

## 19th Sunday In Ordinary Time

"Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was, he became frightened." How can we describe Peter? At once faithful and fearful, his jumbled responses remind us that he was no spiritual superman, well intentioned though he may have been. Peter wanted to believe, and in fact showed a great deal of confidence in Christ, but the temptation to doubt was strong enough to knock him off his feet, literally.

"O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Jesus reprimanded Peter. The words seem harsh. After all, Peter was the only one who had enough faith to even try something as ludicrous as stepping out of the boat onto the water in the first place. But perhaps Jesus wanted to emphasize that our faith needs to be strong enough to weather the storm, so to speak.

If we only believe in Jesus when the wind is calm and the waves are gone, is that truly having faith in him? Is that actually trusting in his supreme power over the forces of the universe? Peter began to sink as soon as a challenge appeared. Jesus called him, and he calls us, to stay on our feet even when the winds begin to blow.

So, what are the winds that threaten our faith? What kinds of gusts are blowing today? Whatever it might be--health problems, financial concerns, relational struggles--none of it is too much for Jesus to handle. But we must step out in faith and trust him! And we need to keep our eyes on him as we do so, instead of getting distracted by the force of the challenges we face. Jesus is bigger than any problem. We have nothing to fear as long as we are walking towards him.

### Sunday Collection

The Sunday collection for August 5/6, 2017 was \$3,543.00.

### Classical Music Concert/Saturday, August 26, 2017 at 6:15pm St. Francis of Paola Church

Immediately following the 5pm Mass in St Francis of Paola the ISC String Trio will offer another concert in St. Francis of Paola Church. You may recall, they offered an outstanding concert this past June. Please mark your calendar. We ask only a free will offering. Please spread the word!!!

## 19° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Las lecturas que escuchamos cada domingo en Misa nos muestran a Dios siempre actuando. La respuesta que nosotros damos depende mucho del movimiento de Dios hacia nosotros y del movimiento nuestro hacia Dios para dar respuesta. En la primera lectura vemos al profeta Elías en búsqueda de descubrir el verdadero rostro de Dios. En la soledad de la montaña es donde se da el encuentro. Dios escoge revelarse a él en la brisa suave y en calma. Elías al escuchar la voz de Dios se cubre la cara con su manto. ¿Por qué Elías se cubre el rostro con su manto? Recordemos lo que Dios dijo a Moisés en el Éxodo 33, 20: "Pero mi rostro no lo podrás ver, porque no puede verme el hombre y seguir viviendo". Gesto del profeta que explica el respeto por la presencia de Dios.

En el Evangelio, por el contrario, los discípulos y las gentes que seguían a Jesús lo podían ver cara a cara. Y así es como Pedro al sentir que se hundía en el mar pudo asirse de la mano de Jesús. "¡Sálvame, Señor!" Inmediatamente Jesús le tendió la mano, lo sostuvo y le dijo: "Hombre de poca fe, ¿por qué dudaste?" (Mt 14, 30). De igual modo para nosotros cuando estemos hundidos en las penas de la vida, en la falta de fe y esperanza. Solo giremos nuestro corazón hacia Dios y nos extenderá su mano, conduciéndonos de nuevo a la suave brisa de su amor. Ojalá que como los discípulos confesemos de rodillas, "Verdaderamente tú eres el Hijo de Dios" (Mt 14, 33).

### Readings for the Week of August 13, 2017

Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
Monday:	Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day:	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10-12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday:	Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-6/Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday:	Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

## A Message from Fr. Tom

Our readings today are rich in symbolic meaning—the wind, the water, the mountain, the boat, the role of Peter and the disciples, and Jesus walking on water. And just in case we missed it, we have the ever present reality of confronting our own fears in the face of our obligation to follow Jesus in difficult times, just like the prophet Elijah and the disciples.

The key to understand our readings of today is the context. The context of our first reading takes place about 830 years before the birth of Jesus. The prophet Elijah is afraid. He has just killed 400 prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel. We just celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and it is from this episode in the life of Elijah, the prophet, that Mt. Carmel takes great significance in the lives of both Christians and Jews. King Ahab and Jezebel seek to kill Elijah because of his victory over paganism and the death of the pagan prophets. Elijah seeks refuge in a cave where God makes his presence known. God is not found in the strong wind, the earthquake or the fire, but in “a tiny whispering sound.” After Elijah is assured of God’s presence he leaves his cave and goes forth on a mission

The Christian is called to do the same things that Jesus does and be assured of God’s presence when they do so. This may not mean literally having to walk on water, but we do need to confront our fears and accept the challenge of discipleship. We are not merely subjects but are called to be collaborators in His Kingdom. In this way we make that Kingdom manifest here on earth. How many times have we refused this great call for fear or concern over what others might think which blocked the voice of conscience calling to us to make a difference and follow him?

**Fr. Tom**

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## A Few Words about Decorum during Mass in Church

I have been noticing a few things over the past few months that demands your attention concerning decorum at Mass:

- If you intend to receive the Eucharist at Mass, please be sure to fast one hour before any Mass you attend. I notice people have been bringing coffee cups into church and leaving them in the pews after Mass. One may consume only water or medication one hour before the start of Mass.

- Please maintain a proper attitude of silence while in church. I am glad that church is a place where people come together and see old friends. However, personal conversations are best left for a time and a place outside of church. Remember, you are in the presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle once you enter into any Catholic Church or chapel. Please show the proper respect.
  - Please remain in church until the final blessing and closing hymn is sung. Many people are cutting out of Mass immediately after they receive the Eucharist. It is proper not only to stay to the end of Mass, but appropriate to linger a few minutes after Mass in silence and make a recollection or thanksgiving for the gift of the Eucharist that has been offered to us.
  - Please wear proper attire to Mass during the summer months. No shorts above the knee and no flip flops.
  - Finally, make every effort to arrive at Mass on time. My rule of thumb is that if a person arrives at church after the proclamation of the Gospel they missed the fulfillment of the Sunday obligation and should not receive the Eucharist.
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## Feast of the Assumption

Tuesday, August 15, 2017 is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. You are encouraged to attend Mass on this day to honor our Blessed Mother.

Vigil Mass Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
7:30pm Mass at St. Francis of Paola Church

Solemnity of the Assumption, Tues., August 15, 2017  
7:45am Mass at St. Francis of Paola Church  
8:30am Mass at St. Cecilia’s Church

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## Summer Movie Night

Thursday, August 17, 2017 7pm

St. Francis of Paola Rectory Basement

We’ll be showing the movie for a perfect summer night: “**Grease**” starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John.

All are welcome.

Light refreshments will be served and there will be a 50/50 raffle. Come join us.

19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**GIFTS OF LOVE EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY  
AT DIVINE MERCY PARISH**

*“Embrace with tender affection the whole of humanity, especially the poorest, the weakest, the least important...” - Pope Francis*

Pope Francis has shown that he is the Pope of the poor. On numerous occasions he has emphasized that the mission of the church is to serve the needy and to seek out and aid those marginalized individuals. It is in this context that we must recognize the full worth of the benefactors and volunteers who follow our Pope's direction by providing support to our pantry. Thank you and God bless you!

Specific item needed this week: **Canned meat**  
Food Pantry Coordinator and Volunteers

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**St. Francis of Paola Church**

**Memorial Gifts – August 13, 2017**

**BREAD & WINE**

Florence & Anthony Giglio by daughter Carlotta

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES**

Rosa Fiore by Children

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**Queen of the Rosary Catholic Academy**

**Second Annual Benefit Dinner**

Honoring Deacon Philip A. Franco, PhD.

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 6-10pm

Giando on the Water

400 Kent Avenue Brooklyn, N.Y.

\$125.00 per Person

For Tickets, Commemorative Journal Submissions &  
Further Information:

[QOTRDinner@eventbrite.com-website](mailto:QOTRDinner@eventbrite.com-website)

[QOTRDinner@gmail.com-email](mailto:QOTRDinner@gmail.com-email)

718-388-7992 – phone

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**Mexico – Our Lady of Guadalupe  
December 9-14, 2017**

Please join “M and M Travel” and Fr. Rafael on a pilgrimage to Mexico City, Mexico to celebrate the feast day of: Our Lady of Guadalupe, on December 9-14, 2017. The pilgrimage includes excursions to Tlaxcala & Puebla & the celebration of the Mass of Roses at the shrine on Our Lady's feast day.

Total cost is \$2,049. To book and for more details, contact Mike Milano: 1-800-773-2660.

**Mass Intentions for the Week  
St. Francis of Paola Church**

**Saturday, August 12, 2017**

5:00pm Rose & Michael Torro by Family

**Sunday, August 13, 2017**

8:00am Mary & Michael Anolfo  
by Nancy & Louis Anolfo

11:30am Rosa Fiore by Children

**Monday, August 14, 2017**

7:45am Rev. Vincent Liu  
by Joseph & Agnes Sun

7:30pm **Vigil Mass:** Assumption of the BVM

**Tuesday, August 15, 2017**

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:45am Ida & Daniele Rosetta Manghisi  
by Igino & Giovanna Falce

**Wednesday, August 16, 2017**

7:45am Riccio Family by Anna Riccio

**Thursday, August 17, 2017**

7:45am Pacifico Family by Children

**Friday, August 18, 2017**

7:45am Martinez Family  
by Rose & Tony Martinez

**Saturday, August 19, 2017**

7:45am St. Rocco

5:00pm Rose Medici by Medici Family

**Sunday, August 20, 2017**

8:00am Rose Grieme by Mary & Eddie Handley

11:30am Dorothy & Charles Ciorciari by Family

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**The Bulletin**

The representative from Liturgical Publications, the bulletin company, Mr. Paul Kerwick, will be here taking ads for the bulletin the week of August 14, 2017. You may call him at 718-387-0256 or visit him in the parish office at 219 Conselyea Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

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**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Program**

A married couples retreat weekend is being offered at Immaculate Conception in Huntington on:

Sept. 15, 16, 17, 2017 & Nov. 3, 4, 5, 2017

To register: [www.bqwwme.org](http://www.bqwwme.org) [www.liwwme.org](http://www.liwwme.org) or  
for Spanish [nycemm@live.com](mailto:nycemm@live.com).

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**Mass Intentions for the Week  
St. Nicholas Church**

**Sunday, August 13, 2017**

10:30am Open Intention  
12:45pm Antonina Tarasenko by Mr. & Mrs.  
Francesco D'Arrigo & Family

**Sunday, August 20, 2017**

10:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish  
12:45pm For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
by Mr. & Mrs. Francesco D'Arrigo & Family

**Pray For the Sick**

*Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:*

Luberky Novas, Patrick Del Vicario, Ralph Varano,  
Peter SanPaola, Joseph Mauceri, Rae Pacifico, Frank  
Cremato, Dora LoGrosso, John Porcelli, Jeanette Pellot,  
Vinnny and Nancy Gonzales, Sister Paul Marie  
Filippelli, Deacon John Orlandello, Wanda Zadwarny,  
Nick Dandrea, Fran Dandrea, Stanley Dandrea,  
Giuseppina Valenti, Carmella Ciafia, Maddox Moises

**Pray for the Recently Deceased**

Rose Passaro, Rose R. Tramutra, Joanne Bushwick,  
Robert Niebuhr, Peter J. Mangan

**Pilgrimages**

**With Fr. Rafael and Fr. Tom**

You may have noticed in our church vestibules that our  
own Fr. Rafael Perez will be the director of a retreat to  
the shrine of O.L. of Guadalupe in Mexico in December  
2017. I, your pastor, have been invited to lead a  
pilgrimage as well, in October 2017 to Fatima, Lourdes  
and Barcelona. Please feel free to ask us if you have  
any questions or would like to join us on these  
pilgrimages.

**Generations of Faith & Annual  
Catholic Appeal 2017**

**Generations of Faith**

Parish Goal \$375,000.00  
Pledged \$398,655.00  
Pledges paid \$194,289.54

**Annual Catholic Appeal**

Parish Goal \$37,450.00  
Pledged \$33,336.00 made 89.1% of goal  
\$27,001.00 81% received

**Mass Intentions for the Week  
St. Cecilia Church**

**Sunday, August 13, 2017**

9:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish  
7:00pm Open Intention

**Monday, August 14, 2017**

8:30am Michael DeGruccio

**Tuesday, August 15, 2017**

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30am Florence & Edward Kluisza

**Wednesday, August 16, 2017**

8:30am Joseph Klujnsza

**Thursday, August 17, 2017**

8:30am Edward Hitsner

**Friday, August 18, 2017**

8:30am Pilar Campos

**Saturday, August 19, 2017**

8:30am Robert Koshinski

**Sunday, August 20, 2017**

9:30am Msgr. Patrick "Fursey" O'Toole  
Raffaella Busi (Birthday)  
Theresa Imperato  
Helen Joseph Iaccino  
Esther Roldan  
7:00pm Open Intention

**Thinking of Becoming a Catholic...**

or is someone you know thinking of it? If so, then the  
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the right  
step for you to take. The RCIA is a process that  
consists of a combination of participation at Sunday  
Mass and instruction on the teachings and customs of  
the Roman Catholic Church. **RCIA is also for  
baptized Catholics** who have not received First Holy  
Communion and or Confirmation. The sessions meet  
once a week on Thursday, at 7pm. If you are seriously  
thinking of entering this program, please call the Parish  
Office at 718-387-0256.

**Diving Mercy Parish**

Polo Shirts \$20.00 Baseball Cap \$10.00  
Come to the Parish Office Monday to Friday 9am to  
4pm and Saturday 9am to 5pm if interested.

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### **Bring Back a Bulletin**

Other Churches have some very good ideas, activities or information in their weekly bulletin which could be incorporated here at Divine Mercy.

So when you are away and visit another Church for Mass please consider picking up an extra bulletin and drop it off at the parish office or in our Sunday collection basket.

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### **Memorial Gifts** **At Divine Mercy Parish**

Memorial Gifts are a wonderful way to honor and remember your loved ones. Please come to the Rectory (or call) for information and available dates.

The following Memorial Gifts are available for the week:

Bread & Wine	Sanctuary Lamp
Tabernacle Candles	Altar Candles
Blessed Mother Candles	St. Joseph Candles

Also available are Tree of Life Memorial Leaf and Blessed Mother Yearly Candle (this candle is lit for a year).

All Memorials can be In Honor Of or Remembrance Of a family member or friend.