



Get Out of the Boat

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As priests we're expected to plan our own funerals, including the Scripture readings. As it happens, I chose the Gospel for this Sunday, the one about Jesus walking across the water and inviting Peter to trust and step out of the boat and come to him. You may think it strange for a funeral, but it's been pretty much the story of my life.

Often there have been times when I was asked to go where I didn't want to go, like Peter being asked to get out of the boat. Ultimately I realized that those were also the very times when I seemed most aware of God's presence. Oh, I think God

was always there, it's simply that my own ego often got in the way. It was when I gave in that I most felt buoyed by God. In fact, the least satisfying assignment was the one I eagerly sought out, and some of those I resisted

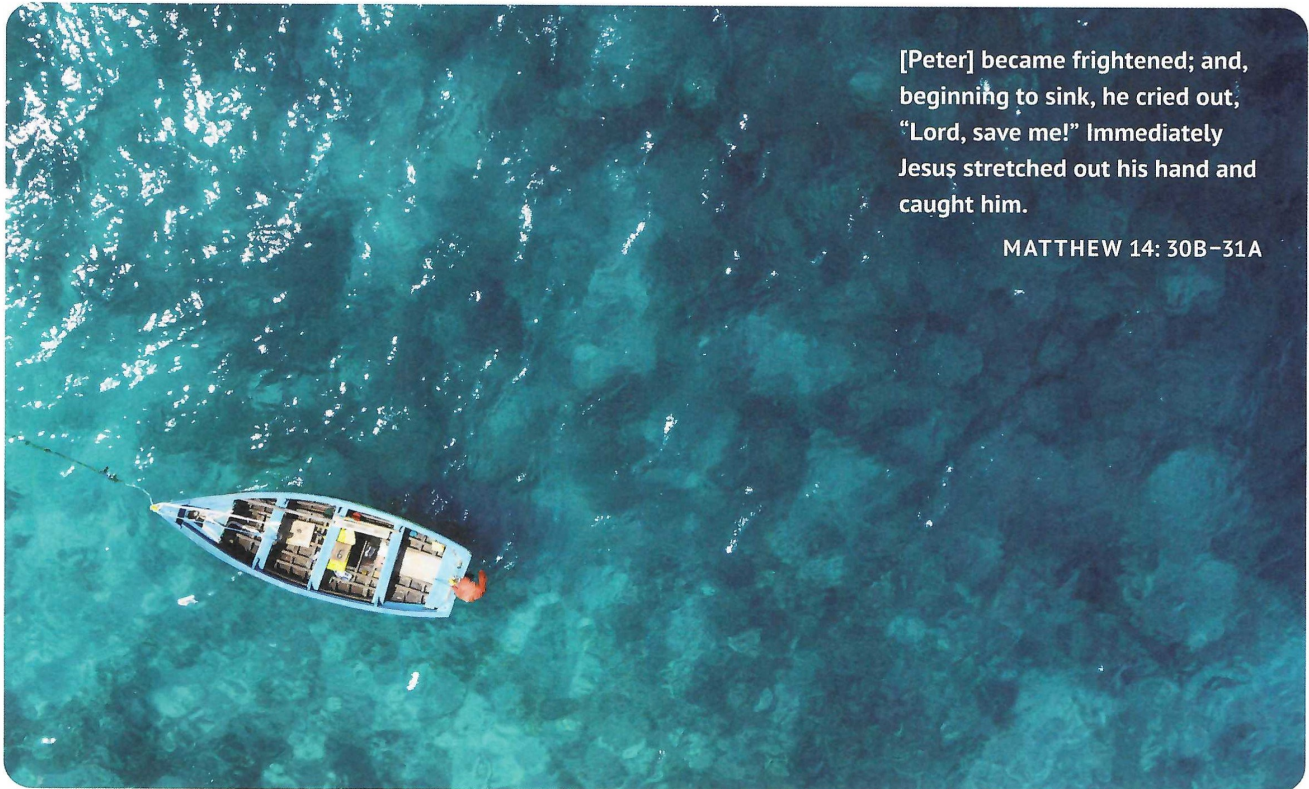
turned out to be graced. Like Peter, it's good to do what doesn't always make sense.

What does all this have to do with my choice of this Scripture reading for my funeral? Well, every

time I have stepped out of the boat of security, God has been there to sustain me. I figure there is going to be no bigger "stepping out" than death, so I'm expecting God will be there as well. ●

Reflect

Have you ever experienced the impossible becoming possible with God's grace?



[Peter] became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him.

MATTHEW 14: 30B-31A

August 12 & 13, 2023
Sunday Mass is livestreamed

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Mon - Thu 9 am - 2 pm

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Upcoming Events:

Holy Day of Obligation
Tuesday, Aug 15
At 6:00 pm
please join us

**Aug 19/20 –
Second collection**
to support our Diocese of
Wheeling Charleston
Seminarians. All money
donated goes to support
the young men from our
state who are in school to
become priests.

**Pastoral Care for the
Sick & Homebound
training**
Tuesday, Aug 22
6:30 pm

Tue, Aug 15, Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation – Mass is at 6 pm.

7:10 pm Parish Council Meeting (Discuss Parish Picnic)

Sun, Aug 20, Back to School Blessing after Mass

Tues, Aug 22, 6:30 pm Pastoral Care for Sick and Homebound training

Fri, Aug 25, 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Sun, Aug 27, Parish Picnic after Mass

Tue, Aug 29, Amy's House of Hope (YM)

Wed, Sep 6, 6:00 pm Altar Society Meeting

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, Aug 12, 4pm - ✠ **Jacob Santon** by Susie Pace

Sunday, Aug 13, 11am - **Tara Wyatt (birthday)** by Laura & Rick Wyatt

Tuesday, Aug 15, 6pm - **Sacred Heart Parishioners**

Thursday, Aug 17, Noon - ✠ **Jeffrey Patrick Larkin** by Nancy & Phillip Larkin

Saturday, Aug 19, 4pm - ✠ **Willie Constantino** by Virginia Manley

Sunday, Aug 20, 11am - ✠ **David Myers** by Cathy & Jimmy Hillyer

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**SACRED HEART
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Please Bring a chair

This is a potluck so bring you favorite dish
Church will provide Chicken & Drinks

28 August 2023 **PRAYER GARDEN**
507 Harrison St.
Princeton, WV

More Information: call church office at
304-425-3664

TACOS DE MARCOS!
8/20 **DIP N DOTS!**
After Mass **TEA SHACK!**

All students eat & drink free!
Pre-register to be entered for door prizes!

WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE PICONI FAMILY

Esther Piconi has passed away. May our Lord comfort and send you all the angels and saints, peace to all who mourn, and may Esther rest eternally in the arms of Jesus and the company of all the angels and saints.

MAY YOU FIND PEACE

Back to School Blessing - August 20

We are thrilled to share with you that we will be hosting a Back to School Blessing event for your children's registration to Faith Formation. This is an excellent opportunity for you to meet the catechist and get to know them better. We hope that you will join us for this special occasion.

Moreover, we would like to extend an invitation to all parishioners to stay after Mass to offer support to our catechist and youth. Your presence will be highly appreciated

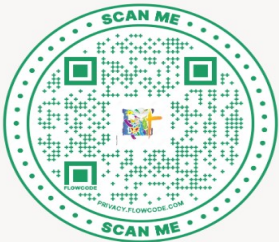
and contribute to creating a warm and welcoming environment for all. We are grateful for your continuous support, and we can't wait to see you there!

We are excited to announce that we will have a food truck available, featuring Tacos De Marcos, Dip n Dots, and Tea Shack. We will also be offering free food and drinks for all students. Make sure to pre-register to be entered for door prizes! Thank you for being a part of our community, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Faith Formation

Schedule
9:30 am - 10:45 am

Aug 6 -
 Registration starts



Hello! *Partners in Faith*,
 I am excited to share the news that registration for our upcoming Religious Education year has officially begun! We have a variety of options available for you to sign up, including paper registration forms, online registration, and even scanning a QR code. Whichever option you choose, we are confident that

you will have a smooth and easy experience.

Additionally, we want to remind you to save the date for our **Back to School Blessing** on August 20th. This event is open to everyone, and we hope that you will join us for a time of celebration and fellowship. It promises to be a wonderful way to kick off the new school year.

Lastly, we are searching for volunteers to assist with our religious education program. We welcome any amount of time you can commit, whether it's just an hour or two or a more long-term commitment. If you are interested in lending a hand, please feel free to contact Laura Wyatt at the church office. We appreciate your support and dedication to our Youth!

Youth Ministry

YM Schedule
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Aug 16
 Javas w/Jesus

Aug 20
 Back to School Blessing

Aug 29
 Amy's House of Hope



Bible study nights with our Teens
 August 16 @ Dunkin Donuts
 RSVP to Lorin :
 540-529-6495.



Hey there! We're looking for awesome volunteers who would like to join us on August 29 to help feed the homeless. It's a wonderful opportunity to spread kindness and make a positive impact on someone's life.

We welcome anyone who's interested, regardless of experience. Let's team up and make a meaningful difference together!

Reach out to Lorin for details and to RSVP:
 540-529-6495.

Young Catholics

Youth Sunday

- Sep 10
- Oct 15
- Nov 19
- Dec 17
- Jan 21
- Feb 18
- Mar 17
- Apr 21

ANCHORED IN FAITH

The readings for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A share a common theme: finding faith amidst life's storms. In the First Reading, Prophet Elijah learned that faith is found in the stillness of our hearts, even in turbulent times. The Gospel tells of Peter walking on water towards Jesus but doubting amidst the storm.

Yet, Jesus reminded him that true faith keeps our focus on Him. Both stories show that faith is not just a feeling or the absence of difficulties. It's a steadfast trust in God's presence and power. When we face challenges, we must turn to God and listen for His voice. In life's storms, God's gentle presence brings com-

fort, just as He whispered to Elijah and rescued Peter. With unwavering faith, we can overcome trials. God is always with us, inviting us to trust Him and anchor our faith in His love.

Have you ever experienced a challenging situation in your life where you sought comfort from God? How did you feel during that time, and how did you sense God's presence?

Adult Faith Formation

Women's Prayer Group

Thursday's at 10:15 am in the conference room

Men's Group

First and Third Thursday of the month at 10 am in the Narthex



Our team is currently seeking individuals who share our passion for adult faith formation and are interested in moderating our adult formation programs. We believe that helping others along their spiritual journeys is an important part of our mission, and we would be honored to have you join us if this resonates with you. If you feel called to serve in this way, we invite you to pray on it and consider becoming a volunteer. Your decision to serve would be greatly appreciated and would make a positive impact on our community. Thank you for considering this opportunity

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Let's Join Us

The OCIA journey is a profound experience that enables individuals to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. It's a process that involves several stages, and the duration varies depending on the individual's readiness and circumstances.

During this journey, participants

- **learn about the Catholic faith,**

- **engage in various rituals and liturgies,**
- **and ultimately receive the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist).**

Through this process, individuals can deepen their relationship with God and become more fully integrated

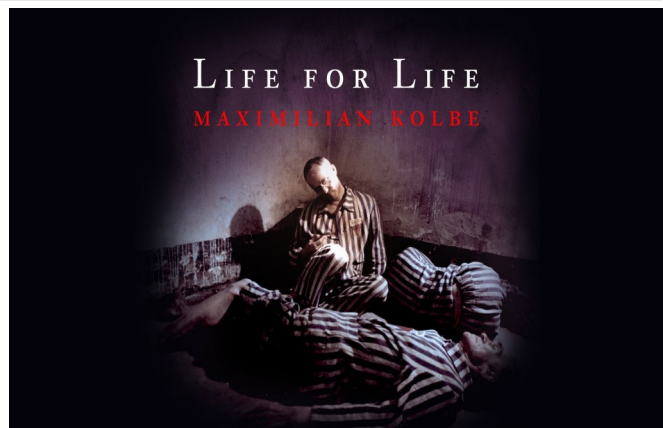
into the Catholic community. This journey is personal and transformative, and it's an opportunity for individuals to grow spiritually and embrace the Catholic faith.

Contact Laura Wyatt at
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This Week on Formed

Life for Life: Maximilian Kolbe After escaping from Auschwitz, a man hears the tragic news about ten random inmates sentenced by the Nazis to death as a punishment for his escape—one of whom is Fr. Maximilian Kolbe.

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/life-for-life-maximilian-kolbe>





Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Music for August 12 & 13, 2023

Celtic Mass
Mass Readings on pg. 812
Word & Eucharist

Entrance: G520
“This is the Feast of Victory”

Responsorial Psalm:
The Lord is King, the most high over all the earth.

Presentation of Gifts: G593
“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light ”

Communion: G949
“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”

Closing Hymn: G593
“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

Collections



| | Weekend Aug 5-6 | YTD Actual | YTD Budget |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Envelopes | 3,994.99 | 105,168.54 | 101,500.00 |
| Loose Offertory | 292.00 | 5,657.10 | 3,100.00 |
| Maintenance | 570.00 | 1,882.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Total Contributions | \$ 4,856.99 | \$112,707.64 | \$105,600.00 |
| Faith Form/Youth Ministry | 50.00 | 1,160.00 | 500.00 |
| Dioc: Ed of Seminarians | 110.00 | 110.00 | 500.00 |
| Attendance: | 4pm: 43 | 11am: 135 | |

Parish Council

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|------------------|-----------------|
| Deb LaMothe | Vickie Blanken- |
| Harold Cofer | Gerry Cosgrove |
| Mike Flanigan | Renee Green |
| Anthony Heltzel | Zack Romano |
| Santina St. John | |
| Ad Hoc: | Gina Boggess |
| Kim Hickman | Laura Wyatt |
| Susie Pace | Lorin Albin |

Finance Council

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| Charlie Pace (Chair) | Gina Boggess |
| Richard Flanigan | Kevin Garrett |
| Shelby Neri | Gene Richardson |
| Frank Sinicrope | Fred St. John |
| Kirt Suehs | |
| Ad Hoc: | Kim Hickman |

August 19/20

Second Collection:

The Seminarians of the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston.

All donations from this collection go to support the young men working to become Priests in our Diocese. The need for Priests is urgent. Please consider donating. Thank you.

August Ministry Schedule

| DATE | Lector | Extraordinary Minister | Greeter | Video | Altar Server | Counter |
|---------------|---------------|--|----------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Aug 12 | B. Schumacher | T. Byron K. Bailey V. Manley | C. Prox | N/A | C. Pace | J. Cosgrove |
| 13 | D. LaMothe | W. Picknally J. Cosgrove L. Wyatt | Hickman | Hickman | E. Coleman A. Coleman | |
| Aug 19 | C. Cofer | T. Settle H. Cofer C. Pace | TBA | N/A | T. Byron | J. Choate |
| 20 | L. Albin | G. Cosgrove M. Albin D. Richardson | Hillyer | W. Picknally | B. Fanning J. Flanigan | |
| Aug 26 | M. Bacho | K. Bailey M. Flanigan T. Byron | F. Bacho | N/A | C. Pace | T. Settle |
| 27 | J. Cox | A. Heltzel M. Cox G. Boggess | Wyatt | T. Wyatt | A. Rieger M. Rieger | |

In case of an emergency and a priest is needed, please call:

The Parish Office
(304) 425-3664

Bluefield Parish Office
(304) 327-5623

Kim Hickman
(304) 920-2440

In case of illness: Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr. Sebastian will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

Nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and anyone who is hospitalized are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.

In case of serious or life threatening sickness or the actively dying: The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

Please include the following in your Daily Prayers

Parishioners:

Catherine Belcher
Ruth Boyd
Deloris Caccamo
Ron Ciccolini
Romulo DelaRosa
Dr. David Garcia
Dale & Mary Lu Geiger
Angie Grbac
Cynthia & Gordon Harmon
Cyndi Jones
Nancy Larkin
Valarie Laxton

Christina Laxton
Robert Laxton
Kaitlyn Laxton
Keith Laxton
Jim Lintz
Jim & Diane Luciano
Tanya Marx
Jaelynn Mendoza
Annette Morgan
Dr. Jun Neri
Patricia Nester
Esther Piconi

Alan Rieger
Vivian Romano
Deborah Saffell
Gareth Settle
Felomina Yongque
Carrie Yurkovich
Jane Walthall

Family & Friends:

B.J. Asbury
Linda Berghof (mother of Jackie Mercado)
Lou Berentes (friend of Monica Mills)
John Bowers
John Caccamo (brother of Pat)
Rita Calhoun (Aunt of Tanya Marx)
Irene Charney
Regina Church (friend of Monica Mills)
Judy Clayton (sister of Loretta Lintz)
Linda Cunningham
Kimiko Fetro (friend of Bill Picknally)
David Frei & Mary Piper (son-in-law & daughter of Carrie Yurkovich)
Kyle Geiger

Mike Goff
Patricia Gupton (daughter of Jim Cosgrove)
Myles Harris
Velma Hartwell
Wylie Rae Henson (Kay Bailey's (granddaughter)
Brenda Ivelise
Ruby Jones (Aunt of Rachel Colosi)
Langan Family
Lucas Llado (grandson of Maria Franco)
Richard Lockhart
John Mills (brother of Gary Mills)
Sandy Morefield (friend of Gaspersich family)

Tina Mullins (friend of Tanya Marx)
Wayne Mullins (brother of Delores Caccamo)
Carolyn Munther (mother of Lisa Black)
Susan Nelson (Bill Picknally's daughter),
Rex Neely
Agnes Sedi
Sherry Sisk
Bryan Staten
Agnes Tokarski (Bill Picknally's sister)
Jamie Willoughby (niece of Sharon Buttaci)
Richard Wentz (brother in law of Rick family)



The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and Sacred Heart Princeton and Bluefield appreciate the time and talent its employees and volunteers provide to make our parish life rich and fulfilling. As summer starts to wind down, and we gear up to resume our Parish School of Religion and other events and activities, we would like to take a moment to remind you of the Safe Environment process.

All employees and volunteers in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston must be compliant with Safe Environment to include: completion of sex abuse awareness training; completion of a current background check; and acknowledgement of the diocese's policy and reporting requirements.

The goal of every Safe Environment program in dioceses across the United States is to raise awareness, promote measures that identify and prevent abuse, and empower employees, volunteers, and parishioners to report concerns to the appropriate civil and church authorities.

The state of West Virginia sets forth a 24-hour reporting requirement when sex abuse, physical abuse, and/or neglect are suspected. The Diocese encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost. In addition to civil authorities, the Diocese also encourages reporting to the Office of Safe Environment at the Chancery by calling 304.230.1504.

As we go about our spiritual lives, it is important that we remain aware of our surroundings and our responsibility to keep safe children and vulnerable adults. Please feel free to revisit the Diocese's Policy and Code of Conduct for all employees and volunteers by visiting www.dwc.org > Diocese > Offices > Office of Safe Environment > Download Files and Forms > Sex Abuse Policy Booklet. The Code of Conduct is contained in the Policy Booklet. It outlines the behavior that is expected of our employees and volunteers and what you, as parishioners, should expect from us as we carry out the Lord's work in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

In addition to civil authorities, the Diocese offers several other mechanisms for reporting concerns regarding clergy, employees, or volunteers:

- www.reportbishopabuse.org (800.276.1562) if you have reason to believe that a bishop has engaged in sexual misconduct or has interfered with an investigation into sexual misconduct
- EthicsPoint at www.dwc.org (844.723.8381), click the Accountability tab, then follow the prompts for making a report via internet or phone
- Complaint Form for Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor at www.dwc.org, then click Diocese > Offices > Office of Safe Environment > Download Files and Forms > Complaint Form, then follow the instructions on the form

As the school year gets underway and our events and activities begin to increase again, please know that we take the protection of children and vulnerable adults seriously. We encourage our employees and volunteers to revisit their commitment to the safety of young people and vulnerable adults. We also hope the Safe Environment process empowers our parishioners to express concerns when they arise.

Here's wishing everyone a safe and productive 2023-24 school year

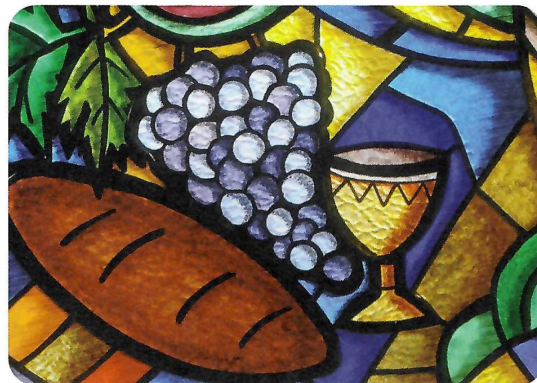
Dear Padre,

At what precise point in the Mass does the bread and wine turn into the Body and Blood of Christ?

For many centuries, thinkers in the Western and Eastern Churches have pondered this question. Some say the moment of consecration happens at the beginning of the sentence, “This is my body.” Others say it happens at the conclusion of that sentence. Still others claim it happens sometime during the sentence. The same theories were proposed about the consecration of the cup. From the Eastern Churches, the theory was raised that it wasn’t the eucharistic narrative that was consecratory, but rather the prayer of invocation to the Holy Spirit known as the *epiclesis*.

These theories continue to be debated, but to what avail? Even the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* does not specify when the consecration happens (CCC 1375–81). But knowing the precise moment it happens doesn’t seem to be as important as simply knowing that the elements of bread and wine over which the prayer is prayed do become for us the Body and Blood of Christ.

This mystery of faith, moreover, adds another dimension to our lives: transformation into Christ. Whether we share in Communion at the liturgy or contemplate the Lord in the tabernacle, the loving call of the Spirit is to change our hearts. Specifically, when does that happen to us? One never knows for sure. But by participation in the mystery of faith, we’re changed ever more deeply into the One whose Body and Blood we share. ●



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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| August 14 <i>St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr</i> Dt 10:12–22 Mt 17:22–27 | August 15 <i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Rev 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab 1 Cor 15:20–27 Lk 1:39–56 | August 16 <i>Weekday</i> Dt 34:1–12 Mt 18:15–20 | August 17 <i>Weekday</i> Jos 3:7–10a, 11, 13–17 Mt 18:21–19:1 | August 18 <i>Weekday</i> Jos 24:1–13 Mt 19:3–12 | August 19 <i>Weekday</i> Jos 24:14–29 Mt 19:13–15 | August 20 <i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 56:1, 6–7 Rom 11:13–15, 29–32 Mt 15:21–28 |



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Having faith means keeping your heart turned to God, to His love, to His Fatherly tenderness, amid the storm. Jesus wanted to teach this to Peter and the disciples, and also to us today. In dark moments, in sad moments He is well aware that our faith is weak.

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