

The Month of August 2020

The month of
The Transfiguration of the Lord (6th August)



and

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (15th / 16th August)



Holy Father's Prayer Intention for August: The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors,
fishermen and their families.



Saturday 1st / Sunday 2nd August 2020
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

St Matthew's Gospel: The Feeding of the 5000



Isaiah 55:1-3 – *Come and Eat*

Psalm 144 – *You open wide your hand, O Lord, you grant our desires*

Romans 8:35, 37-39 – *Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ*

Matthew 14:13-21 – They all ate as much as they wanted

Phrases to look out for:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty
Why spend money on what is not bread.

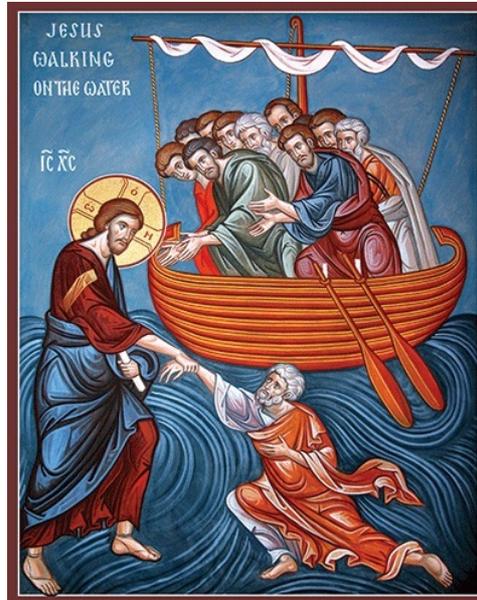
The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live.

These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.
The love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

He took pity on them and healed their sick.
There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.
He raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing.
They all ate as much as they wanted.

Saturday 8th / Sunday 9th August 2020
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

St Matthew's Gospel: Jesus walks on the water



1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13 – *Stand on the mountain before the Lord*

Psalm 84 – *Let us see, O Lord your mercy and give us your saving help*

Romans 9:1-5 – *I would willingly be condemned if it could help my brothers*

Matthew 14:22-33 – *Tell me to come to you across the water*

Phrases to look out for:

He went into the cave and spent the night there.

The Lord was not in the wind, not in the earthquake, not in the fire

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.

Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

My sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless...

From their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God ever blessed.

After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray.

When the disciples saw them walking on the lake they were terrified.

'Lord, save me!'

'Man of little faith, why did you doubt?'

The men in the boat bowed down before him.

Saturday 15th / Sunday 16th August 2020
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(replaces the 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time)



Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6, 10 – *A woman adorned with the sun,
standing on the moon*

Psalm 44 – *On your right stands the Queen in garments of gold*

1 Corinthians 15:20-26 – *Christ as the first-fruits and, then,
those who belong to him*

Luke 1:39-56 – *The almighty has done great things for me*

The image of the Assumption of our Lady into the Glory of Heaven is closely associated with the Feast from which it came: The Dormition (Falling Asleep) of Mary. Death is a consequence of sin. As Mary was kept free from sin from before her birth we mark the end of her earthly life but, on a technicality, not her death.

The Scripture Readings for the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady represent the vision of the Book of Revelation, a symbolic and in some respects troubling representation of Mary.

In St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, he speaks about Christ as the Firstfruits of all who have fallen asleep. Mary shares in the journey to heaven made possible by the death and Resurrection of her Son.

St Luke's Gospel is the account of the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth.

Saturday 22nd / Sunday 23rd August 2020
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

St Matthew's Gospel: You are Peter



Isaiah 22:19-23 – *I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder*
Psalm 137 – *Your love, O Lord, is eternal; discard not the work of your hands*
Romans 11:33-36 – *All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him*
Matthew 16: 13-20 – *I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven*

Phrases to look out for:

Should he open, no one shall close; should he close, no one shall open.

Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.
I thank you for your faithfulness and love.

Who could every know the minds of the Lord?
All that exists come from him: all is by him and for him.

“Who do people say the Son of Man is?”
“But you, who do you say I am?”

Whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven.
Whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

Saturday 29th / Sunday 30th August 2020
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

St Matthew's Gospel: Take up your Cross and Follow Me!



Jeremiah 20: 7-9 – *The word of God has meant insult for me*

Psalm 62 – *For you my soul is thirsting, my God*

Romans 12:1-2 – *Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice*

Matthew 16:21-27 – *If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, he must renounce himself*

Phrases to look out for:

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
There seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones.

For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.
So I will bless you all my life, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you.
The will of God: know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path."

The Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels.
He will reward each one according to his behaviour.

The Saints we celebrate in the Month of August 2020		
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Saturday 1 st	St Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Memorial
Tuesday 4 th	St John Mary Vianney, Priest	Memorial
Saturday 8 th	St Dominic, (Founder of the Dominican Order), Priest	Memorial
Monday 10 th	St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr	FEAST
Tuesday 11 th	St Clare of Assisi, (Founder of the Poor Clares), Virgin	Memorial
Friday 14 th	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe (Saint of Auschwitz), Martyr	Memorial
Thursday 20 th	St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church	Memorial
Friday 21 st	St Pius X, Pope	Memorial
Saturday 22 nd	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Memorial
Monday 24 th	St Bartholemew, Apostle	FEAST
Wednesday 26 th	Blessed Dominic Barberi, Religious	FEAST
Thursday 27 th	St Monica	Memorial
Friday 28 th	St Augustine of Hippo	Memorial
Saturday 29 th	Beheading of St John the Baptist	Memorial

The Weekday Scriptures for August 2020

Throughout the month of August 2020, we continue to listen to the Gospel of Matthew.

As always, it is preferable that Memorials keep the weekday cycle of readings. Only when a Memorial is raised to being celebrated as a Feast of Solemnity (as happens when a particular saint is a patron of a parish / school / individual priest or Religious Congregation) is that flow of weekday readings broken temporarily by readings that are pertinent to a Feast or Solemnity.

In week 18, the weekday readings conclude the section of readings we have been following from the Prophet Jeremiah, and then on the Friday we have one day of the Prophet Nahum and on the Saturday, one day of the Prophet Habakkuk.

Then in weeks 19 and 20, we follow the Prophet Ezekiel.

In Week 21, we listen to St Paul's 2nd Letter to the Thessalonians before embarking upon a series of weeks (into September) of the 1st Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

The Letter of St Paul to the Romans on the Sundays of August 2020

We know that the continuity between Sundays of Ordinary Time is found in the Gospel Readings, this year from St Matthew. But it is good to recognise that throughout the month of August, we listen to the Letter of St Paul to the Romans each Sunday too (with the exception of the Solemnity of the Assumption).