

Sunday August 9th 2026

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

(1Kgs. 19:9, 11-13; Rom. 9:1-5; Mt. 14:22-33)

THEME: THE STORMY PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH

Introduction: The cosmic upheavals that greeted Elijah on the Lord's Mountain and the stormy sail of Christ's disciples depict the circumstances that surround our faith journey. It is like a ride on a rough path, full of ups and downs; but still navigable with a spirit of perseverance. Tribulation is a schoolmaster that teaches us to put aside the habits of infants and advance to proficiency. It is a test that proves our maturity to be trusted with gracious gifts of God. It is that solid food that Paul speaks about in contradistinction to milk (cf. 1 Cor. 3:2). That explains why Abraham feasted the day Isaac was weaned. By means of Christian suffering, God trains souls to advance on the path of spiritual maturity.

Conclusion: Christianity is a religion of the Cross. Our Lord started his life on the rough grass of the manger and ended on the hard wood of the Cross. To follow him means to experience his life. He has not promised to remove the cross but to be with us. With the psalmist we find the proper response to the turbulent wave of life: "The Lord of host is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains be shaken to their foundation" (See Ps.46). After all the tumult has afflicted the soul, peace comes at last.

read the entire reflection at:

<https://stpeterchurchaz.com/reflections/f/an-invitation-to-messianic-banquet>



Surprising Facts about the Vatican

A space shuttle could fit within the area of the dome

The dome of St. Peter's is massive, more than 100 feet higher than the US Capitol dome in Washington, DC, which is 287.5 feet. A space shuttle with its external rockets and fuel tank could fit comfortably within the area of the dome.

By Fr. Jeffery Kirby, S.T.L.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

9:00 am Mass +Elizabeth Ketring by Rubalcaba family

11:00 am Mass +Elizabeth Savedra by Liz Savedra

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 9:00am +Beverly Lewandowski by Matthew Lewandowski

Tuesday 9:00am +George Ned Jr. & Louis Buber by Mellissa Ann Ned

Wednesday 9:00am Carol Gore (Healing) by Daric & Patty Knight

Thursday 9:00am Tryka Grandchildren by Linda Tryka

Friday 9:00am +Poor Souls in Purgatory by Joe Turner

PRAYER TREE - LET US PRAY FOR:

Family of +Joe Barraza, Charles and Cristina Rand, Laurie Becker, Elijah Baca, David Baca, Fallon Walker, Judy Bragg, Maria Archuleta, Joe Warne, Larry Tyrrell, Tom Malone, Eva Orona, David & Geri Silva, Jeannette Davis, Angela Gonzales, Joe and Margie Tapia, Bernice & Roxanne Chavez, Lilly Hill, Sophie Pena, Juan Quevedo, Lydia Gonzalez, Sophie Montoya.

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