SAINT NICHOLAS CHURCH

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Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY AUGUST 8, 2026
5:00PM DANIEL PROVENZANO DEATH ANNIV.
ROBERT AND ELIZABETH JABLONSKI.

SUNDAY AUGUST 9, 2026
8:00AM MARGARET AND CHARLES LONG.
11:00AM AURELIA MEDINA.
FRANK CONNAUGHTON.
12:30PM _____

MONDAY AUGUST 10, 2026
12:00PM EILEEN SCHUETZ..
LORENZO SUMULONG.

TUESDAY AUGUST 11, 2026
12:00 PM PRO POPULO.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12, 2026
12:00PM JUANA MORALES

THURSDAY AUGUST 13, 2026
12:00PM IN THANKSGIVING MARIA CORAZON CORCODIA SANTOS HAPPY BIRTHDAY
7:00PM _____

FRIDAY AUGUST 14, 2026
12:00PM BIENTE LO KUA AND MICHAEL TCHAO YU CHIN.

SATURDAY AUGUST 15, 2026
5:00PM WICO DY DEATH ANNIV.
IN HEAVEN .
LYDIA ESTRADA BIRTHDAY
IN HEAVEN.

SUNDAY AUGUST 16, 2026
8:00AM MONICA J BLACKER.
11:00AM AURELIA MEDINA.
PHILIP CONDE.
12:30PM _____

THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2026.
In memory of:
HELEN GILSON

THE ALTAR CANDLES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2026.
In memory of:
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Readings for the Week – August 9, 2026

Monday 2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday Ez 2:8—3:4 Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 18:15-20
Thursday Ez 12:1-12 Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mt 19:3-12
Saturday Vigil 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2 Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 1 Cor 15:54b-57 Lk 11:27-28
Saturday Day Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56
Sunday Is 56:1, 6-7 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28

Lecturas de la Semana – 09 Agosto, 2026

Lunes 2 Cor 9:6-10 Sal 111, 1-2. 3-4. 5-7a. 7b -8. 9 Jn 12:24-26
Martes Ez 2:8-3:4 Sal 118, 14. 24. 72 103. 111. 131 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Miércoles Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 Sal 112, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 Mt 18:15-20
Jueves Ez 12:1-12 Sal 77, 56-57. 58-59. 61-62 Mt 18:21–19:1
Viernes Ez 16,1-15. 60. 63 o Ez 16,59-63 Is 12, 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6 Mt 19:3-12
Sábado vigilia 1 Cro 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2 Sal 131 1 Cor 15:54b-57 Lc 11:27-28
Sábado dia Apoc 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Sal 44, 10bc. 11. 12ab. 16 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lc 1:39-56
Domingo Is 56:1, 6-7 Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6 y 8 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28

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The Sunday Mass Intention is $20.00 The donation for weekday Masses stays at $10.00 per mass. The mass on Tuesdays is PRO POPULO. IT IS MEANT FOR PARISH COMMUNITY AND FOR MANY INTENTIONS.

Eucharist:
Saturday- 5:00pm Sunday Anticipated
Sunday- 8:00am English
11:00am English
12:30pm Spanish

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/ Friday
12:00noon at the convent building.

Neo-Catechumenate Group
Wednesday- 8:00pm Prayer
Saturday- 8:00pm Mass

CONFESSION-
Thursday 6:00PM-7:00PM

MARRIAGE
Contact the parish priest

MATRIMONIO
Contacte el Sacerdote

RECONCILIACION-
Jueves 6:00PM-7:00PM

August 9, 2026 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

If time travel were possible, I would enjoy a relaxed conversation with St. Peter about his past fears, especially his fear of drowning. My own fear of the same happened many years ago when I was a boy on a lakeside summer vacation with my family. I was wading carefree in the cool water when suddenly the soft ground beneath me disappeared, and I started to sink. My arms flailing about happily caught the lifeguard's attention, and I soon felt the power of his strong arms around me as he carried me to shore. My fear of deep water born that day has been with me ever since. This despite several failed efforts to learn how to swim.

In our gospel scene today, we see wonderfully impetuous St. Peter leap from the storm-tossed boat when he heard his Lord invite him to join him by simply saying "Come!" But it wasn't an easy ocean walk. The big fisherman felt small as he started to sink. His one prayer became: "Lord, save me!" Afterward, Jesus had to ask our first pope: "Why did you begin to have doubts, O man of little faith?"

Jesus had always insisted that people should look at a situation in its entirety before they acted (Matthew 16:24-25). He was always completely honest with people, as He still is with us. He urged any who would follow Him to see the difficulties of doing so before they joined Him on "the Way." A thread runs through Christian history of people's failure to count the cost of a decision and not act on impulse or emotion. Dare I cite Judas as an example?

So, it is well to have our own emotions in check when we are considering doing something "for Jesus' sake." Prudence is a virtue. It is not so much a harness on our generosity as it is a cautionary blinking yellow light on our internal switchboard. The rent money, after all, has a built-in purpose.

Like all of us, St. Peter and the chosen Eleven had to learn the truths of the Lord the hard way. Experience is a hard teacher because first you get the test and then the lesson. So, it is wise to pay attention to life lessons from Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

At the Milan Cathedral in Italy there are three inscriptions over the respective doorways. Over the right-hand door there is this motto: "All that pleases is but for a moment." Over the left-hand door the words are: "All that troubles is but for a moment." But over the central door there is a simple sentence: "Nothing is important save that which is eternal."

God love you and give you prudence.

Rev. Peterson's Reading & Gospel Summary

Reading I: 1 Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a

Elijah follows in Moses' footsteps, even to the point of hearing "the still small voice" of God that compels him to hide his face in his mantle.

Reading II: Romans 9: 1-5

Paul pleads innocence of any indifference toward Israel. He even wishes for his own death if that would save Israel. He then lists Israel's covenant blessings.

The Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33

The Apostles had been fighting the storm all night when Jesus

appears walking on the water, and claims to be "I am," the divine name from Exodus. The others in the boat worship Jesus.

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ENGLISH CCD PROGRAM NEWS

St Nicholas Religious Education Program

For CCD Grades 1-8
and parents looking for Baptism, Communion and/or Confirmation for their School-age children.

Registration: Tuesday: September 8th and September 22nd from 5 – 7PM
Sunday: September 20th and September 27th From 9 – 11AM

Location for Tuesdays: Rectory Office
Sundays: French American Academy Lunchroom
118 Ferry Street

Please bring with a copy of your child(s) Birth and Baptismal Certificate

Fee:	**1 child**	**$75.00**
	2 Children	**$ 85.00**
	3 or more children	**$ 100.00**
	***** Communion Fee**	**$ 75.00**

***** Children receiving Communion – there is a Communion Fee payable at time of Registration.**

Confirmation for children in High School Grades 9-12

Fee: $ 125.00

Registration: In French American Academy Lunchroom
Dates, times and Locations same as above
When you register your child for Confirmation, please bring a copy of your child's birth and baptismal certificate.

Any questions: Please call Mrs. D Baker 201-726-8036 or email me at DeborahRBaker@verizon.net

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