

Dear Padre,

At what precise point in the Mass does the bread and wine turn into the Body and Blood of Christ?

For many centuries, thinkers in the Western and Eastern Churches have pondered this question. Some say the moment of consecration happens at the beginning of the sentence, "This is my body." Others say it happens at the conclusion of that sentence. Still others claim it happens sometime during the sentence. The same theories were proposed about the consecration of the cup. From the Eastern Churches, the theory was raised that it wasn't the eucharistic narrative that was consecratory, but rather the prayer of invocation to the Holy Spirit known as the *epiclesis*.

These theories continue to be debated, but to what avail? Even the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* does not specify when the consecration happens (CCC 1375–81). But knowing the precise moment it happens doesn't seem to be as important as simply knowing that the elements of bread and wine over which the prayer is prayed do become for us the Body and Blood of Christ.

This mystery of faith, moreover, adds another dimension to our lives: transformation into Christ. Whether we share in Communion at the liturgy or contemplate the Lord in the tabernacle, the loving call of the Spirit is to change our hearts. Specifically, when does that happen to us? One never knows for sure. But by participation in the mystery of faith, we're changed ever more deeply into the One whose Body and Blood we share. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
August 14	August 15	August 16	August 17	August 18	August 19	August 20
St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 10:12–22	Rev 11:19a;	Dt 34:1–12	Jos 3:7–10a,	Jos 24:1–13	Jos 24:14–29	Is 56:1, 6–7
Mt 17:22–27	12:1–6a, 10ab	Mt 18:15–20	11, 13–17	Mt 19:3–12	Mt 19:13–15	Rom 11:13–15, 29–32
	1 Cor 15:20–27		Mt 18:21–19:1			Mt 15:21–28
	Lk 1:39–56					



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Having faith means keeping your heart turned to God, to His love, to His Fatherly tenderness, amid the storm. Jesus wanted to teach this to Peter and the disciples, and also to us today. In dark moments, in sad moments He is well aware that our faith is weak.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 9, 2020



Get Out of the Boat

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As priests we're expected to plan our own funerals, including the Scripture readings. As it happens, I chose the Gospel for this Sunday, the one about Jesus walking across the water and inviting Peter to trust and step out of the boat and come to him. You may think it strange for a funeral, but it's been pretty much the story of my life.

Often there have been times when I was asked to go where I didn't want to go, like Peter being asked to get out of the boat. Ultimately I realized that those were also the very times when I seemed most aware of God's presence. Oh, I think God

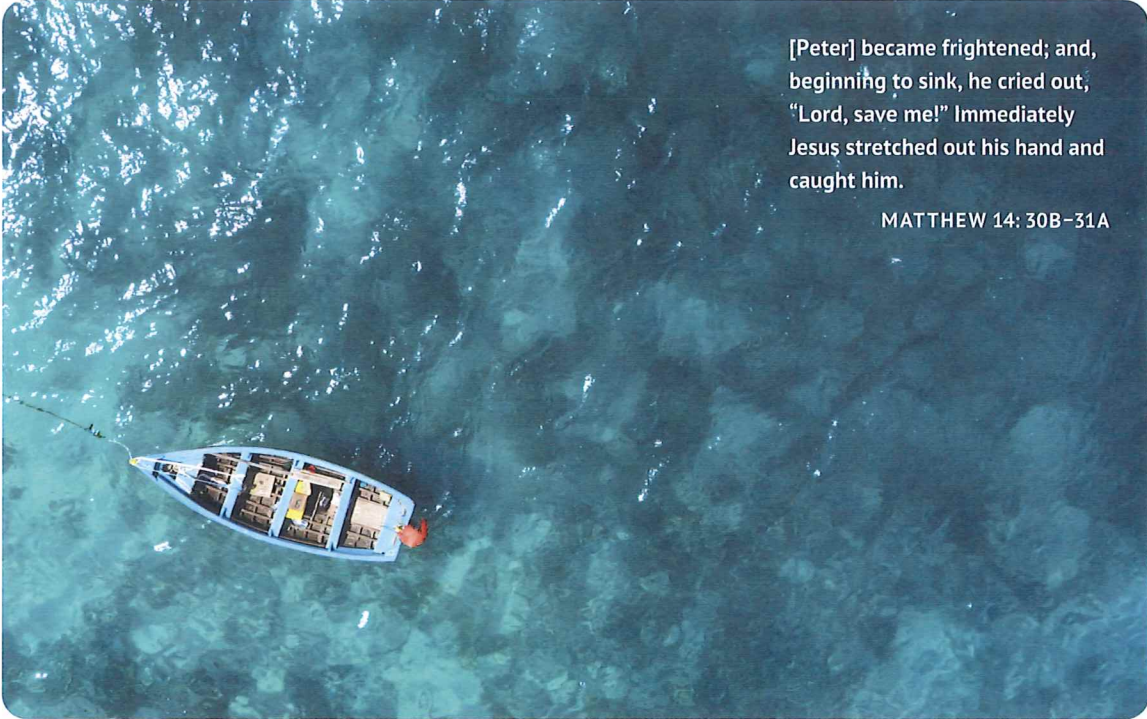
was always there, it's simply that my own ego often got in the way. It was when I gave in that I most felt buoyed by God. In fact, the least satisfying assignment was the one I eagerly sought out, and some of those I resisted

turned out to be graced. Like Peter, it's good to do what doesn't always make sense.

What does all this have to do with my choice of this Scripture reading for my funeral? Well, every time I have stepped out of the boat of security, God has been there to sustain me. I figure there is going to be no bigger "stepping out" than death, so I'm expecting God will be there as well. ●

Reflect

Have you ever experienced the impossible becoming possible with God's grace?



[Peter] became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him.

MATTHEW 14: 30B–31A





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**19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8/12/2023 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.**

**Servers:** Volunteer, Jason Velasco, Ryann Bamberger

**Reader:** Gwen Waechter

**E.O.HC:** Tino Rosales Jr., Karen Burden

**8/13/2023 – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**

**Servers:** Cade & Jace Berning, Luke Woodrow

**Reader:** Alvin Bergkamp

**E.O. HC:** Toby & Jessica Lohman-Fuller

**20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8/19/2023 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.**

**Servers:** Lucy, Jonathan, & Nathan Gannett

**Reader:** Karen Burden

**E.O.HC:** Rosemary & Tom Bachman

**8/20/2023 – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**

**Servers:** Kirbe & Kipton Koons, Joleigh Lohman-Fuller

**Reader:** Julie Kaps

**E.O. HC:** Maria Enriquez, Rosa Cardenas

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, August 12 4:00 p.m. Harold &Louraine Knoll F.**

**Sunday, August 13 9:00 a.m. For the People**

**Monday, August 14 8:30 a.m. Wilfred & Anna Bergkamp**

**Tuesday, August 15 12:15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. For the People**

**Thursday, August 17 8:30 a.m. David Hoang**

**Friday, August 18 8:30 a.m. David Hoang**

**Saturday, August 19 4:00 p.m. For the People**

**Sunday, August 20 9:00 a.m. Mary Gleason**

**Note: August 15—Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is the Holy Day of Obligation. Holy Mass will be at 12: 15 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Tuesday**

**Reconciliation:** Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. or by appointment.

**Baptism:** Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

**Marriage:** Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

**August 13, 2023**

**19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*"Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation." (Psalm 85:9)*

This Sunday's Gospel passage from Matthew (Matthew 14:22-33) is one of the most famous stories in Scripture --- Jesus Calming the Storm. And there is much we could talk about concerning this story. After all, it's a pretty incredible one. And yet, the most remarkable thing about it may simply be the context of the story. Think about it. Jesus comes to them during a storm. He was probably the last person they expected to encounter. Yet there he was. Not shying away from the storm, but actually entering into it, entering into their dire situation --- and calming the storm in which they found themselves.

My friends, how easy is it for us to only feel God's presence when things are going well, when we are "happy"? Conversely --- how often do we face the challenges of life as if God is not with us, as if he has abandoned us? How often do our fears and sorrows and disappointments consume us and demand all of our attention? In other words, how often do fail to look for God in the midst of our troubles? God doesn't work that way. God is not trying to hide from us. In fact, we too often are trying to hide from him (whether we are aware of it or not). One thing we need to remember is God never abandons us. Fr. Peter

**COLLECTION** for August 6, 2023: Envelopes: \$795; Loose: \$259.25; Online Giving: \$1052.37; Total \$2106.62;Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under + 345.45

**CHURCH PROJECT GOAL \$52000**—Building Fund To Date: \$31556.63.63 *Thank you so much for your love for our parish church and your faithful stewards.*

**2023 STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE** Saturday, August 19 in Dodge City at the Cathedral @ 9:30am Discover ~ Dine ~ Tour This is an opportunity to tour the Catholic Chancery and the NEW Catholic Charities, discover how everything at the Diocese of Dodge City works, and hear stories from real refugees as well as dine with people from all over the Diocese. For more information or to register go to <https://www.dcdiocese.org/stewardship>

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK** Who can I accompany on their journey through stormy waters? How can I reassure them and assist them

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK** (adapted from St. Cyprian of Carthage) We pray to you, Lord, with honest hearts, in tune with one another, entreating you with sighs and tears, as befits our humble position. We are placed between those who have no concern for you and the saints who stand firm and upright before you. We pray that you will soon come to us, leading us from darkness to light, oppression to freedom, misery to joy, conflict to peace. May you drive away the storms and tempests of our lives and bring gentle calm. Amen.

**UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - (Matthew 14:22-33)**

**Treading the sea** At the time of Jesus the sea symbolized the emptiness that preceded creation. The sea was a dangerous and sometimes deadly realm. Passages in the Old Testament portray God subduing the sea and rescuing people who are drowning (Psalm 77:17-21, Psalm 107:23-30, and Jonah 2). By walking on the sea at night Jesus reveals that he shares God’s power over evil and death. This story is thus a theophany, the showing of a divine presence.

**Floundering** Peter wants to show his faith in Jesus by joining his master on the water. He trusts Jesus enough to leave the safety of the boat, but the intensity of the wind scares him. Peter dramatizes the meaning of little faith: he has faith, but his faith is not yet strong enough to withstand his fear and doubt.

**Big title, little faith** The disciples respond to this theophany by bowing down before Jesus and calling him the Son of God. They formally acknowledge that Jesus shares God’s life-saving power. Although the disciples’ response is very different here than in Mark’s version of the story (6:45-52), their faith isn’t perfect. Even at the end of Matthew’s Gospel the disciples simultaneously worship the risen Jesus and doubt his glorification and empowerment (28:17).

**The boat and the storm** As this story was told and retold, people began to make the boat represent the church. The storm then represented anything that endangered the church and caused Jesus’ followers to question their faith in him. Matthew encourages such an interpretation by writing that those who were in the boat gave homage to Jesus instead of writing that the disciples did (v.33). He invites us to include ourselves among “those in the boat” who have faith but who still sometimes struggle to believe just as the first disciples did. Jesus supports us just as he supported them.

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**UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST READING OF THE WEEK - (1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a)**

**Back to the mountain** Elijah lived during the reign of King Ahab of Israel. Ahab married Jezebel, a Phoenician, who worshiped Baal, a foreign god, and promoted the worship of Baal throughout Israel. God sent Elijah to challenge the prophets of Baal. When the challenge ended with the deaths of those prophets, Jezebel, furious, tried to kill Elijah (1 Kings 16:29f and 1 Kings 18). The prophet fled into the desert toward Mount Sinai (here called Horeb). This mountain is where God first made a covenant with his people, who agreed to worship only him. Just as Moses presented the terms of the Sinai Covenant to the Israelites, so now Elijah must renew this covenant, leading the Israelites back to the worship of God alone.

**A reassuring silence** Baal was a storm god. People believed he caused wind and earth-shaking thunder. When the LORD demonstrated his clear superiority to Baal in the contest led by Elijah (1 Kings 18), some people expected the LORD to assume these powers. However, God is so great that he doesn’t need special effects to signal his presence. God’s word communicates power even when that word is barely audible.

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION AUGUST 13,2023**

*“He said, ‘Come. ‘Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.’” -Matthew 14:29* When you hear Jesus calling, do you responded immediately and trust that He knows what He’s doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say “yes” to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

*“Él dijo, ‘Ven’, Pedro salió del bote y comenzó a caminar sobre el agua hacia Jesús.” - Mateo 14:29* ¿Cuándo oye que Jesús lo llama, responde inmediatamente y confía que Él sabe lo que está haciendo?;Si es así, usted está caminando sobre el agua!Cuando le decimos “sí” a Jesús, sentimos el poder de su presencia en nuestras vidas.¡Podemos sentir la libertad que Él nos da!Escuche como Jesús lo llama a vivir la vida extraordinaria que Él ha destinado para usted.

¡Únase a la diversión y acompañanos a la jubilación de los sacerdotes!

El golf classico de La Fundacion Dechant es el viernes 8 de septiembre en el campo de golf Mariah Hills en Dodge City

Para registrar un equipo o un patrocinador vaya a: [dcdiocese.org/dechant](http://dcdiocese.org/dechant) or call 620-227-1537

Recorrido ~ Descubre ~ Cena

Conferencia de Stewardship 2023

Acompañanos el Sabado 8/19 en la Catedral para mas informacion y para registrarse: [www.dcdiocese.org/stewardship](http://www.dcdiocese.org/stewardship)

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Ministerio de apoyo, para la formación de jóvenes, adultos y NFP, por nombrar algunos. [www.dcdiocese.org/dechant](http://www.dcdiocese.org/dechant)

Join in fun and fellowship for priest retirement!

The Dechant Foundation Golf Classic is Friday September 8th at Mariah Hills Golf Course in Dodge City

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Your Diocese at work. Support ministry, for youth, adult formation, and NFP to name a few. [dcdiocese.org/dechantt](http://dcdiocese.org/dechantt)

**O.C.I.A (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church or finding out more about the teachings of the faith? Consider joining the St. Anthony’s OCIA program. The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a process for adults who desire to join the Catholic faith. The process invites participants into discernment, prayer, and spiritual formation. If you’d like to join us, please call please call Fr. Peter (620-355-6405) or Mrs. Karen Burden (620- 355-6388)

**ADULT CONFIRMATIONR**

If any adult Catholic who hasn’t been confirmed and would like to be confirmed this coming Easter Please call Fr. Peter (620-355-6405) or Mrs. Karen Burden (620- 355-6388) On behalf of the Catholic faith community of the St. Anthony, we look forward to welcoming you.

**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

Q: St. Thomas Aquinas wrote that life does not begin until the second trimester. How should we answer this, especially in regard to abortion? - Thomas, Dincher, Williamsport, PA

A: The wording of your question is slightly inaccurate. St. Thomas did not deny that life in the womb was, in fact, life. The teaching of Aquinas to which you refer is that an unborn baby receives a soul 40 or 80 days after conception, depending on gender. (Note this is much earlier than the second trimester). Aquinas held this opinion based on Aristotle, who said a child has a soul when it first has a human “form”--that is, when the child looks human. The difference in gender was based on the point at which genitals could be observed on miscarried children, earlier for boys, later for girls. While many link this position of Aquinas to the abortion debate, the date of ensoulment is not essential to the Church’s position on the sinfulness of abortion. The Church roots her teaching in Scripture (e.g. Ex 21:22-23; Ps 51:5; Ps. 139:13-16; Job 10:11; Is 44:24; Jer 1:5), Tradition and Natural Law.

St. Thomas never wrote directly on abortion. There are only a couple of indirect references in the Summa (IIa, Ilae, q.64, a 8; q.68, a 11). But surely St. Thomas was well aware of the Scriptures above, as well as the ancient teaching of Tradition forbidding abortion at any stage. Beginning with the Didache written around 110 AD which said "Thou shalt not murder a child by abortion" (2:2), and continuing with Barnabas, Clement, Tertullian, Hippolytus, Basil, Chrysostom, Ambrose, Jerome and many other Fathers, and also authoritative Councils, the Church had consistently condemned abortion in no uncertain terms. Hence we ought not presume Aquinas, who never spoke on abortion directly, ever intended by engaging in a discussion of ensoulment, to contest the immorality of abortion at any stage.

Regarding his teaching on ensoulment, theologians do not hold such an opinion today and most regard Thomas’ positions as rooted in a primitive understanding of embryology. Clearly natural science today demonstrates the existence of a genetically unique individual at conception.

Finally, even if one wanted unreasonably to hold that Aquinas supported early abortions, St. Thomas, venerable and respect though he is, is not infallible and is not the magisterium. While his teachings are influential, they have not been universally adopted by the magisterium. One obvious example is that St. Thomas was not supportive of the, then unofficial, belief in the Immaculate Conception of Mary.

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Value your vocation**

Immigrant Catholic families faced the nightmare of living one step away from ruin in the 19th century, when only the least desirable and most dangerous jobs were available to them. Knights of Columbus founder Michael McGivney had to leave seminary to support his family after his father's death. Ordained later, McGivney determined to build a community dedicated to protecting vulnerable families and spent his priesthood promoting the valuable vocation of the laity. Continue the legacy with your own vocation, religious or lay, equally valued and necessary. (Preparetheword)

**DÉCIMO NOVENO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

**Valora tu vocación**

Las familias Católicas inmigrantes enfrentaron la pesadilla de vivir a un paso de la ruina en el siglo XIX, cuando sólo se les ofrecían los trabajos menos deseables y más peligrosos. El fundador de los Caballeros de Colón, Michael McGivney, tuvo que dejar el seminario para mantener a su familia tras la muerte de su padre. Ordenado más tarde, McGivney decidió construir una comunidad dedicada a proteger a las familias vulnerables y dedicó su sacerdocio a promover la valiosa vocación de los laicos. Continúa el legado con tu propia vocación, religiosa o laica, igualmente valiosa y necesaria.