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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9 | Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 | Lk 12:32-48

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If we're honest with ourselves, we often want God to give us exactly what we ask for in prayer, or to provide immediate comfort in moments of need. But from the beginning, God revealed that the life of faith would entail trusting in his promises even as we wait for their final fulfillment. The example of Abraham in the second reading can be our model. We are called to emulate Abraham's obedient trust: "for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy." Throughout the Scriptures God promised his people that he would prepare a place for them. This promise propelled the Israelites through famine, exile, and agony, until God brought them to their earthly homeland. Jesus promises a new and everlasting place of rest, where we will live with God forever. We wait in joyful hope that one day he himself will bring us to our heavenly home. Amid the difficulties of life, in seasons of grief, pain, or confusion, it is easy to let doubt creep in. This is when, more than ever, we must cling to our faith, which Paul describes as "the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Trusting in God, we are called to wait with hope and prepare ourselves to readily receive him when he comes. Today's Gospel from Luke provides an image for us to imitate: the faithful servant dutifully awaiting his master's return. What does Jesus say about these servants who keep close watch, always prepared for the moment their master will return? "Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival." The faithful witness of the servants in the Gospel reminds us not to overcomplicate our faith. We simply need to remain diligent in carrying out the work that God has given us to do here and now and to keep ourselves alert as we wait with patience for the coming of the Lord.

PRAY

Our faith strengthens us as we wait for the Lord — as we hold on to the radical belief that our destination is heaven, and our God keeps his promises. Wherever you find yourself on the journey today, cling to his promises! Ask for the grace for deeper trust in him and for greater faithfulness to the work of building up his kingdom as you wait for God to bring all things to their ultimate fulfillment.



Bringing Home the Word

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Live By Faith

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

The story of Abraham is one of extraordinary blessing. However, his story is also one of extraordinary faith. At major points of his life, Abraham had no idea what was in store for him or his family. He was directed to leave his home and become a wandering herder. He was an immigrant in a foreign land, bereft of social support structures. He was promised descendants but waited many years for that promise to be realized. Once he had an heir, he was then told to sacrifice that son of promise without any assurances

of a favorable future. Time and again, Abraham was asked to live by faith.

The phrase “seeing is believing” is misleading. It is really an expression of skepticism that means, “I won’t believe it unless I see it.” However, true belief means that we accept something even though we don’t see it, don’t understand it. That is a very difficult way for most of us to live. Yet, live like this we must, whether we are believers or unbelievers, because so much of life is beyond our control or understanding.

So, how do we learn to live by faith? We have something that Abraham did not have. We have his story to encourage us. In that story, we see that again and again he stepped forward in faith, and God brought things together. If God did this in Abraham’s life, surely God can and will do it in ours. We must only live by faith. †



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A Word from Pope Leo XIV

There is so little dialogue around us; shouting often replaces it, not infrequently in the form of fake news and irrational arguments proposed by a few loud voices. Deeper reflection and study are essential, as well as a commitment to encounter and listen to the poor.... Their viewpoints...are vital if we are to see the world through God’s eyes.

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Sunday Readings

Wisdom 18:6–9

In secret, the holy children of the good were offering sacrifice and carried out with one mind the divine institution.

Hebrews 11:1–2, 8–19 or Hebrews 11:1–2, 8–12

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.

Luke 12:32–48 or Luke 12:35–40

[Jesus said,] “Sell your belongings and give alms.... For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS REFLECTION

- When have I acted on faith in God without knowing what would happen?
- Am I being called to act on faith today?



Angry in August

Fr. Bob Pagliari, CSsR, PhD

Are humans more irritable in the late days of summer than during other months of the year? The ancients certainly believed that the rising temperatures caused a rise in tempers. The so-called “dog

days” of summer made people and animals angry and wild. Climate aside, how “Christian” are we when it comes to dealing with the deadly sin of anger—our own or others’?

Solution #1: Walk away, even if it’s only for a jaunt around the block or just stepping back for a few seconds to take a deep breath and count to ten. This brief “time out” gives the angry person a chance to cool off. You don’t want to say something you’ll regret later. It is impossible to argue with people who are angry, because angry people believe they are right.

Solution #2: Switch perspectives by peering through the other person’s lens for a while. You cannot adopt another person’s viewpoint and also be angry with that person. When you are mad at someone, as soon as you look at the world through that person’s eyes, your anger diminishes.

Solution #3: Recognize and respect where the other person is coming from. More than anything, angry people want to feel understood. This does not necessarily mean agreeing, but it does mean acknowledging and appreciating the person’s experience of the situation.

Solution #4: Accept misplaced anger as a compliment rather than a threat. Anger is a socially repugnant emotion. If adults allow themselves to regress into tantrums in your presence, this may mean that they trust you.

Solution #5: Pray—not as a last resort, but for continual support. Prayer works for two very good reasons. The first reason is supernatural. God hears our prayers and answers them by giving us the graces we need when we need them. The second reason is natural. When we pray, our concentration shifts from selfish to selfless. †

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Wisdom from Catholic Update

From “From Debate to Doctrine: The Evolution of Christian Creeds in the Early Church” by Christopher M. Bellitto

The Church in any period operates according to an ancient working principle. In Latin, that principle is *lex orandi, lex credendi*—the law of praying is the law of believing. How Christians pray reflects and shapes what Christians believe. So, to get a sense of how early Christians tried to describe or explain what they believed, historians and theologians must turn to how they prayed, especially by looking at creeds and other theological statements that came out of the first general councils. What’s fascinating about this period is how statements of doctrine developed: questions led to answers, which were sometimes incomplete and led in turn to new questions, more answers, and further clarifications.

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Generous God, we give you thanks for all our blessings and dare to ask for one thing more: a grateful heart. We pray always in Jesus’ name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

August 11–16

Monday, St. Clare:
Dt 10:12–22 / Mt 17:22–27

Tuesday, Weekday:
Dt 31:1–8 / Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

Wednesday, Weekday:
Dt 34:1–12 / Mt 18:15–20

Thursday, St. Maximilian Kolbe:
Jos 3:7–10a, 11, 13–17 / Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab / 1 Cor 15:20–27 / Lk 1:39–56

Saturday, Weekday: Jos 24:14–29 / Mt 19:13–15

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Sunday, Aug 10, 2025

A gift you can bank on

With so much emphasis on work and consumption in American culture, it is easy to fall into the trap of believing that “you are what you earn.” This attitude creates a lot of anxiety, leaving us constantly worried about our financial worth and feeling devalued if our “earning power” drops or if we are not part of the wage economy. Jesus offers a different vision when he assures us that God is pleased to give us the Kingdom. There is nothing to earn here, nothing to be gained, nothing to be lost. Our self-worth is a freely given gift of our Creator. Bank on it!

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12; Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40 (117). *“Do not be afraid . . . for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.”*

Monday, Aug 11, 2025

Keep it simple

Isn't it amazing how much stuff we collect in our lives? You move into a house or an apartment with a few things and you think you've got plenty of room. But within a short period of time, you've got no place left to put all of it. Saint Clare didn't have that problem. Although from a wealthy family, she embraced a life of strict and total poverty, possessing absolutely nothing for the sake of the joy that comes with possessing only Christ. And joyful she was for nearly 40 years, so much so that she was declared a saint only two years after she died. “We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become,” advises Clare. Striving toward holiness and sainthood? Start with a little simple living.

MEMORIAL OF CLARE

Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27 (413). *“He is your glory, he, your God.”*

Tuesday, Aug 12, 2025

Live Jesus in good times and bad

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, who founded the Visitation Sisters in France 400 years ago, suffered years of interior anguish and spiritual dryness. Her contemporary, Saint Francis de Sales, said of her struggles: “For all that suffering her face never lost its serenity, nor did she once relax in the fidelity God asked of her. And so I regard her as one of the holiest souls I have ever met on this earth.” Her way of enduring through difficult times reflects the order's motto: “Live Jesus.” Whatever your inner struggle, hold fast to your faith and your holiness will shine through.

MEMORIAL OF JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS

Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 (414). *“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me.”*

Wednesday, Aug 13, 2025

Forgiveness ever available

What may be one of the strangest reconciliations in church history occurred between Pontian and Hippolytus. Pontian became pope in 235 A.D.—just in time for the Roman persecution of Christians. He spent most of his reign as a slave in the mines of Sardinia. Hippolytus, who was at odds with the papacy, got the idea to have his followers name him pope. But he was swept up in the same persecution that netted Pontian. Now both in prison, Hippolytus repented to the true pope, Pontian, and Pontian reconciled him to the church. As today's two saints came to know, forgiveness is always possible, no matter the circumstances. For as Hippolytus

notes: “Christ is easily found by those who live by faith and to those of pure eye and holy heart, who desire to knock at the door, he opens immediately.”

FEAST OF PONTIAN, POPE, AND HIPPOLYTUS, PRIEST, MARTYRS

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20 (415). *“Whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”*

Thursday, Aug 14, 2025

When compromise is not an option

Maximilian Kolbe was a Franciscan friar who offered his life to save that of a stranger sentenced to die in the Auschwitz concentration camp. Canonized in 1982, he also was honored in 1998 as one of ten 20th-century Christian martyrs commemorated with statues over Westminster Abbey in London. The martyrs represent victims of religious persecution and oppression worldwide. “There has never been a time in Christian history when someone, somewhere, has not died rather than compromise with the powers of oppression, tyranny, and unbelief,” said the Rev. Dr. Anthony Harvey, sub-dean of Westminster, when the statues were unveiled in 1998. They responded when their faith was tested. Can we do the same?

MEMORIAL OF MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST, MARTYR

Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Matthew 18:21-19:1 (416). *“How often must I forgive?”*

Friday, Aug 15, 2025

Every body deserves respect

Assumption is a teaching about the Mother of God, but this dogma has much to say about all of us. It affirms the dignity of our bodies and how God is mindful of every hair on our heads. In an era when the idea of the human person is continually under assault—from the arena of public policy to the refugee camps and killing fields of war—Mary's Assumption is a divine response to our deepest fears as well as our greatest hopes about the fate of our bodies. “Mary is assumed into heaven: small and humble,” said Pope Saint John Paul II, “She, a human creature, one of us, attains eternity in soul and body. And there she awaits us as a mother waits for her children to come home.” Honor your body and the bodies of others in ways that would make your Mother Mary proud.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Luke 11:27-28 (621). *“So too in Christ shall all be brought to life.”*

Saturday, Aug 16, 2025

Practice patience on everyone

In the year 2000 Hungarians celebrated the 1,000th anniversary of the founding of their country by Saint Stephen, who not only created one nation out of numerous tribes but also made it Christian. Though Stephen had already been canonized by the Roman Church centuries before, to mark the millennium, the Eastern Orthodox Church also canonized him—an unprecedented gesture endorsed by Pope John Paul II, who emphasized the need for Christians more than ever to work together. Stephen's admonitions to his son Emeric include the words: “Be merciful to all who are suffering violence . . . Be patient with everyone, not only with the powerful, but also with the weak.” Spare a little more patience for the weakest and strongest in your own life.

MEMORIAL OF STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15 (418). *“Let the children come to me.”*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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This Week on Formed

Week of August 10, 2025



Life for Life: Maximilian Kolbe

After escaping from Auschwitz, a man hears the tragic news about ten random inmates sentenced by the Nazis to death as a punishment for his escape—one of whom is Fr. Maximilian Kolbe.



Clare and Francis

This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare. Both founded major religious orders, and together they inspired many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel.



The Assumption of Mary

The Assumption of Mary, body and soul in Heavenly glory, highlights the power of God and Christ's victory over sin and death for Mary's soul. Learn about this great mystery in Mysteries of the Rosary.

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Announcement Submissions – Aug. 6, 2025 update from Diocese Communications

Grow Hope Saskatchewan Field Day at Bruno Cherry Sunday Aug. 10 - Come and learn more about the grassroots program to feed the hungry around the world. Grow Hope will be at this year's Bruno Cherry Sunday, held at 650 Ursuline Ave. (north end of Main Street) in Bruno, SK, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10 to provide information about how Saskatchewan farming families (such as the Hergott family in Bruno) are growing crops to sell, with input costs covered by donors, and proceeds matched by the government for the work of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank in providing emergency food distribution and long-term food sustainability around the world. Support this great work by giving on the Development and Peace website at www.devp.org/give (make sure to assign your donation on to "Grow Hope Saskatchewan"). For more information or for donation links, visit www.growhopesk.ca/ or contact mleblanc@devp.org.

Sts. Benedict and Scholastica Formation Program is accepting applications for both men (residential) and women (non-residential) candidates for 2025-2026. This diocesan program aims to form young adult Catholics in pursuing holiness while living in the world. It includes **academic formation**, such as that provided through St. Thomas More College at the University of Saskatchewan, in conjunction with **spiritual, human, and pastoral formation provided through community living, prayer, training, and discernment in a house of formation located near the University of Saskatchewan campus** (please note that there is a non-residential option for women). This diocesan formation program may be a period of vocation preparation for priesthood, religious life, or any form of lay vocation and ministry. For more information contact Fr. Daniel Yasinski at dyasinski@rcdos.ca or Sr. Malou Tibayan at mtibayan@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5843.

Rama Pilgrimage - The 80th Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at St. Anthony Church, 104-1st Street North, Rama, SK. will be held Aug. 14-15, beginning Aug. 14 at 3 p.m. with devotions, 6 p.m. hymns/confession, 8 p.m. Mass with Archbishop Donald Boen of Regina, followed by Living Rosary, candlelit procession, and Adoration. Schedule Aug. 15 includes 8:30 a.m. morning prayers, 9 a.m. Mass in Polish, 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy in Byzantine Ukrainian Rite, 11:30 a.m. final Mass with anointing of the sick and aged, blessing for plenary indulgence, and blessing of religious articles. More information can be found at www.Ramashrine.ca.

Feast of the Assumption at St. Laurent – The Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at St. Laurent, SK will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption Aug. 15 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Grotto with confessions, Rosary, and devotions, with Mass celebrated at 8 p.m. with Bishop Stephen Hero, followed by a candlelight procession to the log church. Find more information on the shrine website at: www.saintlaurentshrine.com.

Jubilee Year Walking Pilgrimage to Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be held Sunday, Aug. 17, 2025 - Pilgrims will leave St. Augustine Church in Humboldt at 9 a.m. (23 km), from St. Bruno Parish at 11:30 a.m. (12 km) and from the Gaudet Farm at 3:30 p.m. (1 km; call 306-281-2013 for details. The walks to the Mount Carmel shrine will include praying of the Rosary, praise and worship, and fellowship. Those unable to walk are invited to the Mount Carmel shrine site to take part in events. Confessions at the hill will be held at 4 p.m. Aug. 17, with celebration of Mass at 5 p.m., followed by testimonials and more praise and worship. The Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated immediately after Mass. (For more details, please contact St. Augustine Parish in Humboldt at 306-682-2106 or staugustine@sasktel.net.)

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Grief Ministry for Bereaved Spouses - “From Mourning to Dawn” is an eight-week diocesan grief support program offering support and encouragement for widows and widowers, led by those who have also experienced this loss. It is open to participants who have been widows or widowers for more than two months. Two sessions will be offered in Saskatoon **in early September** with dates and times to be determined in consultation with participants. One program will be held at the Catholic Pastoral Centre on the 2nd Floor of the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon (elevator available), and another will be held at Saint Anne Parish, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon. Cost is \$35. Contact Dianna at dknaus@sasktel.net or (306) 382-0535. (*Grief ministry is supported by gifts to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal*).

Employment Opportunity – Office Administrator - The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon is seeking a part-time Office Administrator to serve at the Chancery Office in Saskatoon, 20 hours a week. Application deadline is Aug. 22, 2025. **Job Description:** <https://www.skeparchy.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/JobDescriptionOfficeAdministrator-1.pdf>. To apply, send a cover letter, resumé, and two reference letters (one personal and one professional) to: admin.skeparchy@sasktel.net. For more information, please visit the Eparchy website at: www.skeparchy.org.

Employment Opportunity – Spiritual Care and Mission Director – Samaritan Place, an Emmanuel Health Organization care home in Saskatoon, is seeking a full-time permanent Spiritual Care and Mission Director, who will be key leader in the spiritual wellbeing of residents and staff. The role requires compassion, emotional resilience, and the ability to offer support at various stages of illness, aging, and end-of-life care. The Spiritual Care and Mission Director is part of an interdisciplinary leadership team and works collaboratively with nursing, therapeutic recreation, and allied health personnel. The Spiritual Care and Mission Director is called to actualize the mission and values of the Catholic Health Ministry of Saskatchewan and Samaritan Place. To apply or for more information e-mail: hr@samaritanplace.ca or for more information contact Susan Sweet, Site Lead for Samaritan Place at (306) 986-1460. **The job description** is available at: <https://rcdos.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Spiritual-Care-and-Mission-Director.pdf>

Employment Opportunity – Children’s Ministry Coordinator - Saint Anne Roman Catholic Church, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon, SK, is seeking a full time (37.5 hours/week) Children’s Ministry Coordinator to start in September to work with the children of Saint Anne Parish and their parents to help them encounter Jesus, grow in relationship with him, and find a home in Saint Anne Parish. This is a **temporary position** covering a maternity leave (approximately one year). Find the job overview at <https://saintannes.ca/careers/>. Applicants must provide a cover letter, resume, and contact information for their pastor and two additional references by email to Fr. Greg at groth@rcdos.ca. (Upon receipt, the parish will send a job description and application form. Application is considered complete when the parish receives the completed application form.)

A St. Philomena Mother-Daughter Retreat offers a gentle, whole-person approach to help mothers and daughters discover together God’s gift of true femininity. Based on biblical wisdom, Catholic teachings, and the theology of St. John Paul II, this weekend retreat is geared towards girls ages 11 to 14 years and their moms. The retreat will be presented **Sept. 12-14** by Regnum Christi Regina, hosted at St. Peter’s Benedictine Abbey at Muenster, SK running from Friday, Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. (no supper provided) to Sunday at 1 p.m. (after lunch). The fee is \$475 per mother-daughter pair, which includes two nights’ accommodations at picturesque St. Peter’s Abbey, as well as meals and all retreat materials. Register at <https://philomenaretreat.org/> or e-mail any questions to laurencayer@sasktel.net. Regnum Christi is a world-wide Catholic apostolate whose mission is to configure ourselves to Christ and form apostles.

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Lectio Divina - A monthly Bible prayer session on the Sunday readings is held at 1 p.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month at St Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Crescent (at the corner of 22nd Avenue), Saskatoon, with the next Lectio Divina event at 1 p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 23**, held in the St. Paul Co-Cathedral welcome area. Everyone is invited. Bring your Bible or Bible app or Living With Christ. For more information contact Sr. Marlene, MACE, at: srmarlene@sasktel.net

* **Pursue the Power of Persistent Prayer with St. Monica** – An evening of speakers, conversation, prayer and dessert will be held **Wednesday, Aug. 27** will again be held on the Feast Day of St. Monica, who prayed for many years for the conversion of her son, St. Augustine of Hippo. Every family is affected by loved ones who have fallen away, walked away, or run away from the Church. Gather for fellowship and prayer at Saint Anne Parish, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon as we hold each other in hope: doors open at 6 p.m., speakers and discussion begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by Eucharistic Adoration at 8 p.m. RSVP to Brenda Tryhuba at brendatryhuba@gmail.com or (306) 260-3612.

Polka Mass - The Lake Manitou Pastoral Region annual Polka Mass will take place at Danceland at Manitou Beach, near Watrous, SK, on **Sunday, Sept. 21**, with Mass beginning at 11:00 am. Music will start approximately 10:30 am and Brunch will follow the Mass. This is the only Mass for the parishes of the Lake Manitou Pastoral Region. Brunch prices are: Adults - \$10; School-age children - \$5. For more information, contact St. Ann Parish, Watrous at: 306 946-7961 or see the website: www.lakemanitou.saskatooncatholic.ca.

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