

**Christ Summoning Saint Peter
to Walk on the Water, after 1627**
After Giovanni Lanfranco, Italian, 1582-1647
Chicago Institute of Art (COI)

Peter said to Jesus,
"Lord, if it is you, command me
to come to you on the water."

Matthew 14:28

Nineteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 9, 2020

In Matthew's Gospel, Peter often serves as a representative of Jesus' other disciples, and of all who strive to follow Jesus. 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.

The early church identified with Peter, as people with a "little" faith. Their faith was not fully mature, nor as extraordinary as others' faith might seem to be. But they knew that their faith, however small or imperfect, was real and true. We might remember that our own "little" faith is cherished by God. God loves us as we are, and always seeks to form us toward a fully mature Christian life of faith.

GROUNDING IN GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Today's passage from Saint Paul's letter to the Roman begins an extended reflection, in Chapters 9-11, of Paul's coming to

terms with the mixed but generally negative reception of his fellow Jews toward his proclamation of Christ. He was concerned for the Jewish people certainly, but also for the members of the early church, who were both Jew and Gentile. His primary concern was that their Christian faith should always be grounded in God's faithfulness. So Paul rejected any notion that God somehow had abandoned Israel or God's covenant with them.

As Catholic teaching confirms, especially in the Second Vatican Council, the Church shares with the Jewish people in the tradition of God's faithfulness. We are to acknowledge and repent of the Church's participation and complicity in the darkness of anti-Semitism, both in the past and today. We pray continually with and for the Jewish people as our sisters and brothers in faith.

Today's Readings: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

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Rev. Mr. Leonard "Len" Sanchez

Celebration of the Sacraments:

Mass: Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:30 AM
Tues, Thurs & Fri: 9:00 AM
Wednesday: 5:00 PM

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Saturday & Sunday: 45
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Welcome Visitors!

We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home." Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Ruth Linker. Jess Corrigan. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Gayle McCloskey. Randy Epp. Shay Mikalonis. Dwight Nunley. Wendy Melton. Wanda & George Duke. John Ott. Fleming Family. Carolyn Shannon. Doris Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Patricia Guy. Jacob Stephens. Randy Burris. Albert Hernandez. Karina Hawkins. Frankie Durst. Susie Strickland. Doug Lawson. Dana Moffatt. Emly Walker. Mike Brown. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Diane Stanley. Chase Larsson. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Rose Kennedy. Judy Fazio. Marsha & Marty Blahitka. Carolyn Edwards. Joshua Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda Stephens. Wanda Thompson. Kathryn Allen. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month. We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: Deacon Len Sanchez.

Please pray for the men and women active military service from

our parish community: New active recruit, Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Ensign Gary Buchanan; 2ndLt. Blake Gaughan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). E-3R James Morgan (SonInLaw of Kathy & Dale Boman) Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Emma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (brother of Jeff & Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

THE PRESENCE OF GOD

After the miracle of Jesus walking on water, the disciples exclaimed, "Truly, you are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:33). Most Christians will probably never experience such a dramatic miracle. Like Elijah, we await the manifestation of God in other moments. Perhaps the biggest challenge for the believer is to be constantly attuned to the possible presence of God in the everyday events of life. This is a stance that takes some people years to develop. Others seem to find the Lord easily in the simple things. As the week unfolds, let us look for the presence of God in the little things around us. Perhaps, like Elijah, we will be surprised at what we find. And, like the disciples, we can add our voice to the confession, "Truly you are the Son of God."

POPE'S UNIVERSAL INTENTION FOR AUGUST

The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

GOD'S IMAGE: Nature has perfections in order to show that she is the image of God, and defects to show that she is only God's image.

—Blaise Pascal

Mass—Intentions

Sat 8/08 John & Carol Kominis Anniversary (M/M Laudt)

Sun 8/09 Avery Boultinghouse (M/M Boultinghouse)

Tue 8/11 Phyllis Cline (M/M David Kelly)

Wed 8/12 Mark Rottinghause+ (M/M Murfin)

Thurs 8/13 Mark Rottinghause+ (M/M Murfin)

Fri. 8/14 Mark Rottinghause+ (M/M Murfin)

Sat. 8/15 John & Helen Kowalewski+ (Mary Catalano)

PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance

Sat. Sun.

Required Weekly Funds: \$ 3,962

Offerings: NO WEEKEND MASS ON 8/1 or 8/2

One can Give without Loving...
But one cannot Love without Giving.

I am so grateful for the support that our parishioners has given during these bumpy days, weeks and months. You always come through in the time of need. Thank you for taking the time to send in your contributions plus more above and beyond.

I truly appreciate each and every one of you.

Rev. Fr. Mike Smider

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The LORD said to Elijah: "Stand on the mountain; the LORD will be passing by"(1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a).

Psalm: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading: To the Israelites belong the covenants, the law, and the patriarchs; and from them comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5).

Gospel: As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified (Matthew 14:22-33).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111,131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 [59-63]; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: 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

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

SING: Alas for those who never sing, but die with their music within them.
—Oliver Wendell Holmes

Temporary Weekend Mass held in parish hall: Saturday, Aug. 8th at 5:00pm and Sunday, Aug. 9th at 9:00am.

Protocols for weekend Masses:

1. **Limitations on Attendance:** Limited seating maximum 81 seats are available. In order for the households to maintain at least 6-foot separation.
2. **Strongly consider wearing a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
3. **No socializing** in the parish hall or outside glass doors before or after Mass. Avoid touching door handles, use restrooms before coming to Mass.
4. **Chairs** are set up with the 6-foot separation. Please **DO NOT MOVE CHAIRS**, they are to remain as they are.
5. **Enter & exist double glass doors into the parish hall to the left of the overhang.** Do not enter through glass doors into the Narthex to the church

Temporary Weekday Mass Times held in church: Tuesday — Friday at 8:00am.

Protocols for weekday Masses:

1. **Call Fr. Mike on his cell phone 903-490-3883 (do not text). Limited to 20 people.**
2. **Strongly consider wearing a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
3. **No socializing** in the Narthex or outside glass doors before or after Mass. Avoid touching door handles, use restrooms before coming to Mass. Enter & exit same set of double glass doors into the church through the overhang.
4. **In church** we ask you to cooperate by **alternating every other pew.** Households must maintain at least 6-foot separation.
5. **Enter & exit** double glass doors into the church through the overhang.



*Deacon
Leonard Ralph Sanchez
October 24, 1943—July 23, 2020*

*A prayer to keep going
God, I need you
Carry me when I'm weak
Hold me when I'm tired
Love me when I cannot care anymore.*

*And, when I huddle
Lonely and afraid
Cover me with your strong protective hands*

*Guard my sleep and
Wake me in the morning
Rested and strong
And ready to try again.*

In Jesus name we pray.

Eloise Sanchez address: 201 Elmwood Ln., Holly Lake Ranch, TX 75765

In lieu of flowers, you may help his wife, Eloise Sanchez, with the funeral expenses. An account is set up at City National Bank (CNB), Holly Lake Ranch, Texas. Please make check payable to Eloise Sanchez, put the Account # 3277233 in the memo section of check.

Dispensation: The entire diocese remains dispensed from the Sunday and holy day Mass obligation until further notice. The faithful are under no moral obligation to attend Mass at this time. Before deciding to attend Mass, everyone is asked to consider their own health condition and living situation carefully. All vulnerable individuals should continue to stay at home. Members of households with vulnerable residents should be aware that they could carry the virus back home. People who feel sick or have symptoms of possible COVID-19 MUST remain at home.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

CONFESSIONS: TUES., AUG. 11TH & WED., AUG. 12TH 9:00—10:00AM. If you have an emergency and need Fr. Mike call him on his cell # 903-490-3883.

Second Collections for the month of August:

1st & 2nd: "Building & Maintenance Fund."
8th & 9th: "Holy Spirit Faith Formation."
15th & 16th: "Black & Indian Missions and Church in Central/Eastern Europe."

Cenacle of Life: Fr. Mike has given us his permission to resume the Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm.** Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. Questions call Vicki 817-637-9382

Building the Domestic Church

Online Catechist Conference August 12—15

The catechist conference is available to register on line free at <https://stphilipinstitute.org/events>
The recorded talk of their excellent speakers will be available beginning August 12th. The talks will be posted on the St. Philip Institute website. In addition, on Saturday, August 15th, registrants may attend a LIVE Q & A with their speakers from 10:00am to noon. **Registration is now open and is totally free this year!** **All are invited from catechist, to those in our ministries, parents/grandparents of children who attend faith formation, everyone** can listen to the talks and attend the Live Q & A. Remember no charge for this conference. Please pray for a fruitful and rewarding event for all of us!

Dear Organization/Ministry/Service leaders,

The **Welcome Committee** would like to provide a brief description of Holy Spirit's Organizations/Ministries/Services on the parish website. This will hopefully assist anyone who is considering becoming involved in our parish. Some descriptions have already been provided but not all. We would appreciate the **leader/coordinator for the ministries** listed below to **please send a brief description of their committee to Anna Parker @ parkerbiz52@yahoo.com** or call 903.833.7019 (home #). Thank you.

Angel Tree	Bible Study Men's & Women's
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