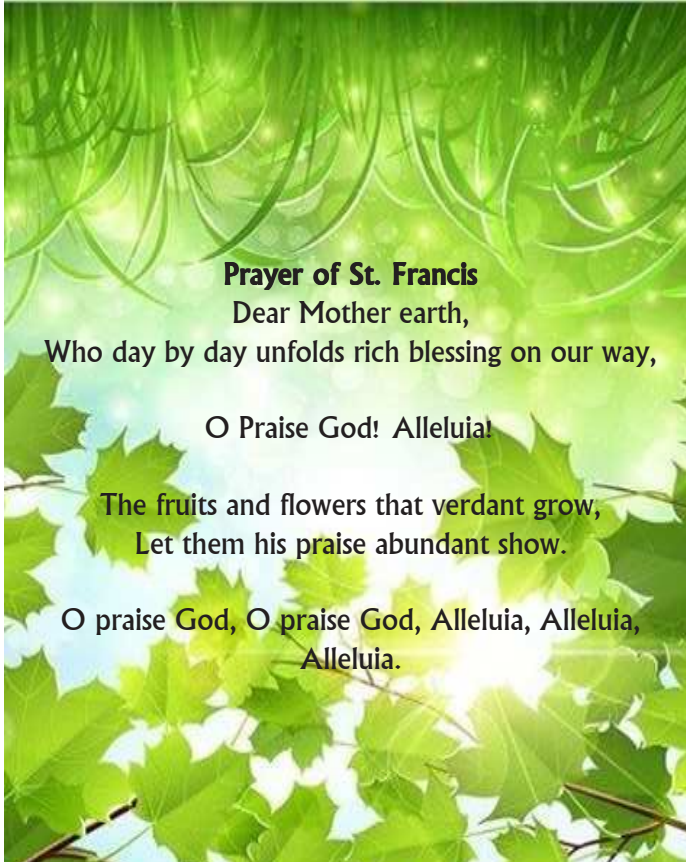


# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Bill Fisher, Pastor

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 9 2020



## Prayer of St. Francis

Dear Mother earth,  
Who day by day unfolds rich blessing on our way,

O Praise God! Alleluia!

The fruits and flowers that verdant grow,  
Let them his praise abundant show.

O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia.

## The Power of Prayer

Sometimes we all need a little extra help from our Lord. If you know someone who is sick or suffering, contact our parish Prayer Line. A faithful group will put the power of prayer in action.

Joanne Lally - (913) 281-4448



Best of birthday wishes to Kathryn Zunick, a longtime parishioner. Congratulations on birthday No. 89 and counting. Her big day is Thursday, Aug. 13! Send a card to celebrate with her:

**Kathryn Zunick**  
637 Orville  
Kansas City, KS 66101

## Fundraising Update

Tick, tick, tick...Time is slipping away. Next week (Aug. 15), drawings will be held for the Money Raffle and the 50/50 Mini and Maxi Raffles. This event will be recorded. Tune in to the church Facebook to view the video and see the winners.

Wow! The parish has received \$30,255 in donations from the Mini and Maxi Raffles and Support St. John's (see page four for the list of donors.) No word yet on the Money Raffle proceeds.

All of the following forms are on our website.

### 50/50 Raffles

The Mini Raffle is sold out! The winner will receive \$2,500. The Maxi Raffle will be two drawings. The first prize will be \$5,000 and the second prize will be a minimum of \$3,650.

### Traditional Money Raffle

Prizes for the Money Raffle are \$500, \$250, \$100, \$75, \$50 and \$30. Tickets are \$1 each or \$10 for the sheet.

Quick like a bunny! The drawing will be Aug. 15

### Support St. John the Baptist

If you have not donated, please consider making a contribution in the amount you would typically spend on food and drink, raffles and prize donations.

You may continue to contribute through the end of the year. Although we will share the names of donors as a public thank-you, you can remain anonymous if you choose.

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## Rosary Rally

In honor of Our Lady of Fatima, there will be a Blue Army Rosary Rally. It will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 16, at Holy Family Church, 274 Orchard, Kansas City, KS.

The group will pray the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries. You can download a free Rosary Booklet from The General Organization of Franciscan Mission Associates at [franciscanmissionassoc.org/rosarybook/](http://franciscanmissionassoc.org/rosarybook/)

There will also be an opportunity to enroll in The Brown Scapular with the Sisters of Carmel. The Brown Scapular is a gift from our Heavenly Mother. For information, visit [www.sistersofcarmel.com](http://www.sistersofcarmel.com).

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Be a friend! Make that phone call or send that card. It warms the heart for someone to know you care and are thinking about them. Put a smile on their face - and yours!

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### Weekly Collection

August 9, 2020

Envelopes:	\$	4462
Maintenance:	\$	1410
The Leaven:	\$	21
Candles:	\$	31
Assumption of Mary	\$	5

Thank you so much for your continued generosity to our church. We truly appreciate your support and prayers to St. John the Baptist.



The Assumption of Mary will be celebrated on Aug. 15. The following Story of the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary was taken from [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org).

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory."

The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory.

Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.



Mass Readings for August 9, 2020  
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Courtesy: usccb.org

### First Reading

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

**R. 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.**

### Second Reading

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.

### Alleluia

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for his word.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel

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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