

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

FIRST READING – Kings 19: 9.11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord'. Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountain and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 84: 9-14.

R: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

SECOND READING – Romans 9: 1-5

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

What I say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all. God for ever blessed! Amen.

■ The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia

GOSPEL – Matthew 14: 22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost', they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered, 'Lord', he said, 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Let's reflect...

"He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus." (Matthew 14:29)

When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of His presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen to how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving: Andrea Chen, Cassandra Large, Alex De Souza, Margaret Chen, Rylan Crasto

For those who have died recently: Maria Larzabal

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Austin Rego, Hazel Balm, Audrey Olagama, Raffaella Stellato, Maria & Victor De Souza, Maxwell De Souza, Maria Bastian, Carolyn Gomes, Evelyn Stevens, Benedicato & Cecilia Abraham, John, Antoinette & Joseph Crasto, Clifford & Linda de Rozario, Maxwell De Rozario, Rosemond Antonette Dubier, Patrick James Dubier, Mercy John and Josephine John

ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

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8th & 9th August 2020

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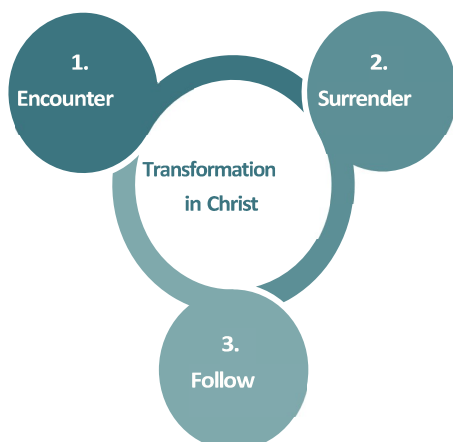
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You can now follow us on Facebook too!

Sacrament of Penance/ Reconciliation

Until further notice the Saturday morning time for the Sacrament of Penance/ Reconciliation will be suspended. Arrangements can be made privately by contacting one of the priests.



Latest Update!

It is important to be aware that our Parish secretaries, Michelle and Indrani, are required to work from home during this period of Stage 4 restrictions. Additionally, parish volunteers should not be attending Parish facilities and working from home if at all possible. Any parishioner who travels to the church (within 5km radius) to be involved in the recorded or live-streamed Mass requires a permit. For the Permitted Worker Permit forms please phone the Office so that these can be processed.

Fr. Desmond J. Moloney

A short reflection for 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

This Sunday, the Church joyfully reminds us that Jesus our Saviour is always close to us. He calms the storms of our life. He lifts us from the depths, and restores our peace. The presence of the storm, and all that it represents definitely make us confused, and afraid in life. Thus, it equally deprives us of our peace.

In the first reading, the embattled prophet Elijah encountered God, and his peace was restored. A very significant lesson for us in this reading is that, when we are internally calm and away from the distractions of life, we hear God speak to us. To say that God spoke to Elijah after the gentle breeze, is simply to say that Elijah experienced peace of mind.

In the second reading, Paul expresses his grief for his people - fellow Jews. This was because, they rejected the good news. His sadness and grief was so great that he lamented: "I would willingly be condemned..., if it could help my brothers of Israel." In other words, he was not at peace because of their situation.

In today's gospel, the disciples of Jesus experienced the storm of their life, and Jesus was available to calm it, and equally, restore their peace. "Storms" are part and parcel of our human existence. They are inevitable in this world, just as the waves are inevitable in the sea, and death is inevitable to us.

So, all we need to do is to trust Him, and keep walking without the fear of sinking. Like Peter, we must step out with faith and courage against the storms of our life. Therefore, let us hold on firmly to Jesus, who calms our storms and restores our peaceful life.

Fr. Dong Tran

