

## For August 6 Church Page

### ST. MARY AND ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CELEBRATE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.*



Mass times are as follows: Saturday 4pm at St. Mary; Sunday 8:30am at St. Lawrence and 10:30am at St. Mary. **Masks are still required if you are not fully vaccinated.** Pastor at St. Mary and St. Lawrence is Rev. Steven Pautler.

The celebration of Sunday's Holy Mass will still be streamed on Facebook and YouTube and uploaded on the St Mary Catholic Church – Centralia Facebook Page, <https://www.facebook.com/TimLFergPhotosStM/> after 4pm on Saturday. Further updates and announcements will also be posted on the St Mary Facebook page. Mass will be recorded and archived on the Facebook page so it can be accessed at any time. Parish members can also check local listing for Masses broadcast on EWTN, Spectrum Channel 100; DirecTV channel 370; and local channel 11...check listings for times.

We celebrate the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time with Scriptural readings from 1 Kings 19: 4–8 and Ephesians 4: 30–5:2. The Gospel is from John 6: 41–51 where the Jews murmured about Jesus because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven,” and they said, “Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” Jesus answered and said to them, “Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets: They shall all be taught by God. Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

#### **REFLECTION:**

**“Stop Murmuring.”** Elijah is running for his life from King Ahab and Jezebel because he told the truth. He was fed by an angel of the Lord for his forty-day flight. This story is context for the third-Sunday-in-a-row conversation between Jesus and the crowd on bread of life. Perhaps, with a sigh, Jesus says: “Stop murmuring.” Though what I say may be hard to believe, it is true, it is real. I Am living bread. Eat me and live for ever.

- What do I believe concerning what looks like bread is more than bread?
- How does eating this living bread affect my life?
- After sharing in Communion, how can I affect the lives of others?

#### **EVENTS:**

● **Tuesday Chapel Mass at St. Mary's Hospital, Centralia, has reopened to the public. Social distancing and temperature checks are still required. Mass begins at 12:00pm. The “65 and over” Mass continues on Thursdays at St. Lawrence, Sandoval, 8:30am. Mass also takes place at St. Mary Chapel each Friday at 8:30am.**

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AT SMS IS Monday, August 16.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS...St. Mary's Autumn Fest will be held on Saturday, September 11.**