

**August 13, 2023: 19<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus walks on water, and the disciples acknowledge him as the Son of God.

- Matthew 14:22-33

Today's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in [Chapter 8](#) of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with [last week's Gospel](#) about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.

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# Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**



Parish Information

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**Weekend Masses:**

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am

**Mass During Week:**

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm.

Friday at 10 am.

**Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.**

**Lohnes Complex**

First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex.

**Bible Study:**

Post-poned until further notice.

**Holy Hour of Adoration:**

Post-poned until further notice.

**Reconciliation:**

By request.

**Marriages:**

Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

**Baptisms:**

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

**Family Connections:**

At [www.rcchurch.com](http://www.rcchurch.com) you will find a link to family connections.

**St. Vincent de Paul:**

To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

**RECEIVED WITH THANKS**

**August 5<sup>th</sup> – August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Regular Sunday	\$1,603
Loose Offering	65
Building Fund	130
Votive Candles	15
Mass Stipends	20
Wedding Fees	100
St. Vincent de Paul	50
Roof Donation	100
St. Anne's Oil	15

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Tues. 7 pm	No Mass Intention
Wed. 7 pm	Late Gus & Irene Rumboldt
Thur. 7 pm	Late Helen Cook
Fri. 10 am	No Mass Intention
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Helen Cook
	Late Bernadette & Anthony George
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>August 19</b>	
Marie Pennell	Joe Byrne
<b>August 20</b>	
Victoria Murphy	Barbara Neville
<b>Communion to the sick – John Carroll</b>	

**MASS INTENTIONS:** The parish office is accepting mass intentions for the coming weeks since Tuesday and Friday masses are back. Call Chelo at the parish office, 785-5025.

**CATHEDRAL MASS SCHEDULE:** There will be no Sunday evening Mass in the month of August at the Cathedral.

**AUGUST MASS SCHEDULE:** Fr. Lainey will be away on a clergy retreat from **August 20<sup>th</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>**. There will be no weekday masses during the time he will be away. There will be a **Liturgy of the Word on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>** within our regular mass schedules.

**PARISH OUTREACH:** This committee, consisting of, Marie Pennell (709-388-5090), Gerard Deveaux (709-638-4411), Pat Moore (709-785-2440), and Tony Griffin (709-632-5755) are offering to bring communions and provide a pastoral visit to those who wish to have this ongoing contact. They are also exploring social activities for the parish as a whole. Please support them in their efforts. Please call them if you or a family member wish to avail of this service.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** The Catholic Women's League of Canada means many things to people. Our core values of faith, service and social justice guide us as we follow Catholic teaching, provide service locally, nationally, and internationally, and work to advocate for social justice.

**"Share the Words" Hope:** Hope is the essence we hold onto during times of adversity and is the beacon of light in the darkness. Anyone seeking refuge and hope can find it in the Catholic Women's League. Members find hope in one another. Join us and be a woman of hope.

**INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST:** For World Youth Day - We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary is the devotion to which the month of August is dedicated. But we also celebrate specific feast of Mary—the feast of Our Lady of the Snows on August 5th, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15th, and the Feast of the Queenship of Mary on August 22nd. When we pray to Mary, we are not worshipping her, but we are acknowledging her very special role in God's salvation plan for humanity. This is a very good month to make your own personal devotion to Mary. Why not try googling Catholic prayers to Mary? You might be surprised how many you'll find!

**ALZHEIMER SOCIETY-FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP:** is held the Last Wednesday of each month at 3:00 pm at the Corner Brook LTC.

**SOWING THE SEEDS:** September 15th - 17th, Basilica Parish Conference Rooms, St. John's - Connect with members from throughout the province, meet our youth representatives, learn more about our partners and ongoing projects. The weekend will include time to reflect on our role in caring for creation and ecological justice; youth engagement; discussion on synodal leadership; focused time on the development of diocesan councils, their roles, and the resolution process; and a kick off to the fall campaign. If you are interested in participating, please contact Patricia Walsh Warren, Animator for the Newfoundland and Labrador, [pwalsh@devp.org](mailto:pwalsh@devp.org)

**QUOTATION:** "Lord, give me **FORTITUDE** that I may stand my ground, **PATIENCE** that I may endure, **CONSTANCY** that I may preserve."  
– **Thomas a` Kempis**

**E-TRANSFER:** You always have the option to make donations via email money transfer. The email address for e-transfers only is [sacredheartcrparish@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartcrparish@gmail.com). Please use "Church" as the password to the security question you are asked to create, also include your envelope # in the comments section if you have one, if not please include an address where a tax receipt may be sent. Thank you."

**FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION:** August 6th. Scripture scholars think the likely location of the Transfiguration was Mount Hermon, A 9,200 feet snowcapped mountain, the runoff of which flows into several streams which merge into the Jordan River. Moses represented the law and Elijah the prophets. Both heralded the Messiah. Jesus, the promised Messiah, is the fulfillment of the law and prophets and is greater than both. Mountains in the Scripture were often places of revelation. Both Moses and Elijah had seen a vision of the glory of God on a mountain, Moses on Mount Sinai and Elijah on Mount Horeb.

**HUMOUR:**  
A little boy in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed around the offering plates. When they came near his pew, the boy said loudly. "Don't pay for me, Daddy, I'm under five."

A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, "What's the matter, haven't you seen a little boy before?"