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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I - 1 Kings 19,9a.11-13a | Psalm - 85,9-10.11-12.13-14 | Reading II - Romans 9,1-5 | Gospel - Matthew 14:22-33
Reading I - 1 Reyes 19,9a.11-13a | Salmo - 84,9-10.11-12.13-14 | Segunda Lectura - Romanos 9,1-5 | Evangelio - Mateo 14:22-23

NOTHING TO FEAR

A rabbi was asked why God sends trials and troubles into human lives. "Because God gets lonely for his people" was the reply. There is some resonance with this wisdom in today's Gospel, as Jesus makes his disciples get into a boat without him and goes off alone while they venture into stormy waters. Of course, neither Jews nor Christians believe that the Almighty plays this sort of whimsical game with them, but there is some truth in the statement that we don't turn to God for saving help until we're in a bind. Peter's role today, as it is throughout the New Testament, is to be a sign or to represent each member of the church and the whole church. Our story is the tale told about Peter's faith today. What can bolster our faith is that even when Christ calls us to face bravely the tempests of life, if we are walking through them with our eyes fixed on him in faith, we have nothing to fear. Even when we falter or sink, simply crying "Lord, save me!" is enough to help us know the steady grasp of God's hand. Then, sheltered inside the walls of faith, the storms we endure lose their power over us. - Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



19th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"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.'" Matthew 14:26-27

Prepare for Next Week's Scripture Readings

1st Reading/Primera Lectura: Isaiah (Isaías) 56,1.6-7

Psalm/Salmo: 67(66), 2-3,5,6,8

2nd Reading: Romans 11,13-15,29-32

Segunda Lectura: Romanos 11,13-15,29-32

Gospel/Evangelio: Matthew (Mateo) 15,21-28

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do you, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Aloha! Welcome to Our Parish - We hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith will be nourished. We encourage you to register with the parish. Registration forms are available in the kiosk, or can be completed online at saintmichaelparishkona.org. To our visitors, we pray that you enjoy your stay in Kona and are blessed with safe travels home.

August 9, 2026

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a | Rom 9:1-5 | Mt 14:22-33

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

As I prepared to become a teacher, a professor reminded me that the most effective way to command the attention of a room full of boisterous students is to lower my voice. Matching their volume only adds to the chaos. But approaching with a low, calm voice demands attention due to the contrast in volume. Prior to the scene in which Elijah encounters God on Mount Horeb, he was fleeing for his life. He was distraught. Likewise, in the Gospel the Apostles were in distress as they were tossed about on the sea. Chaos, anxiety, and distress are unfortunately all too common experiences. But God breaks through our worries and brings peace. God speaks to Elijah in a whisper. Christ walks calmly toward the disciples in the rocking boat. God doesn't match the chaos and the volume of our broken world. When Christ says, "Peace be with you," it is a genuine extension of peace to our weary souls from the Prince of Peace. The challenge for us comes in finding the quiet to experience the peace that Christ offers.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Doing the work of God does not mean that we always have to get louder. Proclaiming the Good News may mean that our words grow softer while the gentleness and peace from the Spirit become more visible. I find it interesting that as the crowds are dispersing and the Apostles are getting into a boat, Jesus finds a spot of solitude to pray. All too often in my own ministry, I see the tasks that need to be completed and disregard my own need for solitude. But it is in this quiet that we hear the voice of God that gives life to ministry and that guides us in the path of holiness. God will not add chaos to the world – peace is in his nature and he cannot act contrary to his nature. And so in the midst of our busyness and brokenness, God lowers his voice and calls us to attention.

LISTEN

Particularly with the expansive nature of technology, it can be difficult to block out the world in order to silence our minds and hearts. But we know from Christ's example of prayer and from Elijah's experience on Mount Horeb that God speaks to us in the quiet. Spend some time this week in quiet solitude to make yourself available to encounter God and hear his voice.



Walking on Water, by Ivan Alvarovsky (1889), Public Domain

Life of Stewardship

Stewardship spirituality invites us to surrender control of our lives to God in grateful recognition that everything we have is a gift from Him.

Today's readings remind us that God is always in control of His creation and His people. They also reveal what can happen when we fully entrust our lives to Him - in other words, when we embrace the stewardship way of life.

When we take our eyes off God, we lose sight of the fact that all is gift. We begin to rely on ourselves instead of trusting in Him, and we fail to make our lives a grateful response to His generosity.

Peter experiences this in today's Gospel from Matthew. Jesus sends the disciples ahead of Him by boat. Later that evening, Jesus comes to them, walking on the water, and invites Peter to join Him. Peter steps out of the boat and begins walking toward the Lord. But when he notices the strong wind around him, instead of keeping his eyes on Christ, he begins to sink.

Imagine if Peter had never looked away from Jesus. What an extraordinary adventure he would have experienced walking on the water with his Lord. The same is true for us. When we take our eyes off Christ, His countless blessings, and His faithful love for us, we begin to sink as well.

But when we embrace the stewardship way of life, loosening our grip on our time, talents, and treasure and placing our trust in God, life becomes a great adventure rooted firmly in the One who never fails us.

- Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Parish News

St. Michael Statue Brick Garden - Final Phase

If you've been thinking about purchasing a brick, this is the last opportunity to be part of this beautiful project. There are a few 4x8 and 8x8 bricks left. Information and order forms are available after Mass at the coffee station, at the kiosk, or from the Parish Office during the week.

Save the Date - Saturday, August 15 - 11am

Join us for a special Mass here at St. Michael's as we welcome our newly appointed **Bishop Michael Thomas Tupou Castori, S.J.** Following the Mass, all are welcome to a **reception** in the **Grace Parish Center**.

Sharing Garden Needs More Helping Hands

"By feeding the hungry, we realize Corporal Works of Mercy."

Our Sharing Garden grows fresh vegetables and fruit to nourish our community. Volunteers gather on **Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 7 to 9:30am**. We plant, weed, water, and harvest together in fellowship and service. The harvests are distributed at the St. Michael Food Pantry, Mālama Nā Keiki, and The Homes at Ulu Wini. **No gardening experience needed - just a willing heart and helping hands!** To learn more or to join us, please contact **Beth through the Parish Office**.

Women of the Word Ministry Needs Your Kokua

Join the Women of the Word Ministry (WOW) with their new project to help **Mental Health Kokua** furnish their **Ho'omau Hale**, that will house 6 adult men and women who are striving to improve their mental health. We are looking for living room furniture, a dining table with six chairs, four night stands,

a single bed frame and mattress, two dressers and four night stand lamps. The house has a large balcony that could hold an outdoor table and chairs, and deck chairs. If you or you know someone who is moving or replacing used furniture in good condition, we would love to repurpose the items for this good cause. Contact Shirley David at shirleydavid49@gmail.com.

Grief Recovery Method Program (9/21-11/9)

The Grief Recovery Method program provides a safe environment for you to look at your old beliefs about dealing with loss, which losses continue to affect your life, and take actions that will lead you to complete unresolved emotions that may still be causing you pain. It's an action-based group, involves reading and writing assignments outlined in *The Grief Recovery handbook - 20th Anniversary Expanding Edition*. There is **no cost for this program**, but it does require a firm commitment to attend every session of the eight week program. Facilitated by Suzanne Zaw, Certified Grief Recovery Specialist, this 8-week program will begin **Monday, September 21 to November 9, 2026 from 5:30 - 7:00pm in the Grace Parish Center**. Pre-registration is required. Please call Suzanne to register at 808-339-7980.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Is a Lifelong Journey

REMINDER to all parents:

Faith Formation doesn't end with the Sacraments. Even after receiving First Communion and Confirmation, children continue to grow in their understanding of God's love and their role in the Church. Faith Formation classes help to nurture that growth through prayer, learning, and community. We encourage you to bring your children to Faith Formation and Youth Ministry classes so they may continue their spiritual journey!

Faith Formation Registration (Grades K-5)

Faith Formation Registration forms are available in the kiosks. There will be a registration table outside the Parish Center after the weekend Masses on **August 15/16** and **August 22/23**. You may also register online at saintmichaelparishkona.org.

Kids' Bulletin

The Kids' Bulletin is a great resource for kids who would like to have some fun while learning about the readings from the Sunday Mass each week. Bulletins are available in English and Spanish and can be found in the kiosks or online at www.thekidsbulletin.com.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a young, newly ordained priest, I admired a senior priest who was gifted, beloved, and had changed countless lives. But soon I learned that he had fallen in catastrophic and destructive ways. The painful juxtaposition of good and evil was complex to process. How could someone so seemingly good also be so broken and deceptive? It forced me to confront a sobering truth: leadership in the Church is no guarantee against weakness or sin.

Peter teaches that truth in this week's Gospel. When he

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July 27th - August 2nd, 2026

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We are grateful that our construction debt for the Grace Parish Center has been paid off. Our weekly second collection will be for our Building Repairs & Maintenance. *Mahalo* for your continued generosity!

Offerings can be mailed directly to the parish office; or use our website's "Online Giving" to share your blessings.

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2026 MONTHLY DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT: \$14,082.75

The Diocesan Assessment covers shared staff and administrative resources from the Diocese supporting every parish. The new "Annual Appeal" assessment starting in January provides funds for collaborative Catholic ministries and services that extend beyond the capacity of any single parish.

Online Giving

St. Michael's Church provides **Online Giving** - a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy - visit saintmichaelparishkona.org and click our **ONLINE GIVING** tab. Your gift will be securely transferred directly to the parish bank account.

sees Jesus walking on the sea, Peter does what leaders do. He goes first. "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." But when he sees how strong the wind is, he becomes frightened and, beginning to sink, cries out, "Lord, save me." Immediately, Jesus stretches out his hand and catches him.

St. Thomas Aquinas observes that Peter overcomes the greater danger of the waves but falters before the lesser threat of the wind. This is the paradox leaders often face. It is not always the great trials that undo us, but the smaller, quieter temptations, such as subtle fears and compromises, that lead us to sink.

The good news is that Jesus does not abandon Peter. He saves him before it is too late. Our frail humanity lives within a rhythm of grace, risk, failure, and mercy. Jesus helps Peter overcome both the obvious and hidden sources of fear, and he promises to do the same for us. So, let us pray for all, especially our spiritual leaders. - Father John Muir, ©LPI

Treasures From Our Tradition

The Roman Canon, called Eucharistic Prayer I, is probably seldom heard in your parish. Some priests will choose it for at least one of the Masses of Christmas, or the Easter Vigil. Such sparing use of this prayer seems strange, especially since it was the only Eucharistic Prayer in the Latin Rite for many centuries, from as long ago as 500 right up to 1970.

In 1965, the vernacular language was approved for the canon of the Mass. Almost immediately, some experimental texts began to surface in the Netherlands, and priests began to use new Dutch texts without permission. By 1966, Pope Paul VI had set up a committee to consider whether or not it was time to approve such experimentation and extend it to non-Dutch churches. No sooner had the committee been formed than other individuals copied the Dutch by just plung-

ing on ahead. The Dutch bishops had approved the use of the new prayers nationwide in 1968, and Flemish bishops in Belgium quickly agreed. By then, German translations of the Dutch prayers were in wide use, and before long nearly one hundred Eucharistic Prayers, all unapproved, were in circulation in France. The Vatican heard the widespread desire for more variety in Eucharistic Prayer forms, and, with the pope's approval, the process of creating new official prayers began.

- Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Everyday Stewardship - Being Human is to Doubt

Humans doubt. It's what we do. We doubt ourselves and we doubt others.

Before any of us say anything about Peter's doubting the words of Jesus that told him he could get out of his boat and walk on water, we need to get real with ourselves: How would I respond in the same situation? I remember when I was a child taking swimming lessons. One day I simply tightened up my muscles and sank. The lifeguard pulled me up and asked what happened. I said I did not know. The truth is that I was sinking under the weight of my own doubt. I did not believe I could do what clearly, I was told I could. That was only in five feet of water in a pool! Now that I'm older, I can look back and laugh. But an adult, the swimming pool is life, and I would be lying if I said that there are no longer times I find myself sinking due to new doubts.

Much of our doubt comes about because of a lack of trust in God. We place our trust in material things, wealth, or imperfect people instead of the One who is worthy of our trust 100 percent of the time. Our stewardship is often hampered by our doubt that God will provide all that we need. If I give more, I may not have enough to survive! When we place all our trust in God, not only do we find that we have been given all we need - our doubt that cause us to sink in the pool of life fades away. We don't suddenly become perfect in our trust, and there will be times when we find ourselves with concerns again. However, it is in those moments we find that He is still there, speaking the words we need to hear: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI

Strive for Holiness

I remember when all three of my children were learning to swim. In the beginning, it seemed like no matter how much assurance I gave them, they were certain they would drown. Even after watching me float in the water, they were pretty sure their bodies were created to sink. In time, they grew more comfortable in the water. Eventually, they could even swim the length of the pool. But this did not happen overnight. They had to grow in their faith that swimming was possible, not just for others, but for them as well.

Too many of us who are Christians believe that holiness is for someone else. We believe that the stories of the saints are about super humans who had something in greater supply than us. When our faith is weak, we assume that we can never have the faith of these holy men and women.

YOU ARE INVITED

(schedule may change without advance notice)

MONDAY

- Friendly Place Lunches 10:30am-12pm
- Knights of Columbus 5:45pm
(2nd Monday of the month)
- Church Cleaning 6:00pm

TUESDAY

- Coffee with the Priests 7:30-9:00am
- Charismatic Prayer Group 6:00-7:30pm
(meetings resume on Tuesday, 9/8)

WEDNESDAY

- Adoration 7:30-5:00pm
- Kupuna Ministry 8:30-10:30am
- Gift Shop Open 9am-1pm
- Benediction/Evening Prayer 5:00pm
- Hula Ministry Practice 5:30-6:30pm
- Men of Faith 5:30-6:30pm
- Neocatechumenal Way 6:00-7:00pm
(Last Wed. of each month) 7:00-8:00pm

THURSDAY

- Spiritual Book Club 4:00-5:30pm
(3rd Thursday of each month)
- Young Adults Group 6:00-7:00pm
(1st & 3rd Thursday-meetings resume on 8/6)

FRIDAY

- Women of the Word 12:00-1:00pm

SATURDAY

- Church Cleaning 7:30am
- Grounds Maintenance 7:30am
- Confession 9-10am

SUNDAY

- Gift Shop Open 7:30am-11am
- Children's Rosary Group After 9am Mass
(Last Sunday of each month)
- Immigration Seminar 1:00-2:00pm
(Last Sunday of each month)
- Consecration to God the Father 2:45pm
(1st Sunday of each month)
- Order of Christian Initiation of Adults After 9am Mass

Baptism

Baptism Classes are held monthly.

Parents and Godparents must attend class. Our next baptism class will be held on Saturday, August 22 at 8:30am in the Grace Parish Center.

To register, please email baptism.stmichaeklona@rcchawaii.org

Marriage

Please notify the office and allow six months before the date of marriage for preparation.

On the contrary, faith and holiness are not things only possible for a few. But we must practice our faith to grow in our faith. We must strive for holiness if we are to become holy.

Like a child fears the water before learning to swim, we often fear the path that leads to greater faith or holiness. We are not convinced that God can work in our lives to create a saint. Yet except for Mary, the Immaculate Conception, every saint was a sinner. God called every saint to exit the boat and walk toward Jesus on the water. In time, with practice and trust in God, they found they did not sink either.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments - Looking for God

What do we think when we see Jesus coming to save us? The first thing the Apostles scream is "Ghost!" when they catch sight of Jesus walking towards them on water. That always makes me laugh. After all they have witness-ed thus far as the companions of the Messiah, they see someone walking on water and they still react like extras in a bad episode of Scooby-Doo.

We are always more quick to believe a bad thing than a good thing. We can easily believe gossip and hearsay about a friend, but we fear being taken for a fool when it comes to faith. We would rather look cynical than stupid.

"Save me, God, for the waters have reached my neck," reads Psalm 69. "My eyes fail, from looking for my God."

I think back on my life, on all the various ways that God has rescued me from slipping beneath the surface. Rarely did it ever occur to me, in the midst of it, that I was being rescued. In fact, I usually thought I was being held underwater. Did I hear His voice directing me, or did I only hear my own despairing? "Save me, God." Was I looking for Him, or were my eyes shut in fear? "My eyes fail, from looking for my God."

It's never until after the fact - sometimes years after, or decades - that we see things clearly. That we see Christ in the situation, making his way toward us, hand outstretched. - Colleen Jurkiwicz Dorman © LPI

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

In the midst of life's greatest storms, Jesus comes to us, but we may not recognize him. We may test him. In doing so, he will test us - and likely, we will fail. But when we falter, his saving hand is there. - ©LPI

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH

- 4pm - Karl Elisabeth & Teresa, Rest in Peace

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7am - Paolo Faletoi, Rest in Peace and Norberto Jerry Ramos, Rest in Peace
- 9am - Reymund Transfiguracion, Death Anniversary, Rest in Peace
- 4pm - JP Urgino, Rest in Peace

MONDAY, AUGUST 10TH

- 7am - Mercedita Urgino, deceased, Birthday Remembrance
- 5pm - Will Winderbaur, Birthday Blessings

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH

- 7am - Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Pinto and Nathalia Pinto, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - MISSA PRO POPULO

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12TH

- 7am - Clara Ombao, 71st Birthday Blessings

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH

- 7am - Chad Serion, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Leroy Andrade & Chad Serion, Rest in Peace

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH

- 7am - Tess C. Urgino, Birthday Blessings
- 5pm - Mary Lou Knurek, deceased, Birthday Remembrance

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH

- 7am - Andrea P. Ozaki, Rest in Peace

Requesting a Mass Intention

A Mass intention can be scheduled by calling the Office at **808-326-7771**.

Mass cards are available.

"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat..."

—Matthew 25:35

The Food Pantry Ministry

The Food Pantry is open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 9 - 9:45am at Immaculate Conception Church Parking Lot.



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He Has Faith in Us

This Week's Readings at Mass

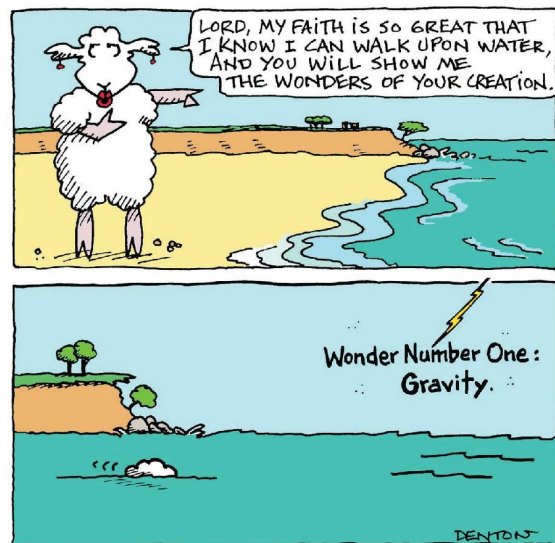
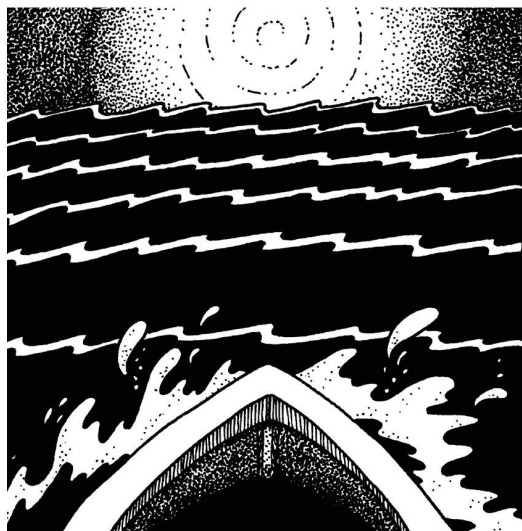
- 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13 • Elijah's flight to Horeb
- Romans 9:1-5 • Grief for the Jews; God's free choice
- Matthew 14:22-33 • Jesus walks on water

Often people hear this passage of Peter's failed attempt to walk on water, and they hear criticism in Jesus' voice: "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" They assume Jesus was disappointed that Peter doubted him. But Jesus wasn't sinking. Peter was. So what if it's the other way around? What if Jesus was asking Peter why he doubted *himself* and his own ability to walk on water?

In Jesus' time and culture, Jesus wasn't the only rabbi who had students, "disciples," following him and learning from him. It was a common practice for rabbis to choose disciples to follow them whom they judged could eventually, with enough teaching and training, do what they did. Being a disciple to a rabbi was a high calling; very few men were good enough students to follow in a rabbi's footsteps. The student had to have the potential to do what his master did. That's why when Jesus sent the disciples out two by two to cure the sick, cast out demons, and proclaim the good news, others wouldn't have been surprised. After all, they were training all along to do what their master did.

So when Peter sees Jesus walking on water, he wants to do what his master does. Incredibly, Peter *can* walk on water—at

least until he looks around and begins doubting himself. If Jesus didn't think Peter could walk on water, he wouldn't have told Peter to get out of the boat. If Jesus didn't



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"Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

Sheepish Question:

How can I square "reality" with my faith in the power of Jesus?

know Peter could do what Jesus did, he wouldn't have called him to be his disciple in the first place. In fact, Jesus told his disciples, "You didn't choose me. I chose you" (Jn. 15:16). Jesus believes in Peter and the other disciples—that's why he chose them. He knew they could feed the hungry, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and work for justice. And they did—and they changed the course of history.

The thing is, Jesus believes in all of us too. Two thousand years later Jesus chooses all of us to do what he did. We have faith in Jesus. Can we accept that Jesus has faith in us?

Questions of the Week

- 1 Jesus chose 12 apostles who were probably illiterate, working poor people to carry on his work after he was gone. Who have you seen God work through whom others might have overlooked because of their lack of education, money, or prestige?
- 2 Do you think that Jesus has faith in you? Why or why not?

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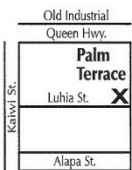
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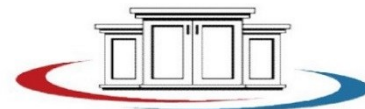
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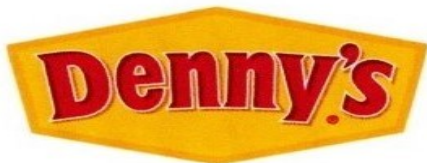


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