

Dear Visitation Family,

Shalom (Peace)!

"**Sometimes you don't realize that Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you have**", is the reflection for me from the Scripture readings for this Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time of the Year, cycle "A".

Our lives as that of Elijah in the first reading (*1 Kg 19: 9-13*) or as that of Peter and his friends in the gospel (*Mt 14:22-33*) can at times be so chaotic that we may be stricken with fear or may seek refuge in various false gods that the secular culture offers us.

Historically, man has always been so awed by the might of the forces of nature and by the riches and glamour of the material world that he began to deify those powers and worship them. Thus, for instance, as in the religions of the ancient world, today as well, we see people worshipping Fire, Water, Wind, Wealth, Sex, etc.,

Our Christian faith tells us that these powers are not gods. God is only One and He alone has supreme power over all of nature and all that live in heaven, on earth and under the earth. Thus for example, we see in the very beginning of creation in the first book of the Bible, God demonstrating His power as He separates the waters of chaos. And again in the Book of Exodus, He parts the waters of the Red Sea. In the New Testament, Jesus commands the sea to be calm. And in today's gospel Jesus does what is humanly unimaginable: He walks on Water.

In the first reading, Elijah, the true prophet, who challenged and defeated the prophets of the false god Baal, and had them slain, is now fleeing for life in fear of the might of the wicked queen Jezebel, and is hiding in a cave on Horeb, the Lord's Mount. Knowing that God wants to speak to him, he first seeks to find God's voice in the powerful wind, then the earthquake, and then the fire until he discerns God's presence in the tiny whispering sound.

In the gospel, Peter, who recognized Jesus walking on the waters and asked that he might also come to Him walking on water suddenly took off his eyes from Jesus to the raging waters and was soon sinking in fear. Peter's boat, the symbol of the Church was being tossed about by the storm that made the apostles scream in fear. But once Jesus held onto Peter who cried, "Lord, save me!" and once Jesus got into Peter's boat, there was calm and peace.

Not only what we desire the most in life tells us who our God is, but also what we fear the most. St. Paul in the second reading (*Rom 9:1-5*) suffers sorrow and anguish in his heart that his people did not put their faith in Christ. The psalmist in the Responsorial psalm (*Ps 85*) declares: "Near indeed is His salvation to those who fear Him".

So, my friends, even when we are blessed with so many blessings in life, and sometimes filled with so many fears as well, let us remember today: "Jesus is all I need". Let us desire Him the most! Let us fear Him the most!

God bless and Mary protect you and yours!

I am blessed to be your father in Christ,

Rev. Edwin Kagoo.

THY WILL, LORD!

Announcements

(Please submit bulletin announcements 2 weeks in advance of the expected publication date.)

DID YOU KNOW?

8-13-17

8 Modern Errors that every catholic must know and avoid (contd.)

by

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6. Misconstruing the nature of tolerance – Most people today equate tolerance with approval. Therefore, when many demand or ask for “tolerance” what they really demand is approval.

But tolerance is from the Latin *tolerare*: to put up with, countenance, or suffer. As such it refers to the conditional endurance of, or at least non-interference with beliefs, actions, or practices that one considers to be wrong. One might tolerate them to some degree to prevent, for example, severe enforcements or draconian penalties, unnecessary intrusion into privacy, etc. But if the *objection component* is missing, we are not speaking of “toleration” but of “indifference” or “affirmation.”

And here, precisely, lies the heart of the error for Catholics who embrace the toleration - as-approval error. Simply put, what they are calling tolerance and even congratulating themselves for, is actually a form indifferentism and subjectivism. It does not properly reverence God's moral vision. Instead of joyfully and zealously announcing the truth as revealed by God, many adopt a false tolerance that is indifferent to truth or even affirms error. And then, to top it off they congratulate themselves for the “moral superiority” of their tolerance. In fact, it is more likely sloth that is at work. Sloth in this case is an aversion to undertake the arduous task of speaking the truth to a doubting scoffing world.

Tolerance is an important virtue in complex and pluralistic cultures, but it ought not be so expanded that it loses its actual meaning or be so absolutized that tolerance is expected at all times, simply because it is demanded.

Catholics also need to sober up a bit and realize that when many today demand tolerance from us, they have no intention of extending it to us. Many of the same interest groups that demand tolerance are working to erode religious liberty and are increasingly unwilling to tolerate religious views in the public square. Our consistent caving to demands for false tolerance have only help to usher in a great darkness and pressure to conform to or approve of serious sin.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Tuesday. We will have two Masses at 8:00am and 6:30pm.

Picnic meeting after Mass on August 13th. Everyone is welcome.

Religion Education News: Parent's Meeting and Registration will be held on August 12th and 13th. If this times are not possible for you, please call Linda Lorenz, [254-715-0573](tel:254-715-0573) to schedule a time to come in to register. All Kindergartners need to bring their Baptismal Certificates (a copy will be made). All non-registered parishioners need to bring a letter of approval to attend Church of the Visitation Religious Education Program from the pastor of the parish you belong. Fees: Church of the Visitation Parishioners \$25.00 per child and non-parishioners \$35.00 per child. If you would like to print and fill out a registration form, they are online at: http://www.churchofthevisitation.org/religious_education.shtm but all parents need to attend one of the meetings. The Program is in need of Catechists, classroom aides, helpers and substitutes for both intermediate and high school classes. There are only two requirements needed, love for God and the little souls He put in our care, and to be EIM compliant.

10 WEEK SERIES ON CATHOLICISM: Look forward in September to an awesome series on different aspects of our Catholic Faith taught by the well-known author and evangelist Bishop Robert Barron in our parish as part of our spiritual growth as disciples.

Altar Servers party will be August 20th from 3:30 to 6:00pm at Spare Time, 5434 208 Loop Temple. Pizza will be served from 5 to 6 pm. If you have questions call Louis Vrana at 254-721-8962.

NCCW Convention Sept 6-9, 2017, Hilton Anatole, Dallas, TX. If any member wishes to attend register at www.nccw.org by Aug 15.

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU INVITED SOMEONE TO BE A PRIEST OR A

<i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>				<i>August 13, 2017</i>
	August 12th <i>Saturday, 6:00pm</i>	August 13th <i>Sunday, 8:00am</i>	August 19th <i>Saturday, 6:00pm</i>	August 20th <i>Sunday, 8:00am</i>
Intentions	+Connie Smiser +Harold Ranly +Margaret Moeller +Charlotte Ann Thornton	Parishioners	+Charlotte Ann Thornton +Margaret Moeller +Doug Landry +Alois Ketterman	Parishioners
Altar Servers	Emma Hering Preston Hering Brenden Dorskocil Kasen Ordner	Adam Herwald Mike Lewis Helen Gausemeier James Loren z	Kolby Kosel Kelby Kosel Brenden Dorskocil Kasen Ordner	Nolan Kahlig Logan Kleypas Bryce Fikes Maddie Dach
Lector	Tammy Ryan	Ray Rabroker	Shawna Ranly	Tammie Frenzel
Gift Bearers	Charles Moeller Family	Ronnie Kleypas Family	Charles Ordner Family	A.T. Voltin Family
Ushers	Calvin Wilde & Craig Ordner	Bradley Rudloff & Jonathan Frei	Bill Reid & Edward Ranly	Jerry Loden & Daniel Meyer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Doris Wright	Cindy Moeller	Kerri Meier	Janet Loden
Money Counters		Calvin & Cheryl Wilde and Craig & Debbie Ordner		Ronnie & Rita Kleypas and Clifford & Susan Neumann
Rosary Leaders	Charles & Greneta Ordner	Johnnie Thornton & Gary Ketterman	Charles & Greneta Ordner	Johnnie Thornton & Gary Ketterman
Vocations Cross Family		Raymond & Margaret Moeller		Scott & Laurie Hoelscher
Church Cleaners	8/12 & 8/19	Rita Kleypas, Claralee Gausemeier, Machelle Culp, Shirley Hoelscher, Susan Neumann, Sharon Herwald		
	August 15th <i>Tuesday, 8:00am & 6:30pm</i>	August 16th <i>Wednesday, 8:00am</i>	August 17th <i>Thursday</i>	August 18th <i>Friday</i>
Weekday Mass Intentions	Assumption Holy Day of Obligation 8:00am +John Lingnau +Helen Lingnau 6:30pm Parishioners	+Vince Tana Special Intentions for Respect Life	NO MASS	NO MASS

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Saturday Mass – 6:00pm
Sunday Mass – 8:00am

Reconciliation: Sat. 5:20pm - 5:50pm and Sun. 7:20am – 7:50am

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13, 2017

Our Mission is:

TO SEE JESUS & **TO BE JESUS**
In life and liturgy & *In family and community*

Sanctuary Candle – in Memory of Wilbert & Mildred Bruggman

Please pray for the sick & suffering:

Jeff Bensen, Carla Welch, Josie Kleypas, Dennis Fuchs, Beatrice Arnold, Steven Pletzke, Sr. Clemence Ribitzki, Pattie Pletzke, Mike Meyer, Kyla Frei, Bobby Bulls, Cathy Didner, Sr. Benedict Zimmerer, Don Drake, Al Buckholt, Gene Kreger, Hudson John Halfmann, George Wright, Charles Ordner, Edwin Green, Craig Thornton, and Grace Hoelscher.

Meetings:

Choir 8/16 @ 7:00pm

WVFD 8/16 @ 7:00pm

Offerings:

8/5 \$1930.00

Building Fund \$1,076.00