

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 08/09 (XIX Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall.
- 08/16 (XX Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall. *Mass Intention: For + BARBARA STEPIEN.*

- We're happy to announce the launch of a brand-new website for our Hall: **manchesterbanquethall.com**! It makes it easier for people to learn about the space and get in touch to reserve the date. We've also launched a dedicated **Facebook page for the Hall**, where you can see photos & updates. Please give it a follow and share it with friends and family who may be looking for an affordable venue!
- Mass Intentions Announcement:** If you have a particular date in mind for a Mass Intention, please be sure to book it in advance, as we are able to schedule only one intention per Sunday. At this time, the first available Sunday with no intention is August 30, 2026. Please contact the parish office to reserve your date.

CHURCH NEWS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: RACHEL & ANDREW MENARD (08/12), KRISTA COMTOIS (08/13). Happy anniversary! Happy birthday!

If you have any information for the „Church News Column”, please inform Fr. Adam by email or phone no later than Friday afternoon.

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August 9, 2026

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PARISH BULLETIN

XIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION

For ++ JOHN & SALLY-ANN WHITHAM

INTROIT

C: Save me, God, for the waters have reached my neck. I have gone down to the watery depths; the flood overwhelms me.

R: Here deep calls to deep in the roar of Your torrents.
All Your waves and breakers sweep over me.

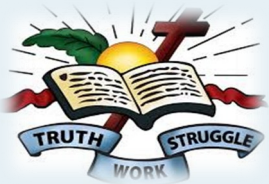
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.



HOLY MASS

10.00 am



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

A reading from the First Book of Kings.

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.

1 KGS 19:9A, 11-13A

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

MT 14:22-33

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 85

„Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.“

READING 2

ROM 9:1-5

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This gospel captures something true about faith in the middle of struggle: Peter's courage to step out of the boat, and his fear when he notices the wind. That moment of sinking isn't a failure so much as it's honest - most of us know what it's like to start out bold and then get overwhelmed by the very storm we were trying to walk through. What stands out is that Jesus doesn't wait for Peter to swim back to safety or prove himself again; he reaches out immediately, right there in the middle of the doubt. The rebuke, "why did you doubt," reads less like scolding and more like an invitation to notice how close help already was. There's also something worth sitting with in the quiet before the storm - Jesus withdrawing to pray alone on the mountain even after a long day of ministry, a reminder that steadiness in the midst of chaos often comes from time spent apart, grounded in something deeper than the immediate demands of the crowd.