

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
August 13, 2017**

God's power brings peace. God's mercy brings justice. Let us give thanks to God.

Good Shepherd Parish Bible Study. The Fall session, beginning the week of September 18, 2017, for 10 weeks, will study the Gospel According to Mark. The course, using materials prepared by Little Rock Scripture Study, is offered twice a week - Monday evening or Wednesday morning. Application forms can be found on the bookshelf at the back of the church. Please apply by August 18, 2017. For further information contact gsbiblestudy@rogers.com

VOLUNTEER WITH THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL: Founded as a social service to provide items to the needy, the Thrift Stores also sell merchandise to the general public, with profits going to the community. Volunteer depending on availability. Contact: Jenny (613-722-7166 x13); (ssvp.jenny.martin@gmail.com).

REGISTERING FOR KINDERGARTEN - OTTAWA CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD: If your child will be 4 or 5 years old by December 31, 2017, then it's time to register for the kindergarten program at Ottawa Catholic School Board elementary schools. Info: (ocsb.ca/registrations).

PRO-LIFE MASS: To pray for the establishment of a Pro-life Centre in Ottawa., **Sat., Aug. 26, 10:00 a.m.**, St. Isidore, 1135 March Rd., Kanata & **Sat., Sept. 16, 9:00 a.m.**, Immaculate Heart of Mary, 1758 Alta Vista Dr. Info: Wanda (613-831-2515); (wandawoj@rogers.com).

REMINDER – PRIESTS FOR LIFE CANADA: In Ottawa, **Mon., Aug. 28 – Wed., Aug. 30.** With Fr. Thomas Lynch, Fr. Stephano Penna and Dr. Jose Pereira. A frank discussion on the issue of pastoral care in the light of Canada's new laws regarding assisted suicide / mercy killing. Info:mail@priestsforlifecanada.com.

YOUNG ADULTS - CALLED & GIFTED SPIRITUAL GIFTS SEMINAR - SAVE THE DATE: This seminar, run in conjunction with the Catherine of Sienna Institute, is an opportunity to discover God's plan for your life. This discernment process will give you a new perspective on your life and will lead to more fulfillment in work and relationships. **Fri., Sept. 15 & Sat., Sept. 16.** We especially invite young adults 21 years or older to participate. Info at fymottawa.com or contact Krista (kwawrykow@archottawa.ca, 613-738-5025 x 222).

“ABOVE AND BEYOND: IGNITING THE FIRE” YOUTH RALLY : Ever wonder how God can accomplish immeasurably more than we can ever imagine? For Youth in grades 9-12. **Sat. Aug 19, 3pm-9pm** at Blessed Sacrament Parish. Music, talks, food and more. Offered by the Diocesan Youth Ministry Team. Info: Krista kwawrykow@archottawa.ca.

Offering for August 6, 2017

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2217.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	<u>\$ 512.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$ 5389.00

Our financial requirements are approx. **\$8,000** per week to support our approx. **\$2,000** a week mortgage payment.

Reflection from Father Greg Murray

In ancient Hebrew mythology, the sea represented uncertainty, the unknown, the powerful forces of nature; a place of grave danger, not only to body but also to spirit. A storm on the sea was an even more foreboding sign; it represented chaos, the power of darkness, a region forsaken by God. Yet this is where the disciples of Jesus find themselves in today's gospel, in a storm on the sea, in the path of danger. No wonder they were afraid when they saw Jesus, thinking that he was a ghost; their imaginations would have been primed for just such an apparition. But if we read this story allegorically, we see that what Jesus walking on the water represents is the power of God over all creation, over all the powers of evil and chaos, offering to all people the power of faith, putting all fear and doubt to flight, that peace and understanding might remain firm, no matter what storms life might bring. Jesus here is not just a sign but the reality of divine power over all.

In fact, all of Jesus' miracles point to this fact, from the feeding of the five thousand with five loaves and two fish, to the healings and the raising of the dead, to the calming of the wind and the sea. Jesus is Lord of all creation, he is the one through whom the Father creates; nothing is outside his reach, outside his love. He has ultimate power over evil and the forces of chaos, and he offers that power to us. Jesus' miracles were outward manifestations of power, which were meant to convince his disciples of his authority over creation, of his divinity. But miracles, outward manifestations, although wonderful and affirming, are of little use to us. That's because we have the inward miracle of the Holy Spirit residing in us; that is far more wonderful. When you think about it, there isn't much point in moving a mountain from there to here, or walking on water, but the knowledge that we are given such power in the Spirit is extremely useful. Actually, we are given the power to change the world in which we live. God desires to transform the world through love, and through Jesus He has given us the power, the grace to do so. Unfortunately, too often fear of life and doubt about Jesus' authority to work miracles through us causes us to fail, as did the Apostle Peter.

It's often hard to reconcile the dignity given us in Jesus with the ordinariness of our lives. How do we deal with this paradox? How can little 'me' do miracles? Again the problem is that we fail to look at Jesus; it is Jesus who does the miracles, but he desires to do so through us, His Body on earth, His hands, His feet, His voice. Often these miracles are not monumental, earth-shattering events, but rather the ordinary "miracles" of life: to bring a child into the world, to care for the sick and the needy, to bring a lost soul to faith, to love in the face of hatred. Like Elijah we need to listen to the Lord whispering to us: "In me you can overcome all things, and know true peace, if only you trust me and believe that I am He." God bless you.

INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 12– Nineteenth Sunday on Ordinary Time

5:00 pm †Leonidas & Carmelina Ropero req by the family
†Duncan Robson req by Bob & Joan Dunn
Mass of Thanksgiving and for the healing of Monica
Rios req by Bernie Cardenas
Deceased members of the Pereira family

Sunday, August 13 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For Our Parishioners
11:15 am †Lorna Kennedy req by Carol Faure
†Reg Harrison (father of Deacon Rick Gervais & Carol)
req by Deacon Wayne & Claire Lee

Monday, August 14 – Memorial, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr

9:00 am Mass of Special Intention req by a Parishioner

Tuesday, August 15 – Solemnity, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am Mass of Thanksgiving and for the Souls in Purgatory req
by Magda & Mike Baillot

Thursday, August 17 – Nineteenth Thursday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Souls in Purgatory req by Cecile Pilon

Friday, August 18 – Nineteenth Friday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Souls in Purgatory req by Cecile Pilon
†Vera Vychytilova req by Bohdana Noel

Saturday, August 19– Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 For Our Parishioners

Sunday, August 6 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am †Lorna Kennedy req by Marian & Phil Tremblay
Souls in Purgatory req by Mariane Louis-Seize
11:15 am †Hosanna Kejderian req by Father Shroff and the RCIA
team

Please pray for our sick; Antoinette Tissaaratchy, Joe MacDonell,
Rose Dugandzic, Jean-Ella Lemire, Bonnie Lehman, Elsie & Steve
Stadler, Lorretta Dillon-Robinette, Prema Raddalgoda, Dorothy
Dillon and John MacDonald.

Please pray for our deceased, that they may be received into God's
love.

ALL NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL FOR 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF

FATIMA; For Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St.
Maurice Parish, **Thurs. Sept. 7 11:00 p.m.- Fri. Sept. 8 6:00 a.m.**
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary. Divine Mercy Chaplet at
3:00 a.m. **Contact:** Shirley & George Nedoborski, 613-225-6529,
george@nedoborski.com

PRO LIFE CORNER

Let us pray that all who are pregnant and feel they cannot carry their
child will find new strength from the presence of Christ who says,
"Do not be afraid". The Miriam Centre (613-830-8623) offers
confidential spiritual and material assistance to those experiencing
difficulty with challenges of pregnancy or other family concerns.
Every year in Canada over 100,000 unborn babies are intentionally
aborted from their mother's womb. Please pray for an end to abortion.