke 1:39-56*  
Reading 2, *First Corinthians 15:20-26*

Sunday August 16, 2020

Reading 1, *Isaiah 56:1, 6-7*  
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8*  
Gospel, *Matthew 15:21-28*  
Reading 2, *Romans 11:13-15, 29-32*

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## Pope's Intentions for August:

### The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.



## Congratulations Class of 2020!

Please join us for Graduation Mass  
Sunday, August 9th at 11:00 AM

“Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.”  
1 Timothy 4:12

A Journey into the Heart of the Iraq War with  
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Mass Intentions  for the Week

**Saturday, August 7**

+Kimberly Miller

**Sunday, August 8**

Parishioners

**Tuesday August 11**

**Wednesday, August 12**

+Agnes Hall

**Thursday, August 13**

Barady & Clemente Families

**Friday, August 14**

Agnes G. David

*Prayer Requests*

Louise Egan, Sue Wilson, Fred Lininger,  
David Cummings, Frank Comer,  
Mary Jo Vincent, Sandy Freligh, Edna Blandford  
Redonna Futch, Angie Spena, Eric Dobbs,  
Susan Walwik, Laura Hall

Please call the office at 386-325-9777 if you know  
someone that needs added



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