

Sinking Fear: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13 | Psalm 85:9-14
Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5 | Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33



How do we find God in the storms and struggles of our lives, in the trials we encounter in trying to do His will?

God commands Elijah in today's First Reading to stand on the mountain and await His passing by. And in the Gospel, Jesus makes the disciples set out across the waters to meet Him.

In each case, the Lord makes himself present amid frightening tumult – heavy winds and high waves, fire and earthquakes.

Elijah hides his face. Perhaps he remembers Moses, who met God on the same mountain, also amid fire, thunder, and smoke (see Deuteronomy 4:10-15; Exodus 19:17-19). God told Moses no one could see His face and live, and He sheltered Moses in the hollow of a rock, as He shelters Elijah in a cave (see Exodus 33:18-23).

The disciples, likewise, are too terrified to look on the face of God. Today's Gospel is a revelation of Jesus' divine identity. Only God treads across the crest of the sea (see Job 9:8) and rules the raging waters (see Psalm 89:9-10). And the words of assurance that Jesus speaks - "It is I" - are those God used to identify himself to Moses (see Exodus 3:14; Isaiah 43:10).

Even Peter is too overcome by fear to imitate his Lord. His fears, Jesus tells him, are a sign of his lack of faith. And so it often is with us. Our fears make us doubt, make it hard to see His glory dwelling in our midst.

Yet, we should know, as we sing in today's Psalm, that His salvation is near to those who hope in Him. By faith we should know, as Paul asserts in today's Epistle, that we are heirs to the promises made to His children, Israel.

We must trust that He whispers to us in the trials of our lives - that He who has called us to walk along the way of His steps, will save us whenever we begin to sink.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
August 12 – 20th, 2017

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	August 12th	Sunday Vigil Louis Ottoni – RIP – by Pina Agnessi
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	August 13th	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ana Marie Leekam – RIP – by the family Stanley and Umbelina Henriques – RIP – by Jean and Claire
Monday	August 14th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	August 15th	ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Domeciana and Calixto Romea – RIP – by the Romea family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	August 16th	Saint Stephen of Hungary Beatrice Piper – RIP – by the Piper family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	August 17th	Weekday Maria and Emil Kolaj – RIP – by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	August 18th	Weekday Rita and Pietro Mosca – RIP – by the family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	August 19th	Sunday Vigil Louis Ottoni – RIP – by Johnny, Mary and family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	August 20th	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Philomena Leekam – Blessings – by her sisters Bruna Alesi – RIP – by the family

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*Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Escolastica Jimenez**.
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