

August 9th 2020 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 8

9:00am † *Eduardo Genoves*

4:30pm † *Rufino Labari*

Sunday, August 9

8:00am † *Michael & Albert Gragnani*

10:00am

12:00pm

Monday, August 10

9:00am *St. John Parishioners*

Tuesday, August 11

9:00am † *Diane Jean Shasky & family*

Wednesday, August 12

9:00am

Thursday, August 13

9:00am † *Benny Falcon*

Friday, August 14

9:00am

Saturday, August 15

9:00am † *Fred Soriano*

4:30pm



Today's second collection is for the **2020 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal**.

Parish Assessment \$ 39,090.00

YTD we paid: \$ 15,279.50

Balance we owe: \$ 23,810.50

Kindly consider helping meet our goal. Thank you for your continued generous support.

SEGUNDA COLECTA DE HOY

La segunda colecta de hoy es en beneficio del llamado de **Apelación Anual 2020 de la Arquidiócesis**.

Evaluación Parroquial \$39,090.00

Pagado: \$ 15,279.50

Balance: \$ 23,810.50

Por favor considere ayudar a cumplir nuestro meta.

Agradecemos su generosidad

From the Desk of the Pastor

Miracles attract attention and they are signs of something. The Gospels proclaim them as signs of God's active presence among us. Their significance is believed to be often ambiguous both from its immediate stand point as well as its far reaching impact. What are we to make of spectacular happenings such as the calming of the sea, or walking on water? In the Temptation stories, Jesus refused to do spectacular actions that would only dazzle people without also fundamentally strengthening them in mind and body.

St. Matthew's gospel recounts the story of the storm at sea. The apostles are in a small boat tossed and battered by the violent winds and storm at sea. It is a picture that helped the early church and it is the one that could help us now. When the Gospel was originally written the Church was indeed a small community and strong winds were blowing against it, threatening its survival.

The vision of Jesus walking on water inspired fear and awe. After Jesus exhorts them to "take courage and do not be afraid", Peter makes a conditional request. "If it is you, command me to come to you on the water." And Jesus simply challenges Peter by issuing the command: "Come".

As long as Peter fixes his eyes on the one who summoned him, the going is great; but when the same Peter falters, he sees the strong wind and becomes frightened and begins to sink. Peter would cry out and say, "Lord, save me", and it is Jesus, who reaches out to him and saves him.

The Church will falter when its faith falters. It will fail when it doubts the presence of God. It will experience poise and calm of soul that comes with firm faith in the presence of Jesus Christ in its midst.

This reaching out to grasp the Hand of God becomes the model for us to learn.

Reflexiones del Párroco...

Milagros atraen atención y son señales de algo. Los Evangelios los proclaman como signos de la presencia activa de Dios entre nosotros. A menudo su significado se cree que es confuso tanto en su punto de soporte inmediato, así como su impacto de gran alcance. ¿Qué aremos de sucesos espectaculares como la calma del mar, o el caminar sobre el agua? En las historias de Tentación, Jesús se negó a hacer acciones espectaculares que sólo deslumbraría a la gente sin también fortalecerlos fundamentalmente en mente y cuerpo.

El Evangelio de San Mateo narra la historia de la tormenta en el mar. Los apóstoles se encuentran en un pequeño barco sacudido y estropeado por los vientos violentos y tormentas en el mar. Es una imagen que ayudó a la iglesia antigua y es la que podría ayudarnos ahora. Cuando el Evangelio fue escrito originalmente la Iglesia era una pequeña comunidad y soplaban fuertes vientos contra ella, amenazando su sobrevivencia.

La visión de Jesús caminando sobre el agua inspiró temor y asombro. Después de que Jesús los exhorta a "tomar valor y no tener miedo", Pedro hace una petición condicional. "Señor, si eres tú, manda que yo llegue hasta ti caminando sobre el agua". Y Jesús simplemente reta a Pedro dándole el mando: "Ven".

Mientras Pedro fija sus ojos en aquel que lo convocó, todo es genial; Pero cuando el mismo Pedro flaquea, al ver el viento fuerte y le entra el miedo y comienza a hundirse. Pedro clamaba y decía, "Señor, sálvame", y es Jesús, quien le estrecha la mano y lo salva.

La Iglesia se tambaleará cuando su fe se tambalee. Fallará cuando se dude de la presencia de Dios. Experimentará serenidad y calma del alma que viene con la firme fe en la presencia de Jesucristo en su seno.

Este estrechar para tomar la Mano de Dios se convierte en el modelo para que aprendamos.

How do we encounter God in the midst of the trials and storms of our lives? Our readings help us reflect upon God's presence with us in difficult times. We hear of the prophet Elijah, who had just boldly demonstrated God's power, and is now terrified as he flees for his life, desperately seeking God's presence. We hear of Peter, after briefly walking on water during the storm, sinking fast as fear overwhelms him. At times our fears, sadness, or fatigue might severely test even our strongest desires to care for others and to serve God. Perhaps these are the moments when, as we encounter our weakness, we may open ourselves more deeply to God's strength. When Peter desires to imitate Jesus by walking on the water in the middle of the storm, maybe wishing to show how strong his faith is, he encounters his own limitations and his need to be rescued by Jesus. Jesus then says to Peter, with tenderness as well as with challenge, "O you of little faith." Jesus accepted the fragile and limited faith of Peter and the other disciples and loved them unconditionally.