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**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Decimonoveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

August 9, 2026

Masses / Misas

Saturday:	English	5:30pm
Sabado:	Espanol	7:00pm
Sunday:	English	8:30am
		10:30am (Live-streamed Mass)
Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday:	English	8:00am
Tuesday and Wednesday Communion Service:	English	8:00am

Click the link below to view a live-stream video of a St. Timothy's Mass.

https://youtube.com/@st.timothycatholicchurch7329?si=_dX5zjs-pD-SSXup

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Reconciliation:

Saturday at 4:30pm and by appointment

All Are Welcome at St. Timothy's



St. Timothy's Services and Events

8/9 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8/10 Faith Study Group Monday at 1:00pm in the Hall

8/11 - St. Tim's Photo Directory Appointments

8/14 See page 8 for more information

8/14 Eucharistic Adoration Friday after 8:00am Mass

8/15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Saturday
Note: This is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

8/16 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8/17 Faith Study Group Monday at 1:00pm in the Hall

8/23 Parish Birthday Bash Sunday after 10:30am Mass
See page 9 for more information



Faith Exposed:
Angelus, St. Peter's Square
Pope Francis on Matthew 14:22-33
August 8, 2023

Dear brothers and sisters, good day!

Today's Gospel narrates a particular prodigious deed of Jesus: He walks at night on the waters of the lake of Galilee toward his disciples who are crossing the lake in a boat (cf. Mt 14:22-33). The question is: Why did Jesus do this? Maybe because of an urgent unforeseeable need to help his disciples who were blocked by a headwind? No, because he himself had planned everything, He had made them depart that evening. The text even says he "made them" (cf. v. 22). Maybe he did it to give them a demonstration of his greatness and power? But it is not that simple with him. So, why did he want to walk on the waters?

There is a message that is not evident, a message we need to grasp. In fact, at that time, great expanses of water were held to be the haunts of evil powers that man was not able to master. Particularly when storms made them turbulent, these abysses were symbols of chaos and recalled the darkness of the underworld. Now, the disciples found themselves in the middle of the lake when it was dark. They are afraid of sinking, of being sucked in by evil. And here comes Jesus, walking on the waters, that is, over the powers of evil ... says to his disciples: "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid" (v. 27). This is the message Jesus gives us. This is the meaning of the sign: the powers of evil that frighten us, that we cannot master, take on smaller proportions immediately with Jesus. By walking on the waters, He wants to say, "Do not be afraid. I put your enemies under my feet" - a beautiful message - not people! - not that type of enemy, but death, sin, the devil - these are the enemies of the people, our enemies. And Jesus tramples on these enemies for us.

Today, Christ repeats to each of us, "Take heart; it is I. Do

not be afraid!" Take heart because I am here, because you are no longer alone on the turbulent waters of life. And so, what should we do when we find ourselves on the open sea at the mercy of headwinds? We need to do two things that the disciples do in the Gospel. They call on and welcome Jesus. At the worst moments, in darkest times, call on Jesus and welcome Jesus.

The disciples call on Jesus: Peter walks a little on the waters toward Jesus, but then gets frightened. He sinks and then cries out: "Lord, save me!" (v. 30). Invoke Jesus, call on Jesus. This prayer is beautiful. It expresses the certainty that the Lord can save us, that he conquers our evil and our fears. Lord, save me!

And then the disciples welcome Jesus into the boat. The text says that as soon as he got into the boat, "the wind ceased" (v. 32). The Lord knows that the boat of our life, as well as the boat of the Church, is threatened by headwinds, and that the sea on which we sail is often turbulent. He does not spare us the hard work of sailing, rather – the Gospel emphasizes – he pushes his disciples to depart. He invites us to face difficulties so they too might become salvific places, so Jesus can conquer them, so they become opportunities to meet him. In fact, in our moments of darkness, he comes to meet us, asking to be welcomed like that night on the lake.

Ask yourself: how do I react when I am afraid? Make room for Him in the boat of your life, hand the helm over to Jesus.

In the dark crossings, may Mary, the mother of Jesus, Star of the Sea, help us to seek the light of Jesus.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
Let us turn to Jesus when the storms in our lives are about to conquer us. He calmed the chaos and dangers of the sea for the disciples with His power and love. Call to Our Savior and welcome Him when our seas are rough. May our Mother Mary echo our call for Jesus.
In Christ, Fr. Gabriel



A video thumbnail featuring a man with short brown hair, wearing a dark blue shirt, looking directly at the camera. The background is a room with a blue wall, a whiteboard with Roman numerals, and a small cross on a shelf. A red and blue gradient box with white text is overlaid on the bottom left. A small white speech bubble icon is visible in the background.

What “Lead Us Not Into Temptation” Means in Daily Life

Unlock the Catechism for the Modern World

What “Lead Us Not Into Temptation” Means in Daily Life

The battle for holiness starts before the sin. Don't walk into temptation – ask God to lead you away.

[Click on the picture above to see the video in English.](#)

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.

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

MAIN MESSAGE

- God speaks in quiet ways.
- Trust Jesus, even in storms.
- He saves when we call to Him.
- Love others and lead them to Christ.



KEY SCRIPTURE



"Take courage,
it is I; do not
be afraid."

— Matthew 14:27

THE READINGS



First Reading

God is in a quiet whisper.
1 Kings 19:9A, 11-13A



Psalm

Peace and justice come
from the Lord.
Psalm 85



Second Reading

Paul's deep love for
his people.
Romans 9:1-5



Gospel

Jesus walks on water.
Peter trusts, then doubts.
Jesus saves him.
Matthew 14:22-33

THEMES TO KNOW



God in quiet ways



Trust over fear



Jesus saves



Love for others



Peace and justice

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US



Listen for God in quiet moments.



Trust Jesus when things feel hard.



Call on Him when you need help.



Show love and care for others.

TRY THIS



Take a few minutes today to pray and tell Jesus one thing you need help with.



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- When have I felt like I was in a storm?
- How can I trust Jesus more?
- How can I show His love to others?



St. Timothy's Catholic Church
Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 8, 2026 at 5:30pm
+ Vio Hong

Saturday, August 8, 2026 at 7:00pm

Sunday, August 9, 2026 at 8:30am
+ William Brandt

Sunday, August 9, 2026 at 10:30am
+ Rick Smith

Monday, August 10, 2026 at 8:00am
Richard G. Fauset

Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 8:00am
Communion Service

Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at 8:00am
Communion Service

Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 8:00am
Richard G. Fauset

Friday, August 14, 2026 at 8:00am
+ Arnie Ballesteros

Saturday, August 15, 2026 at 8:00am
Edgar Perez

All Mass Intentions are \$10 per Mass.
Please call the office to request a Mass Intention.

To add a person to our prayer list: A member of the immediate family may request a person's name be added.



Prayer Requests

Fr. Alphonsus Afina
Meredith Bates
Emma Suitisang Bermudez
Rina Bermudez
Debra Gardner
Catherine Grace
Amparo Haber
Charlotte Koss
Michael R. Law
Fernando Macias
Lourdes Magallanes
Aldo Mauro
Edgar Perez
Benjamin Ramage
Tom and Maria Sears
Stephanie Seely
Jean Smith
Emily Sozinho
Annie Rohrbach-Walker

Our Extended Family at:
Bayside Care Center
Casa de Flores
Garden House

St. Timothy's Directory Photo Location



If you scheduled an appointment for the Parish photo directory (August 11th - 14th), the photos will be taken in the classrooms facing the Stations of The Cross.

Flocknote Update:

Are you donating with checks, using envelopes or automatically through Vanco?

Please use the QR code to migrate to FLOCKNOTE GIVING.



Why?

- * St. Timothy's is no longer using VANCO as of May 31, 2026.
- * Envelopes will eventually be discontinued.

More information to follow.

Donating through FLOCKNOTE alleviates hours of counting, data entry and errors. If you need help, please call the office.

2026 Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA) Update

For 2026 AMA \$15,600.00 has been donated.

Thank you for all your support!

ST TIMOTHY'S ANNUAL BIRTHDAY BASH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

After 10:30 AM Mass



Grilled Hot Dogs

Beans, Chips

Drinks

Ice Cream & CAKE



EVERYTHING IS FREE!

Come Celebrate everyone's birthday at this
fun-filled event

Registration for Faith Formation will be
available during this event

Maintenance & Building Update



Efforts are underway to improve the buildings and grounds at our parish. As part of this upgrade, a set of replacement gates have been installed across the Piney Way entrance to the parish parking lot. If these gates are closed, we ask that you use one of the two driveway entrances located along Kennedy Way (both face the church).

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Volunteer Teachers Needed!

St. Timothy's Church is in need of Teachers and Teacher Assistants for our Faith Formation, and Sacrament preparation classes for the 2026-2027 school year!

No experience necessary, training and materials provided.

If you feel called or want further information, please contact, Phyllis Valenzuela, Director of Religious Education, at dre.sttims@yahoo.com or the Church Office at [805.772.2840](tel:805.772.2840) Monday - Thursday 10:00am - 1:00pm.

God Bless!

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

- 1 Peter 4:10



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"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 to the mountain by himself to pray."

- Matthew 14:22-23

The psychologist Carl Jung once said, "Business is not of the devil, business is the devil!" Stewardship is not about increasing our activities, but about establishing priorities in how we utilize our gifts. One of those priorities is prayer. Do we take time out to be alone with God? Do we pray throughout our days? Prayer is the foundation of the spiritual life. Without it, we cannot grow in faith and holiness.



- * Looking for something to liven up your relationship this summer?
- * A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you all the tools for a better, stronger, more loving marriage.
- * Sign up for an upcoming World Wide Marriage Encounter Experience on August 21st-23rd in Modesto, CA; September 18th-20th in San Juan Bautista, CA; November 13th-15th in Danville; or November 20th-22nd in Benecia. Go to wwme.org to find the Experience that is just right for you!

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The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2026:

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

August

For Evangelization in the City

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

