

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OUR SOUL WAITS FOR THE LORD, WHO IS OUR HELP AND OUR SHIELD.

AUGUST 12, 2007

— Psalm 33:20

OUR FATHER IN FAITH

The Letter to the Hebrews today sings a hymn of praise to Abraham and to his faith, upon which are founded the religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Abraham is called “father” in faith by more people on earth than anybody else, numerous as the sands of the seashore or the stars of the heavens. Hebrews tells us it was this foundational faith that led Abraham to obey God’s call when he heard it, though he was called to journey to a land he did not know and told he would father a mighty race through a marriage he thought was barren. But Abraham’s faith, the author of Hebrews tells us, was his realization of what he hoped for, and the evidence of what he could not see. How often are we, in simple daily events of our own Christian vocation, called to an unfamiliar place or told we are to do something we do not believe we can? How fortunate we are to have Father Abraham as our guide and example!

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—August 15—

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Mass Schedule

Tuesday - Vigil Mass 5:30 p.m. (English)

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. (English)

Wednesday 7:15 p.m. (Spanish)

SCHOOLKIDS NEED YOUR HELP

PEACE AND JUSTICE COLLECTING ITEMS

Please contribute *school supplies* for Catholic Charities to distribute to homeless and needy children. The following items are needed: #2 pencils, crayons, safe-round top scissors with plastic handles, glue sticks, rulers, colored pencils, washable markers in primary colors, and notebooks. **Our collection will take place today.**

...ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ALSO HELPING

St. Vincent de Paul will be conducting a *backpack drive* to benefit homeless and needy school children. You may help by donating cash toward the purchase of backpacks or, you may donate the backpacks themselves. Collection will take place after the 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday, **August 25th** and after the 7, 10:30 and 12:30 p.m Masses on Sunday the **26th**.

LEADERS OF PARISH MINISTRY GROUPS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A MEETING THIS MONDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 13

in the Fr. Gerald Meisel Parish Hall in order to prepare for our Parish ministry enrichment day on November 10th. All leaders of ministry groups as well as faith formation committee members are encouraged to attend.

REMEMBER TO...

open your bible this week to reflect on next Sunday’s gospel reading. The readings for next week are listed below along with a question to prompt you to relate the Word of God to your life.

— THE 20TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME —

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:1-4

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-53

If this gospel reminds us that Jesus should be the center of our lives, how do we bring family, friends, concerns to Him?

RCIA IN JAPANESE

Every once in a while the Holy Spirit sends us a surprise — on *Welcome Sunday* this past June we received a catechumen who speaks Japanese, and in our efforts to meet his needs, we are asking any Catholic who speaks Japanese to contact Sister Dolores, 562.439.0931 x 5. Perhaps you can join Brother Tom (who speaks Japanese) and RCIA team members in being a faith support person for our new catechumen.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION 2007/08

Registration will take place **TODAY at 2:00p.m.**

(one day only)

- The candidate must be a minimum of fourteen years of age, or must turn fourteen within the month of August.
- Family must be registered and active members of St. Matthew parish.
- Copies of certificates of Baptism, First Communion and birth must be turned in at registration.
- Parents must accompany the candidate to register.
- A fee of \$200.00 is due at registration (\$75 for registration and \$125 for mandatory retreat for all students)