

# PARISH CALENDAR

Nineteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

August 12, 2018

Give glory to our God  
and call upon His name!

Saturday, August 11	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, August 12	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, August 13	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, August 14	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p. m.	<b>Liturgy Committee Meeting - Kamiano Trailer</b>
Wednesday, August 15	..... 10:30 a. m.	<b>Funeral Mass - Danny Miller (+)</b>
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, August 16	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, August 17	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
		<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - ADMISSION DAY HOLIDAY</b>
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	<b>Food Pantry Closed</b>
Saturday, August 18	..... 11:00 a. m.	<b>Funeral Service - Arnold K. Pahimui (+)</b>
	..... 4:00-4:45 p. m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

### NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Prov:9:1-6: Share in this banquet and advance in understanding**

**Eph:5:15-20: Time is a gift, live as instruments of the Lord**

**Jn:6:51-58: Eat this bread and believe that you will live forever**

### **Living Catholic in the 808 Ancient Henges, Baptism and Spiritual Dryness**

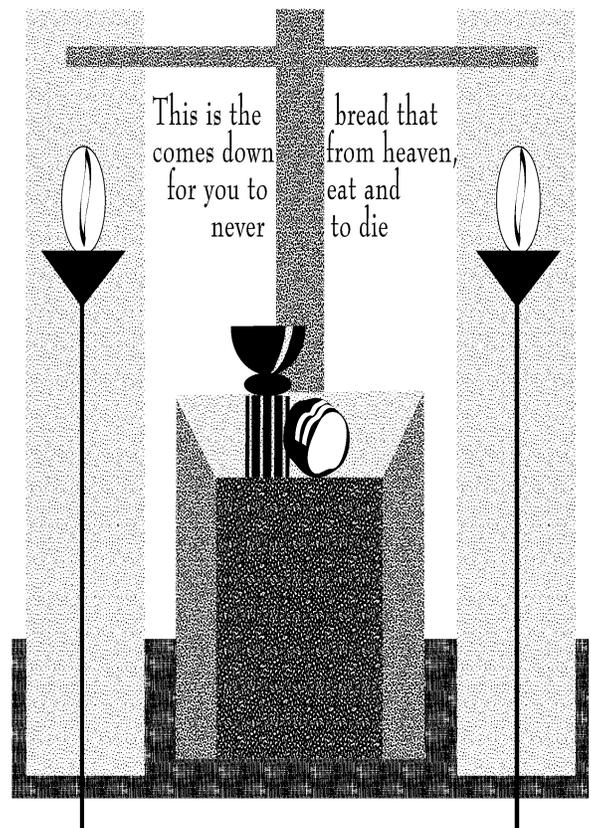
Over 4,000 years ago, people in Ireland built a circular structure of wooden posts called a henge. We don't know the exact purpose, but it was possibly for rituals and /or astronomical purposes.

Unlike its more famous British counterpart, Stonehenge, time and neglects destroyed this Irish henge. The site, its purpose, and the lives that lived by its beams were seemingly erased from the world's memory. A recent severe drought, however, revealed something incredible: a vibrant imprint of this ancient henge! Something of the posts remained deep underground, nourishing the soil and everything that lived off of it.

As a disciple of Christ, our mission is to evangelize-to bring Christ to others. But what if time or neglect has us feeling dry and empty ourselves?

If we are in a spiritual drought, and feel like we have nothing of Christ in us to give, remember that God left His love and grace deep within us at our baptism. That well will never run dry. As often as we wash our hands, or the dishes, or even brush our teeth, any time we are near water, we can ask God to unearth our baptismal grace – to bring Christ more into our life and the lives of others.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**R. C. I. A** - Do you or someone you know want to become a Catholic? Do you or someone you know want to complete the Catholic Sacraments of Initiation (baptism, communion, confirmation)? Do you want to do your part fulfilling the Church's evangelization goals? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (or RCIA for short) is the process the Catholic Church uses to achieve these goals for those who desire to participate and become candidates. Here's a few details of the program:

- 1) St. Rita's RCIA program will begin **Sept 9, 2018**.
- 2) RCIA candidates will meet roughly every other Sunday night at 7:00 pm in the St. Francis Trailer or church.
- 3) RCIA sessions will last for 1.5 hours. These sessions will be based on adult learning principles, with candidate participation a must. However, there will be no formal text or homework.
- 4) RCIA candidates will participate in some or all of the following ceremonies leading up to the Easter Vigil mass: a. Rite of Acceptance (beginning of Advent) b. Rite of Election (beginning of Lent) c. RCIA Scrutinies (during Lent) If you or someone you know is interested, please call our RCIA Director (Don Gerry, 489-9529)"

**WORD OF LIFE:** "[W]e know what true, authentic love looks like. It looks like the man on the Cross. This deep, pure love that motivated Jesus to offer his life for ours, is the love that will answer the longing in our hearts, if we let it." **"10 Surprising Tips for Love the Culture Won't Tell You" 2015-16 Respect Life Program USCCB Secretariat Pro-Life Activities**

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Aug 12 Sun: 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Kgs:19:4-8; Ps:34; Eph: 4:30-5:2; Jn:6:41-51

**Aug 13 Mon: Ordinary Weekday**

Ez:1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps:148:1-2, 11-2, 13, 14; Mt:17:22-27

**Aug 14 Tue: Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr**

Ez: 2:8-3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt:18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**Aug 15 Wed: The Assumption of The Blessed Mary**

Rv:11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps: 45: 10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor:15:20-27;

Lk: 1:39-56

**Aug 16 Thu: Ordinary Weekday**

Ez: 12:1-12; Ps:78: 56-57, 58-59, 61-62; Mt: 18:21-19:1

**Aug 17 Fri: Ordinary Weekday**

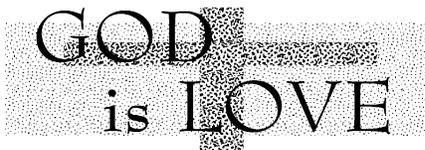
Ez: 16:1-15, 60, 63; Ps 12: 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt:19:3-12

**Aug 18 Sat: Ordinary Weekday**

Ez:18:12-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps:51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15

## Taste and See

Today most of us do not subsist on a steady diet of pizza and chocolate ice cream, no matter how much we may prefer these foods. As we were growing up, our parents had the good sense to offer us a wider and more nutritious variety of foods. Perhaps they promised us dessert only after we sampled the beets. Perhaps they cajoled us to just take a little bit, to just "taste and see." Like a wise parent, Jesus—and the Church—does the same. Copyright © 2002, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



## NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

*The Letter to the Ephesians urges us to be mindful that part of our life together in the Eucharist means being kind to one another, compassionate and forgiving, just as Christ has forgiven us. What can we do this week to show our kindness, compassion and forgiving attitude toward others in our family of faith? How can we be even better stewards of our faith community as, what St. Paul refers to as "imitators of God?"* **(International Catholic Stewardship Council~e-bulletin)**

## REFLECTION

In the first reading, we find Elijah at the end of his rope. Elijah was a non-writing prophet who had the difficult task of confronting King Ahab about the worship of Baal, a Canaanite deity. To make matters worse, Ahab's wife, Jezebel, was responsible for the king's broad tolerance of this false worship. Elijah had questioned the weak leadership of Ahab and revealed the uncommonly strong influence of his wife in the affairs of state and of religion. Eventually, worship was purified of false gods, but Jezebel's influence continued unabated. She remained at the palace, but Elijah was exiled. Today, we see him alone and discouraged enough to pray for a release from life. God's caring angel provides just the right kind of food for the long journey Elijah must still take to the mountain, where God will comfort him.

In today's Gospel, we rejoin Jesus and the querulous, disbelieving crowd. Only in this reading, the crowd understands. Almost. The people understand that Jesus is saying that he is the heavenly bread, but they just can't believe it. This goes to prove—as if we didn't already know—that understanding is not the same as belief. In fact, Jesus himself explains this by saying that faith is not a rational quality but a divine gift. For Jesus, faith or lack of faith in him has eternal consequences.

Jesus goes on to explain to the crowd that, as living bread, he will be broken for them, so that they all might partake. He reminds the people that those who ate manna and those who ate of the loaves he had multiplied not only were and will be hungry again, but also died or will die. The manna and loaves were perishable bread, food for perishable bodies. The bread Jesus will give is—remember—the real thing, his life for the world, imperishable bread for imperishable people, people willing to taste and see.

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Blessed are you, Lord  
through your goodness  
we have this bread  
and wine to offer



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