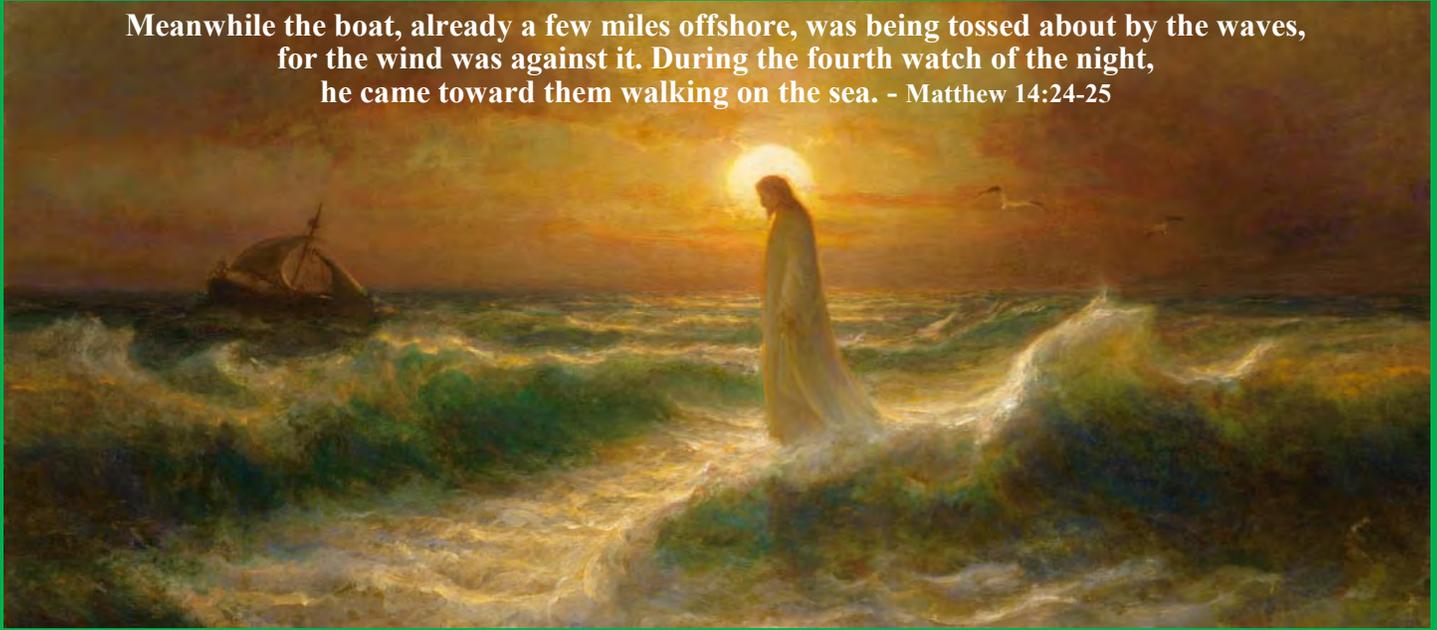


# *St. Edward the Confessor*

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*Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ*

Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. - Matthew 14:24-25



*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

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## From Fr. Mike's Desk

Today we are presented with two manifestations of God, and two responses of faith. One of the manifestations is beyond belief, while the other is subtle, yet powerful. The faith responses are equally different, as one shows great faith and the other shows a spark of great faith but needs further growth and development.

From the First Book of Kings we see the power of God made known in a quiet way, as we read, *"At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter. Then the Lord said to him, 'Go outside and stand on the mountain before the Lord; the Lord will be passing by.' A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave."* Notice what the Prophet does, he realizes that God who is so mighty, manifested Himself in a tiny whispering sound, and it is so awesome that Elijah must hide his face in humility. He does not shout out, *"That's it?"* Nor does he think of saying, *"Couldn't you have done something really great?"* No, because Elijah realizes that God can be experienced in so many ways, even in the littlest of things. He does not question, nor does he debate, rather Elijah with great love and faith is encouraged to continue with the work God has called him to do.

We see the second divine manifestation in today's Gospel, when we are told of the great event of Jesus walking on the water. This miracle follows the story of the feeding of the multitude with just five loaves and two fish. As we read in some accounts of this story, some wanted to carry Jesus off and proclaim Him king, but this is not what Our Lord was trying to achieve when He fed the huge crowd. As was mentioned last week, He was giving them a foretaste of the great banquet to be experienced in the Kingdom of Heaven, and how we are fed now in the Eucharist. So, Jesus went off to pray, and it is His returning from that time of prayer that has Jesus walking on the water to be with the Apostles. Some commentators believe that not only was Jesus upset, but the Apostles also were upset because they did not fully understand the miracle or the identity of

Jesus. Matthew does not share this idea, no, he believes that the feeding miracle helps the disciples have a deeper feeling of discipleship and a growing understanding of who Jesus is. Matthew feels that this is especially true of Peter, and so Jesus' walking on the water helps them see Jesus in a greater capacity.

What could do this better than walking on the Sea of Galilee, but as Jesus walks past, the disciples in the boat yell out thinking He was a ghost. Jesus answers them, ***"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."*** Now we see the second response of faith, as Peter says, *"Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."* So, Jesus does, and Peter is amazed that he can do it, until he starts thinking like a person and says I cannot walk on the water and he begins to sink. He was frightened and as a result, his initial strong response of faith becomes weak, and he cries out to Jesus to save him.

As you have heard many times, the minute Peter took his eyes off Jesus he failed, and as I am sure you have heard many times, the same can be true for us. But there is more to this account, for even when Peter is sinking, he has the faith, although imperfect, to call upon Jesus for help. So, there is still hope for us when we go through times of doubt or mistrust. In a way this is what was happening to Elijah when he doubted that his mission was doing any good. That is why he went to the mountain of the Lord in the first place to seek God and have his faith replenished. As we look at the lives of the saints we many times will see that they had periods of doubt and a lack of trust in God, and this is a consequence of Original Sin, but they got through these periods with the Grace of God, and so can we. So, do not lose heart, and know that Jesus will always be there to take you by the hand and save you from sinking.

*God bless you always*

*Fr. Mike*

## Next Week's Readings

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2020

First Reading - Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Second Reading - Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel - Matthew 15:21-28

# “Lord God, be my refuge and my strength.”

## Mass Intentions

**Mon. - 8/10 - Feast of St. Lawrence**  
9:00 am Grace Barriccheri

**Tues. - 8/11 - Memorial of Saint Clare**  
9:00 am Allen Murray

**Wed. - 8/12 - Wednesday of the 19th Week in Ordinary Time**  
9:00 am Pegge (Peg) Crowe

**Thurs. 8/13 - Thursday of the 19th Week in Ordinary Time**  
9:00 am Palma DiDonna

**Fri. - 8/14 - Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe**  
9:00 am Maria Rossi

**Sat. - 8/15 - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
9:00 am Chris Conboy  
12:10 pm Intention of Noreen, Sal, Bonnie and Heidi Cinquegrana  
5:00 pm Caterina Massa  
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**Sun. - 8/16 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:30 am Mary Keenan  
9:30 am John and Peggy McGaley  
11:30 am Roberta E. McGuirk  
Milia Mouradian Maldjian  
Dorothy Murphy  
7:00 pm No Mass

Please remember that the church will be open daily for your own private devotions, which may include: An Act of Spiritual Communion, Praying the Divine Office, Praying the Rosary, or writing down your own intentions in the book found at the rear of the church.

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## From Death to New Life



**Mary O. Keenan**

## Next Week's Presider Schedule

**Saturday, Aug 15 5:00 PM Fr. Hyacinth**  
**Sunday, Aug 16 7:30 AM Fr. Mike**  
**9:30 AM Msgr. Beckmann**  
**11:30 AM Fr. Mike**

## Fr. Mike's Letter for Week 20 of the Corona Virus Crisis

**The following letter was posted last week, prior to The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, on the St. Edward's website as well as on Flocknote. The letter is reprinted here for those of you who do not have internet access.**

As we begin this new week in our COVID19 journey, we are still filled with mixed emotions. Each day we see the numbers of confirmed cases rising and we see the death toll across the nation and world rising. We are all afraid that it may come back here like it was, and now is in most of the country. What are we to do? How are we to react? The answer is, and has always been we must have faith in God and put our trust in Him. We must realize that God is helping us through this ordeal. This time of trial and challenge in our lives remind me of the two saints we will remember on July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>.

On August 1<sup>st</sup>, we remember *St. Alphonsus Liguori*, one of my favorite saints. St. Alphonsus was born in *Marianella, Campania* in what was known as the *Kingdom of Naples*. He was the first born of seven children and he belonged to a noble family. He went to law school at the age of 16 and was quite the well-known lawyer. As time went on, he became very unhappy and as he once wrote a friend, "...our profession is too full of difficulties and dangers; we lead an unhappy life and run the risk of dying an unhappy death. For myself, I will quit this career, which does not suit me; for I wish to serve the salvation of my soul." At the age of 27, after losing an important case, he left the legal profession, and after long discernment, he entered the seminary. He left a life of wealth behind and went to work with the homeless and marginalized youth of Naples, He founded the Evening Chapels which were run by young people and these were centers of prayer and piety. He began his missionary experience in the interior of Naples, where he ministered to even poorer people. In 1732 he founded the *Congregation of the most Holy Redeemer* (also known as the **Redemptorist**). His goal was to preach and minister to the people in the slums and other places where there was poverty. Based on this work, the Church wanted to name him Bishop, while he did not want the job, the Holy See insisted, and he gave in. He wrote books which encouraged devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother. St. Alphonsus died August 1, 1787 and was canonized on May 26, 1839 by Pope Gregory XVI. He was proclaimed a *Doctor of the Church* in 1871 by Pope Pius IX. This great saint allowed God to take him where God knew he would be happy and fulfilled. It was a life of hardship, but St. Alphonsus preferred it to the somewhat easier life he had before.

*St. Ignatius of Loyola*, (July 31<sup>st</sup>) the founder of *the Society of Jesus* (better known as the **Jesuits**), also had a life changing event. He was a very proud military man who was severely wounded in service to his duke. After several surgeries, he went through a long period of convalescence. While he was recovering, he asked for reading material, hoping to read stories about knights and battles. He was given two books; one was on the Life of Jesus and the other was about the lives of the Saints. While at first, he was disappointed, but as time went on and he read the books Ignatius began to change. He found the adventures the saints had were more exciting than the soldiers. After he read the stories his heart seemed to be on fire, and he desired more to join them, and eventually he did. His life was never the same as he chose Jesus or should we say as Jesus chose him.

During this crisis, we may not be called to make radical changes in our lives, or walk down different paths, but we have been called by God to look at our lives and see how well we have responded to that which has been placed before us. How well have we put our trust in God's care for us and God's strength flowing through us. Perhaps we have not felt it, but this can be the case because we are too pre-occupied with our fears and concerns about COVID19. Even with the dangers and fears that come from this virus we must never lose sight of letting them effect our relationship with one another and God. We ask these two saints to pray for us, and we pray for each other.

God bless you and take care of you always!

**Fr. Mike**

To find out more about how the Diocese of Rockville Centre is providing for their congregation during the COVID-19 crisis, including information about Recent Updates, News and Directives, Parish Livestreams and other resources, please visit the website for the Long Island Catholic Plus at;

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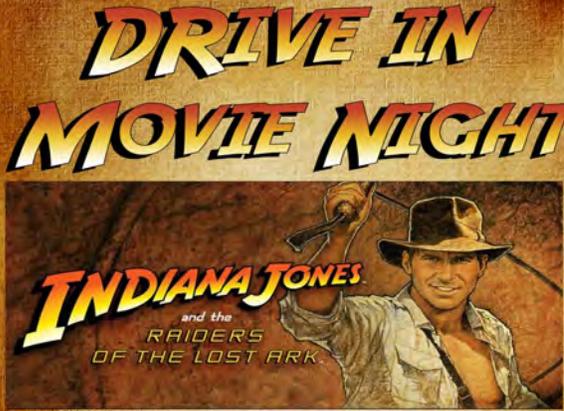
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July 29, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Catholic schools and the tuition-paying families that support them are facing enormous challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. One month ago I shared with you the sad news that due in part to the pandemic, three of our elementary schools would close and not reopen in September. Our Tomorrow's Hope Foundation is expecting and planning for what they forecast to be a dramatic increase in requests for tuition assistance due to the effects of the pandemic.

Many of our elected officials recognize that this pandemic is affecting all schools, including Catholic and other non-government schools. And, now the United States Congress is working on another stimulus bill to provide relief from the COVID-19 pandemic for critical parts of the economy and society, including schools.

**Catholic and other religious and independent schools must be included in this relief package!**

On behalf of the thousands of our Catholic school parents and students, I am urging you to contact our U.S. Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, and your local Congressional Representative to insist that Catholic and other religious and independent schools receive their fair share of funds to safely reopen. These funds are needed so that our struggling tuition-paying families can keep their children enrolled in our Catholic schools.

Time is of the essence, so please I urge you to add your voice **today** by sending your message to your legislators.

An easy way to act is by visiting the New York State Catholic Conference Website. There, you can send email messages to your U.S. Senate representatives and your U.S. Representative with only a few mouse clicks. Visit <https://www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center/>

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## Words of Advice for College Students Striving for Holiness

Bishop Barres has written a special letter to college students, acknowledging that much has changed in the world since last semester, and so much will be different on campus this year. Yet one thing remains: the love of Jesus Christ. Whether you are navigating long distance learning or returning to a campus on Long Island or a campus in another part of the country, entering as a transfer student or just beginning, the Holy Spirit calls you to live in this love. The Holy Spirit desires spiritual greatness from you right in the midst of the heavy crosses the world is carrying. In his letter Bishop Barres offers some short words of advice as you strive for holiness in this unique moment of history. He will be praying for each of you, along with your family and every friend you make on campus. His entire letter can be using this link:

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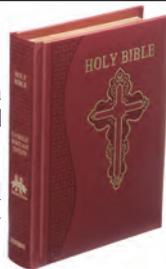
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