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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 2026



"Take Heart; It is I. Do not be afraid" ~Matthew 14:27

Scripture Insights

God does not always appear how and where we expect, and Christ often calls us to follow him in ways that we cannot fathom.

In the first reading, Elijah encounters God in an unusual site and manner. Although he is at the place where Moses at the place where

Moses met God centuries before, this was unfamiliar territory for Elijah, whose home was distant from Horeb. Elijah had previously encountered God in places of worship and sacrifice, like his own offering on Mount Carmel. God had now called him to a distant land to show him something new.

Elijah realizes God is present when he hears the "tiny whispering sound." No one knows what phenomenon these words describe. Some suggest it was intuition. Others propose that it was an unnatural stillness in the environment. The other phenomena mentioned-wind, earthquake, and flame-all manifested God's presence in older Israelite traditions. Indeed, at Mount Carmel, God had appeared in a fire that fell from the sky. But in this "tiny whispering sound," Elijah encountered God in an unfamiliar way and place.

In the Gospel reading, the wonder is not just that Jesus is somewhere he cannot possibly be and doing something he cannot possibly do. It is also that he calls Peter to join him. Matthew emphasizes this call in his version of this event. Peter can walk on water because he saw Jesus doing it first. Unlike Elijah, however, whose constant faith let God show him something new, Peter's fear subverted the evidence of his eyes.

To follow Christ without fear, we must seek him out in unfamiliar places, listening for his quiet but unmistakable Word. Once we find him, we need to follow him past any fears. Then we too will have the faith of to walk on water, side by side with the Son of God.

Sourcebook 2026

MASS TIMES:

Sunday 10:00 a.m. (Livestreamed)
& 5:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday: 6:00 p.m.

ADORATION: Every
Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.



CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: First Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 85: 9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

Second Reading: Romans 9: 1-5

Alleluia: Psalms 130: 5

Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33



DID YOU KNOW?

Characteristics of developmentally appropriate behaviors

It is important to distinguish normal, age-appropriate curiosity from concerning sexual behaviors that may be inappropriate or potentially abusive. In general, developmentally appropriate behaviors will be playful, curious, and will be enacted among similar age groups. While these behaviors are not ideal in play, and should be discussed with children, they are typically not causes for concern. These moments can also serve as opportunities to talk about boundaries, appropriate behaviors and safe adults. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Differentiating age-appropriate curiosity from harmful sexual behavior and abuse in elementary aged children" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

What is OCIA?



OCIA is the **process by which adults become members of the Catholic Church**. It is a journey of faith that includes:

- Learning about Catholic beliefs and teachings
- Growing in a relationship with Jesus Christ
- Participating in prayer and the life of the Church
- Preparing to receive the Sacraments
- Who is OCIA for? OCIA is for:
 - **Adults who have never been baptized**
 - **Christians from other denominations** who want to become Catholic
 - **Baptized Catholics** who have not yet received First Communion or Confirmation

OCIA Classes begin on Thursday evening on September 17

To register visit: <https://www.stambroseweho.org/becoming-catholic> or contact the parish office at 323-656-4433

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"Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, according to your means. For the Lord is one who always repays and he will give back sevenfold. (Sirach 35)"



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08/02/26 Offertory	\$ 840.00
08/02/26 Online	\$ 2,367.00

Total: \$3,322.00

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