LITURGIES FOR THE NINETEENTH WEEK IN ORDINRY TIME AND THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 10 - 16, 2026

Monday, 8/10 † Saint Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr
6pm: Intention of Kay Jachim by Mary Serge

Tuesday 8/11 † Saint Clare, Virgin
9am: A. S. Aiden (Birthday)

Wednesday, 8/12 † Weekday, Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
6pm: SS. C & M – ✞✞ Joe Kotsis by Priscilla

Thursday, 8/13 † Weekday, Saints Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
9am; A.S. Michael

Friday, 8/14 † Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr
9am; A.S. ✞✞ Mary Smolek by Christian Ladies

Saturday, 8/15 † THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)
8:30am: SS. C & M – ✞✞ Arlene Spiewak by Legion of Mary

Saturday, 8/15 † Vigil: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30pm: SS. C & M -✞✞ Bob Jachim by Barb Patterson

Sunday, 8/16 † The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am: A. S. ✞✞ Patty Blaszcyk by Kozak Family
11am: ✞✞ Mr. Ingram by Son, Kerry Ingram

This week at SS. C & M & All Saints

Mon., Aug. 10 – 6:30pm – SVDP, Parlor
Tues., Aug. 11 – 6:30pm – Christian Ladies Mtng., Parlor
Wed., Aug. 12 – 6:30pm – All Saints & SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish Council Mtng., Rectory
Thurs., Aug. 13 – Legion of Mary
Thurs., Aug. 13 – Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs., Aug. 13 – 7pm - Men's Group, SS. C & M, Parlor
Sun., Aug 16 – 12N – All Saints & SS. C. & M Finance Comm. Mtng., Rectory

Christian Ladies Organization is focused on Prayer, Charity & fellowship. If you are looking to connect with other women who share your Christian values, want to grow spiritually, participate in charitable activities, and support grieving families as well as supporting the Religious Ed Program, you are invited to come and join us at our next meeting August 11th at 6:30pm in the Church Parlor

If you are new to the parish, please pick up a registration form, found in the vestibule near the exit door of the church. After completing the form, you may bring it to the rectory office, or you may place it in the collection basket during Mass.

Also, if you have school age children who are age eligible for religious education classes, please call Sue Dolezal at 219-252-0947. The Religious Ed Program will begin on August 30.

The Religious Education program is in need of one more instructor for the first communion class. Please call Sue Dolezal if you are able to help.

OCIA Classes starting soon

Soon to be *Blessed* Fulton J. Sheen once said, "There are not one hundred people in the United States who hate The Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be."
As Catholics, we have a duty to share our faith. If you have friends or family members who are not Catholic or are separated from the Church, encourage them to attend an informational Q&A on Tuesday, September 1, at 6:30 PM in the church parlor. Classes will begin on September 8.

Coming Soon
Our Annual All Saints/SS. Cyril & Methodius
Parish Picnic Saturday, August 22, 2026
Mass at 4:00pm at All Saints, San Pierre
Picnic to follow in Parish Hall
Lots of fun games & bingo for all

Elijah recognized the voice of God not in the strong and heavy wind, not in the earthquake, and not in the fire, but in a tiny whispering sound. May we find enough quiet in our clamorous world to hear His voice and discern what He is calling us to do and be.

Dear Padre

August 9, 2026

I am in my third year of sobriety. Can I still become a eucharistic minister if I do not partake in Christ's blood?

Yes. Your personal sobriety practice has nothing to do with your eligibility for service as a minister of the Eucharist. Some would even argue that your commitment to sobriety is a powerful witness of your commitment to living a responsible and mature Catholic life. Instead of an obstacle to ministry, it is a shining example and witness of the power of God's grace at work in your life.

Practically, since ministers of the Cup are often required to consume any remaining Precious Blood after holy Communion is distributed, it might be a good personal practice to make sure there are enough ministers present to perform this necessary step in ablution. If everyone is informed in advance, it contributes to the shared sense of reverence and respect that is required of a eucharistic minister. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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Good News!

August 9, 2026
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
1 Kings 19:9a, 11–13a / Romans 9:1–5 / Matthew 14:22–33

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In the first reading, Elijah is ready for anything—a whirlwind, an earthquake, a fire—because "the Lord will pass by" (1 Kings 19:11). But God comes tiptoeing, with a tiny whisper. Elijah, a giant of a prophet, covers his face like a child and wraps himself in the word of the Lord. Ordinarily, at this point, a homily would move on to the gospel. But in the second reading, from Romans, we are brought up short. Paul, a giant himself, would love a reassuring whisper from God. He is in utter agony, for the doubtful salvation of "my own brothers," the Jews. Such is his distress that he wishes he could offer himself in exchange, even to the extent of being "accursed and separated from Christ" (literally, "anathema") for "my kin." (See Romans 9:3.) His anguish is heartbreaking, especially since it seems to be a prayer he has repeated over and over. Paul was no doubt thinking of Moses, who dramatically offered his own life to save the Israelites from God's judgment after the golden calf: "[Lord,] if you would only forgive their sin! But if you will not, then blot me out of the book that you have written" (Exodus 32:32). Paul's faith told him that Christ had opened the door of salvation to everyone, and even rejection by the chosen people could not close it. In fact, it confirmed its universal promise. A paradox perhaps, much like when Jesus walked on water, as we hear about in today's gospel. ●

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Don't Quit

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest, if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about,
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up though the pace seems slow--
You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than,
It seems to a faint and faltering man,
Often the struggler has given up,
When he might have captured the victor's cup,
And he learned too late when the night slipped down,
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out--
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far,
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit--
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

- Author unknown -

New app allows users who pay a fee to chat with an 'AI Jesus' for personal guidance

(LifeSiteNews) Apr 14, 2026 — Tech company Just Like Me launched an app by the same name that allows users to chat with an AI-generated version of Jesus Christ for guidance for a fee without promoting any doctrine.

The Just Like Me app, initially launched in October 2025, allows users to have "meaningful, human-like conversations with digital mentors, experts, and companions" by call or video chat with various AI-generated entrepreneurs such as Chris DeWolfe, the co-founder of MySpace, Santa Claus, and most notably Our Lord Jesus Christ at a rate of $1.99 a minute. The Jesus AI feature, added in December 2025, just days before Christmas, is modeled after *The Chosen*'s Jonathan Roumie and provides "guidance and compassion" to users, basing its answers on the King James Bible, but does not promote any of the Church's doctrine.

Chris Breed, CEO of Just Like Me, emphasized in a December press release announcing the launch of the Jesus AI feature that it's meant to provide guidance, compassion, and healing to those struggling with loneliness, stress, or uncertainty.

"Our mission has always been to make the world a better place – one conversation at a time," he said.

"Billions of people are struggling with loneliness, stress, and uncertainty. Jesus AI was created to offer a compassionate presence that encourages love, healing, and understanding," he added. "It's a modern way to provide timeless guidance, mentorship, and companionship – available whenever someone needs it."

In its press release, Just Like Me also invited churches, ministries, and congregations to share the feature with their congregations, even offering to donate 25 percent of the proceeds generated through congregation referrals directly back to their communities.

It's important to note that while the Catholic Church stresses the importance of talking to Our Lord, including in times of "loneliness, stress, and uncertainty," this is done through prayer and the sacraments, especially confession and, if worthy to receive, the Holy Eucharist.

It's also worth noting that speaking to an AI chatbot, which lacks consciousness, is not the same as speaking to a priest in spiritual direction or Christ directly in prayer or through the sacraments. As Catholic philosopher George Matwijec noted in a March article for Catholic365, citing St. Thomas Aquinas, AI only responds to its programming and cannot reflect on its thinking.

"AI does not generate its own thoughts; it merely responds to its programming and responds to whatever it is prompted to. AI does not experience emotions conjointly as it gathers sense data which is merely installed into the computer," he wrote.

"Sometimes AI does seem to generate novel thoughts, but this is dependent on data that it already possesses and is the result of a learned pattern," he added. "Humans can reflect on their thinking. This allows them to correct themselves without external prompts. Humans can develop concepts that are not dependent on sense data."

Because the Jesus AI chatbot lacks consciousness, it is quite possible that it will give users advice that is not compatible with Catholic teaching. Indeed, in its statement announcing Jesus AI's launch, Just Like Me stated that the feature had been "carefully developed" to be inclusive to people of all faiths and backgrounds and provide "encouragement" but "not doctrine."

"The experience has been carefully developed with guardrails and oversight to ensure it remains inclusive, respectful, and safe for people of all beliefs and backgrounds," the statement read. "It provides encouragement – not doctrine – and aims to help individuals navigate real-life challenges with clarity, positivity, and emotional support."

In recent years, churches and Catholic organizations have incorporated AI in various forms. In 2024, St. Peter's Chapel in Lucerne, Switzerland, drew criticism after introducing an AI display simulating Our Lord in the confessional that neglected to mention the Church's teaching when asked certain questions.

One individual asked the bot, "How do I support, from a Christian perspective, an elderly, sick person who has decided on assisted suicide?"

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that euthanasia "constitutes a murder gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and to the respect due to the living God, his Creator."

Without making any mention of this key Catholic teaching, the bot advised, "Perhaps you could ask your loved one the following questions: What does your faith mean to you in this difficult time? Is there anything else in life that could bring you peace or joy? How can I support you and give you comfort?"