

August 9, 2020

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings

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 mountain 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.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85:8

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation

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.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

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."

Today's Focus: "COME!"

We are surrounded by the mighty power of God, who also beckons for us, summoning us with a vibrant invitation. In times of trial and storm, we need to listen carefully for that voice.

REFLECTING on the WORD

"Lord, save me!" How often do we echo Pete's plea? It seems to burst forth when we feel overwhelmed, anxious, or downing in responsibilities. Though Peter doubted and feared as much as we do sometimes, he also hoped in the Lord. He reached out his hand and felt Jesus grab him tight. He was not left to drown in those turbulent waters, and neither are we. Jesus is there with a firm grasp; he alone can calm all our fears. Faith makes a difference in our lives. When we have faith, we respond courageously to adversity and unrest.

LIVING and PRAYING with the WORD

Jesus, you summon us in prayer, "Come to me!:" You beckon us when we are heavily laden. You call to us when we are afraid. You want to give us your peace. At the same time, you know that we push back. You even know why, when we do not. Lord strengthen our spiritual power so that we grow more sensitive to hearing you. You are restless for us. Open our hands and help us come to you.

Sunday Collection

Collection:	\$7,374.00
Candles:	105.00
Poor Fund:	576.00

God Bless You for your generous and selfless giving to the Lord and our ministry of faith here at St. Anthony's. May God meet all your needs!

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BRO. TOM SPRINGS

We send you our warm wishes for safe travel to Cupertino, Bro. Tom. It has been a few short years with you here on Maui but we have been blessed by your charismatic presence, your wisdom and knowledge that you shared with us with the Lectio Divina and at Bible Study and we have enjoyed your enthusiastic announcements. Thank you for sharing with us and bringing joy to our families at the Family retreats as we remember your awesome "handiwork" with the puppets. May God continue to bless you as you journey to assist with the care of your brothers in Cupertino. We will truly miss you! You will be in our prayers! Aloha! Brother and Friend!

BACK TO THE BASICS

With the rise in covid-19 cases our Mayor has asked each of us to be very vigilant and safeguard ourselves and our families so that we can be safe here on Maui. The Diocese has scaled back on our funeral masses to no more than 10 people.

With the spike in covid cases we are only able to accommodate the immediate family with the decedent at the celebration of Mass in the chapel. Sorry for the inconvenience.

We are fortunate that we are still allowed to gather in the church for Mass as long we continue to wear our masks to church, observe the 6 feet distancing, wash our hands often and sanitize our hands.

Please help us to keep the church open by following the guidelines of both our diocese and the government. We will get through this together...one step at a time!

For more information on scheduling a funeral service here at St. Anthony, call the church office at 244-4148. We are here to help you!

Congratulations!

Fr. Roland Bunda, S.M.

Our pastor, Fr. Roland Bunda, celebrated his 42nd Anniversary of his ordination as Priest, this past Tuesday, August 4th. Congratulations and Thank you for serving the Lord and our parish. May the Lord bless your ministry of service to all the people of Maui and our faith community here at St. Anthony Church.

FORMED.ORG

Our Marianist Community here at our parish is offering all of our parishioners an opportunity to grow in our faith life through the works of the Augustine Institute who provide audio, e-books, movies and videos for learning more about the Sacraments, Adult Faith Formation, Current Topics and Bible Studies. These are available for you and your families. Please note: Most items are free (prepaid by the Marianist) Many items have optional full color printed materials that can be bought if desired. A few videos have fees to be paid.

Here is a Simple Five Step instruction to get started:

1. Visit FORMED.org
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4. Find **St. Anthony of Padua Church**
By parish name and Address
(1627 B Mill Street, Wailuku, HI)
5. Enter your email – and you're in

Mass Intentions

Matthew C.

2020 Graduates preparing for College

Edward Sera+ - Birthday

Frank Kihm + -1st Anniversary

Froilan Rasay+