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SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

19th SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist to be
celebrated in the Traditional Rite

OPENING HYMN

“TO THEE, WE COME, O LORD OUR GOD”

To Thee we come, O Lord, our God,
before Thine altar, Father

Thou knowest best our yearning hearts.

This supplication answer.

Lift up from want Thy people, Lord,
Bless us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.

Under Thy cross we stand prepared,
To serve Thee with devotion.

Be it with sweat of blood or tears,
Or humble resignation.

For we Thy people are, O Lord,
Save us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.



ENTRANCE HYMN

(Psalm 69:2; Psalm 42:8)

V. 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.

V. 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.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the Highest,
And peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

Almighty God, and Father

We worship You; we give You thanks

We praise you for Your glory

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father

Lord God, Lamb of God

You take away the sins of the world

Have mercy on us

You are seated

at the right hand of the Father

Receive our prayer

For you alone are the Holy One

You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ With the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God, the Father. Amen.

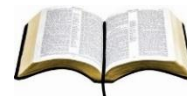
OPENING PRAYER

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. Let us pray: God You as are a present help in
time of trouble. When the storms of life
overwhelms us, when doubts of our hearts
betray us, and when persecutions unnerve us;
keep us faithful, increase our trust and bring us
to safety. We ask this in the name of Your Son,
Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R. Amen.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE 1st BOOK OF KINGS

(1 Kings 19: 11-13a)

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. 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.

V. The Word of the Lord.

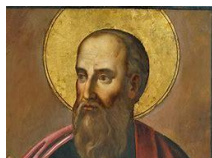
R. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

(Psalm 107:29-30)

V. The Lord hushed the storm to a murmur; the waves of the sea were stilled.

R. They rejoiced that the sea had grown calm, that God brought them to the harbor they longed for.



A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE ROMANS

(Romans 9:1-5)

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.

V. The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

(Psalm 89:10)

C. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. You rule the raging sea; You still its swelling waters.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

(Matthew 14:22-33)

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory be to You, O 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."

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in One God,
the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth
of all that is seen and unseen.



I believe in one Lord,
 Jesus Christ,
 The only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father.
 God from God, Light from Light,
 True God from true God,
 begotten not made
 Of one being with the Father.
 Through Him all things were made
 For us and for our salvation.
 He came down from heaven:
 By the power of the Holy Spirit
 He was born of the Virgin Mary
And became man.

For our sake, He was crucified
 under Pontius Pilate
 He suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day He rose again
 In fulfillment of the Scriptures.
 He ascended into heaven
 And is seated at the
 right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory
 To judge the living and the dead
 And His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and Giver of Life
 Who proceeds from the Father,
 With the Father and the Son
 He is worshipped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in One, Holy, Catholic
 and Apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one baptism
 for the forgiveness of sins.

I look for the resurrection of the dead
 And the + life of the world to come. Amen.



OFFERTORY VERSE

(Psalm 77:17)

V. The waters saw You, God; the waters saw You
 and lashed about, trembled even to their depths.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

V. Almighty Father, may the gifts we offer to Your
 majesty obtain for us the grace to boldly confess
 Your name. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus
 Christ, For Who lives and reigns with You and
 the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

COMMUNION VERSE

(Isaiah 43:2a)

V. When you pass through the water, I will be with
 you; in the rivers you shall not drown.

CLOSING PRAYER

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, stay by our side
 in sunshine and in storm. Sustained by this
 Eucharist, grant us the courage to face the days
 ahead and the faith never to deny You. For you
 live and reign with the Father and the Holy
 Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

R. Amen.



JESUS – A LIFEGUARD IN THE STORM

In today's Gospel, we read of Jesus, who met
 with His first chosen, during a violent storm. on the
 Sea of Galilee, and Who, personally "called out," to
 Peter, among His first chosen to come and meet with
 Him.

It can be said, that each of us, who have
 encountered the Lord in our lives; whether it be
 through a simple encounter of Him or through
 our private prayers, we meet "Him."

I would like to share with you two true stories.

After I graduated, from High School in 1969, my
 first job was being a certified as a "swimming
 instructor/"

Before I entered Savonarola Theological
 Seminary in the fall of 1968 in Scranton, PA, e
 American Red Cross. Throughout the day, I along
 with two other instructors, Pat and Keith, gave

swimming lessons to boys and girls of all ages, from the youngest, around 5 years of age, as well as those who needed the necessary skills to become certified lifeguards in the state of MA.

My first story is about my “youngest” class. With Pat and Keith holding their “beginner” classes, in the “shallow end” of the pool at Chicopee Comprehensive H.S, I took my “beginner” class of ten children to the “deep end” of the pool. I chose this, not only because the “shallow end” of the pool would be overcrowded, but also because of a personal experience I had years before.

When I took my first swimming lessons about age six, I already knew the basics of swimming, but my mom and dad wanted me to know more. I did great, until the last day, when my swimming instructor, who later became my swimming coach, brought all of us to the “deep end” of the pool,” to jump off the diving board in the middle of the deep end of the pool. I “freaked out” never being in the “deep end” and could not do it. That’s why I brought my class to the deep end of the pool, to build up their “confidence,” and overcome any fear that I had that day.

At our first class, I lowered myself into the water and told my students that “I was there for them.” Reluctantly at first, in the beginning, each of them lowered themselves into the pool and would swim out to me, from the safety of the wall of the pool, and all of them eventually would swim further distances to me. After a while, I was not even in the pool with them, but instead used what is known as the “shepherd’s crook,” a tool that exists to this day at every public pool.

The second story. Later that season, I was standing on the end of the diving board, watching an older class of boys and girls who were to swim from the shallow end to the deep end, a total distance of twenty-five (25) yards or seventy (75) feet. This little boy, about 10 years of age, swimming in the middle of the pool, got tired and suddenly stopped swimming. I saw fear and panic come over him. Though he was only about 20 feet from safety, to him, it was miles away. I did a “rescue entry” and came up to him. I grabbed him,

as he started to go under and brought him to safety. I could feel his heartbeat inside of him. and after bringing him to the edge of the pool, he thanked me for “saving him.” He came back later with confidence, overcoming his fear, and passed the course.

I think about the storm that all the Apostles encountered that evening, during the “fourth watch of the night” which would be for them 3 am.

For the Apostles, who were in need at such a hour, Jesus came to them. The sea of Galilee is well known for its storms which can suddenly appear. To Peter and his brother Andrew, to James and his brother John, they were among the first chosen by Jesus, They were by their trade and livelihood fishermen and we read that they were all fearful of the intensity of this storm and most likely afraid of being capsized and drowning.

I think of Peter, who “came out” of the safety of that boat to meet the Lord. Whether was it an “impulse,” or his strong belief in Jesus, it was enough for him to step out of the boat and walk toward Jesus in the open sea.

We read that shortly after this encounter, Peter would go on to make his **“Confession of Faith.”** in Jesus. We read in Matthew 16:13-16. We read:

“When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

We also read in John 6:66-69, of Peter’s belief:

“Because of this many of His disciples turned back and no longer went about with Him. So, Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?”

Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

I think it can be said that Peter represents the spiritual faculty of faith that is needed in each of us,

a faith that serves the necessary foundation for the building up, of not only the individual, but also collectively, as the “Body of Christ” which all of us baptized people are, are the “Church.”

Maybe the phrase, “stepping out in faith” applies not only to Peter but also to each of us. That is why I feel that today’s “Gospel” is so important in these modern times, for it talks of a shared and common fear, anxiety and depression of the unknown.

We have and we will all experience various “storms” of life, where the winds and the very “seas” suddenly appear and where we are all propelled in every direction of our own lives beyond our control. Is not all our lives like today’s Gospel where storms suddenly appear in our lives?

Whether it be through a loss of a love one, or personal trials, I believe that Jesus comes to us in our storms spiritually, when we call upon Him.

Are we not reminded of His words: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

In life and in death, the spiritual presence of Jesus, has a “calming effect” that can still whatever storms that takes place in our lives. We meet Him through prayer and in our faith, that He spoke of and taught to all of us, the source.

I have come to believe, that personally there is among them, an eternal “lifeguard” in our lives, a Savior who comes to us in times of trouble. To this, where faith comes into play, you either have faith or you don’t, even if it is a size of a mustard seed. May we all come to know that He is near whenever we call upon Him.



Have you ever walked alone, as many of us have, in the morning, in a silence of a beach, as the sun rises to greet each of us to another day; It is a time where we say a simple “thank you” for life. This is prayer in action. The definition of “Prayer” as found in the catechism of the PNCC, is simply put: “Prayer is the lifting up of our minds to God. It is our talking with God and listening to God.”

Enough said. As to all of us, who have asked God to come into their lives, and to the many, who have talked to God in prayer and found God in their lives, whether it be on a beach, in a forest, or in a Church, there is a shared common faith of the joy of what the Lord has done for us.

It is a thankfulness of life, whether it be sixty (60) years or through eighty (80) years and beyond,

In His Footsteps

When someone does a kindness
it always seems to me,
That's the way God up in heaven
would like us all to be...
For when we bring some pleasure
to another human heart,
We have followed in His footsteps
and we've had a little part.
In serving Him, who loves us
for I am very sure it's true.
That in serving those around us
We serve and please Him, too.

- Helen Steiner Rice

FOOTSTEPS IN THE SAND

One night I dreamed a dream.
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord,
Across the dark sky, scenes flashed from my life.
For each scene, I noticed two sets
of footprints in the sand,
One belonging to me and
one to my Lord.
After the last scene of my life flashed before me
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that at many times along
the path of my life,
Especially at the very lowest and saddest times,
there was only one set of footprints.
"I don't understand why,
when I need You most, You would leave me."
He whispered, "My precious child,
I love you and will never leave you,
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you."

"Footprints in the Sand."

In the Bible, **"footprints"** have represented a divine guidance and a path of a spiritual journey of believers.

The earliest "footprints" of mankind was found and dated between 3.6 to 6 million years ago. We cannot understand what they believed in, but we read in our Holy Scripture, a passage from the New Testament,

While the term "footprints" are not explicitly used in Holy Scripture, the concept appears metaphorically.

For example, the Israelites' journey through the wilderness illustrates God's leading them through the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night (Exodus 13:21-22), symbolizing God being unseen yet as His guiding presence as found in Psalm 77:19 poetically describes God's path: "Your path led through the sea, Your way through the mighty waters, but Your footprints were not to be found," highlighting the mysterious and powerful nature of His guidance. Believers are encouraged to walk in the light (1 John 1:7) and walk by the Spirit (Galatians 5:16), following the example of Christ, who left a path for others to follow (1 Peter

The popular poem, "Footprints in the Sand" was originally written by Mary Stevenson in 1939. It has inspired countless readers to trust in God's care during hardships. Often called the "Footprints Prayer," it depicts a dream in which a person who walks along the beach with the Lord. Two sets of footprints appear in the sand, representing the individual and God. During the most difficult times, only one set of footprints appears, which initially causes confusion. God explains that during those moments of trial, He carried the person, demonstrating His unwavering support and presence in times of need

"Footprints" whether found in scripture or in a poem, symbolizes:

- Divine guidance: God leads believers along the right path, even when unseen.
- Faith and perseverance: Walking in God's footsteps encourages spiritual growth and resilience.

- Legacy and influence: Our actions leave footprints that can inspire others to follow God's ways.
- Comfort in trials: The imagery reassures believers that God is present, especially during difficult times. In essence, to the "Footprints of the Lord," which reminds us, as believers that God's presence is constant, guiding, supporting, and carrying them through life's journey, leaving a spiritual trail for others to follow.

FOOTPRINTS

The Lord will always walk with you
Along life's blessed beach,
His footprints there beside your own,
Always within reach.
Two sets of footprints, side by side,
From dawn to setting sun,
Yet there may come a day, my child,
When you'll see only one.
But do not think the Lord has left you
Nothing could be more wrong.
It's just that he has picked you up
To carry you along.
- Anonymous

BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATERS

by
Simon and Garfunkel

When you're weary, feeling small
When tears are in your eyes, I'll dry them all
I'm on your side Oh, when times get rough
And friends just can't be found.
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down
When you're down and out,
when you're on the street
When evening falls so hard,
I will comfort you
I'll take your part
Oh, when darkness comes
And pain is all around
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down

Sail on silver girl, sail on by
Your time has come to shine
All your dreams are on their way
See how they shine. Oh, if you need a friend
I'm sailing right behind
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will ease your mind.



You've Got a Friend

by
Carole King

When you're down and troubled
And you need some loving care
And nothing, nothing is going right.

Close your eyes and think of me
And soon I will be there
To brighten up even your darkest night.

You just call out my name
And you know wherever I am
I'll come running
To see you again

Winter, spring, summer, or fall
All you have to do is call
And I'll be there
You've got a friend.

If the sky above you
Grows dark and full of clouds
And that old north wind
begins to blow
Keep your head together
And call my name out loud
Soon, you'll hear me knocking at your door.

You just call out my name
And you know wherever I am
I'll come running, running, yeah, yeah
To see you again.

Winter, spring, summer, or fall
All you have to do is call
And I'll be there, yes I will

Now ain't it good to know
that you've got a friend

When people can be so cold?
They'll hurt you, yes and desert you

And take your soul if you let them
Oh, but don't you let them

You just call out my name
And you know wherever I am
I'll come running, running,
To see you again

Winter, spring, summer, or fall
All you have to do is call
And I'll be there, yes I will
You've got a friend

You've got a friend

Ain't it good to know you've got a friend?

In James's Taylor version to this song, he changes the second line from "and you need some loving care," to "and you need a helping hand."

I personally feel that these two songs speak of the support that we all need in times of trials and tribulations. It is in my faith that I believe that our friends and the Lord Jesus comes to us, when we ask, and as we align with Him in prayer.

REFLECTIONS

A WHISPERING SOUND

(1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a)

"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. 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."

There are many who say that there is no God. and yet God, according to our faith, was present during the times of "man's inhumanity to man."

The question is then asked of why God allows a tornado to destroy a church, or why does God allow an individual to massacre children as in Sandy Hook, CT. or why did Hitler allow 6 million Jews to be killed. There is a question that we have all asked of "Why?" does this happen in a belief of a loving and merciful God.

Years, ago, Halina and I traveled to the “Sight and Sound” Theatre in the Amish counties of PA, where we saw the production of “Moses.” While we were there, we went to various locations to purchase keepsakes of our trip.



I have in my office a 20 X 24 picture of a sunless sky that I purchased while in PA, with this inscription:

**I believe in the Sun, even when it is not shining
I believe in Love, even when I cannot feel it.
I believe in God, even when He is silent.
- Written on a cellar wall during the Holocaust**

PARISH CALENDAR AND NEWS

DAILY MASS at 9:00 am

8:45 am - Morning Devotions

9:00 am - Holy Mass of the Eucharist

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

(August 10th – August 15th)

Mon. 8/10	Private Prayer & Devotion Lawrence, Doctor & Martyr
Tues. 8/11	Mass to the Holy Saints of God Clare of Assisi, Virgin
Wed. 8/12	Mass to the Holy Saints of God Eusebius of Milan, Bishop
Thurs. 8/13	Mass to the Holy Name of Jesus Hippolytus, Bishop & Martyr
Fri. 8/14	Mass to the Holy Angels of God Eusebius of Caesaria
Sat. 8/15	Solemnity - the Dormition & Assumption of the B.V.M.

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

THE 20th SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist to be celebrated. in the Traditional rite.



FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026
Eusebius, Priest & Confessor
4th Century A.D.

St. Eusebius of Caesaria, was a priest and later a bishop of Caesaria, as well as a noted writer and historian whose account of the first centuries of Christianity, found in his “Ecclesiastical History.”

In the history of the Early Christian Church, he is noted that he was involved in the “Arian” controversy. during of the Council of Nicaea which took place in 325 AD.



SATURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026

Dormition/ Assumption of the B.V.M.

In many Christian denominations, the “Assumption” of the Blessed Mother Mary is intertwined with the “Dormition” of Mary, in which it is believed that Mary, upon dying, was assumed into heaven in a “bodily” form.

While there is no evidence found in scripture of Mary’s Assumption, this belief has been long held in the Catholic, Orthodox and some Protestant branches of Christianity for centuries. There are some biblical scholars who point out passages found in Holy Scripture, of those who have “fallen asleep” after Christ’s resurrection.

Apocryphal accounts of the Assumption of Mary into heaven have circulated since the 4th century A.D, and the teachings of the “Assumption” have been widespread since the 5th century AD. In conclusion, this solemnity or feast day is celebrated in the entire church:

In the East: In the East, Christians believe that the Virgin Mary died a natural death, and that her soul was received by Christ upon death. Three days following, Mary’s body was resurrected, and she was taken up into heaven, bodily.

In the West: The Catholic Church teaches as dogma that the Virgin Mary, “having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed, body and soul into heavenly glory.” Within Protestantism, this solemnity or feast day is viewed differently accordingly.

LECTORS PROCLAIMING THE “WORD”

8/9	- 19 th Ordinary - Josh Tudryn
8/16	- 20 th Ordinary - Cheryl Major
8/23	- 21 st Ordinary - Jonathan Boschen



PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

“And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.” - Luke 2:9

May we pray this day, and every day for the health and healing of all of us, most specially for those, who are homebound or in various facilities:

George Sadowski, Wayne Shaw, Dick Floyd, Richard Foster, Carolyn and Michael Rapalye, Karen Herzig, Paula Winn, Marge Sanderson, Brandon Poe, baby James, Stefanik Gadecki, Liam & Evelyn Spatcher, Jennie Harrington, Eric Rose, Lori Lukomski, Mick Szumski, Laurie Lis, Todd Odell, David Moskin, Renata Wos, Jan Clark, Zoe Kinnunen, Debbie Bara, Houston & Brenda Knox and for others.

Let us Pray: O Lord, God of mercies, in Your kindness, stretch out Your hand and heal all our brothers and sisters who are in any way are ailing. Deliver them, according to Your will, from all their present sicknesses and illnessness, and grant them recovery in Jesus’ holy name. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You. Amen.



OUR PARISH OUTREACH PROGRAMS

“Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.”

- Philippians 2:4



OUR FOOD MINISTRY

Our next food giveaway from our Parish will be on Saturday, August 15th from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm. We are grateful for all donations given.

We are still in need of the following:

- Cereals and instant oatmeal.
- Fruit juices, - V8, Apple and Cranberry juices.
- Powder milk / condensed milk.
- Tea bags.
- Pasta and spaghetti sauce.
- Boxes of Mac-n-cheese.
- Canned tuna in water.
- Canned meats- chicken, salmon,
- Ramen noodles.
- Soups- all varieties.
- Canned veggies and fruits.
- Children’s snack packs



EASTERN DIOCESAN MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION

CALL TO PRAYER

In the month of August, the Eastern Diocese of the PNCC. has called upon all its members and friends to offer prayer at 12:00 noon each Wednesday.

Almighty God, St. Paul reminds us that there are “varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God Who activates them all in everyone” (1 Corinthians 12:4). Inspire all Your people to zealously use the gifts You have given them for the common good. Strengthen the dedicated and faithful workers with the Holy Spirit, so that they may continue to labor for Your Holy Church. Bless each member, in whatever gifts, services, and activities they offer, to fulfill Your Holy Will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.