

**AUGUST 10, 2008 – 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Footprints on the Sea**

Matthew 14:22-33

Peter's heavy fishing boat had been slamming into the whitecapped waves for six hours. In the black midnight Peter sat on the stern thwart and tried to steer a course for Capernaum. As he strained to hold the big tiller steady the howling wind flattened his beard against his weary face. Even if this night squall subsided they would probably be unable to reach Capernaum before sunrise.

Four of the disciples were rowing, each manning one of the long oars. The sail was furled, useless as they rowed against the stiff wind. Progress was painful as they inched their way toward the distant harbor.

The other seven disciples spaced themselves around the boat trying to rest before it was their turn to row again. But sleep was hopeless in the fearful noise of the gale which was getting worse.

Earlier that night Jesus told the disciples to take the boat and leave without him. When they left for Capernaum the weather was calm. Then the sudden storm had risen to full fury. Their leftover baskets of bread were drenched from the heavy spray.

Peter thought of Jesus, somewhere ashore, miles behind them, wishing he was there too. But there was no easy way out. They were struggling in the middle of the Sea of Galilee, halfway to Capernaum. Survival meant keeping the bow facing into the waves. They had to keep rowing, all night long if necessary.

Peter clung grimly to the tiller, refusing to let anyone relieve him. Three more hours dragged by. The sun would not be up for another three hours and Peter was beginning to wonder if he could last until daybreak.

Suddenly one of the disciples began to shout hysterically, "What's that, what's that, what's that?"

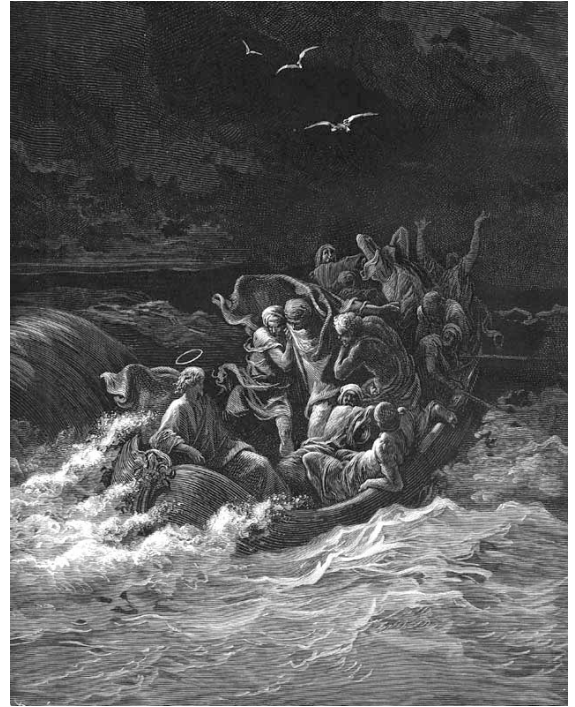
Peter looked astern and was terrified to see a pale light moving rapidly toward the boat. All the others were alarmed and tried to get to their feet to see what was happening. When the ghostly light drew closer they saw that it appeared to be a man—a man who was walking on the water. Exhausted from the long, sleepless night, the disciples froze in fear before the nightmare that was taking place before their eyes. Some were unable to face the vision and cowered in the bottom of the boat. When Peter saw that the ghost was Jesus he lost control of the tiller. The boat rolled broadside to the waves, dipping a rail under the black sea. Cold water sloshed over the side, soaking the disciples and sending them all into a screaming panic.

Jesus called across the water: "Courage," he said, "It is I. Do not be afraid."

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*In our darkest night, when we face something that seems overwhelming, is there anyone who can save us? When we face our own death is there anyone who can save us? Our faith teaches us not to be afraid because Jesus is with us always. Our faith invites us to step with Peter out onto the water. Our faith will hold us up as long as it is strong enough. Today's Gospel invites us to join the disciples in the boat when after Jesus calmed the water, they praised him, exclaiming: "Truly you are the Son of God!"*

-- Deacon Dick Folger



**INFORMATION FOR THE COMING WEEK**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**For August 11, 2008 to August 17, 2008**

Mon.	8:15 a.m. --	Communion Service
Tue.	8:15 a.m. --	Martha Estrella (Health)
Wed.	8:15 a.m. --	For the Youth of Our City
Thur.	8:15 a.m. --	Fr. José M. León (Intention)
Fri.	8:15 a.m. --	Esther Ortega (Dec.)
	7:30 p.m. --	For us, the Parishioners
Sat.	9:00 a.m. --	For the Faithful Departed in Need of Prayer (Dec.)
	5:00 p.m. --	Charles Fowler (Dec.); Hazelle Fower (Dec.)
Sun.	6:45 a.m. --	Jesus (Dec.) & Ricardo Casillas (Dec.)
	8:15 a.m. --	Ignatcio (Dec.), Tomasa (Dec.) & Teofilo (Dec.) Mejia
	9:45 a.m. --	Mariana Barcenas (Dec.)
	11:30 a.m.--	Ernesto Franciliso (Dec.)

**WEEKDAY READINGS**

**For August 11, 2008 to August 16, 2008**

Mon	Ezekiel 1:2-5,24-248c / Matthew 17:22-27
Tues.	Ezekiel 2:8-3:4 / Matthew 18:1-5,10,12-14
Wed.	Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22 / Matthew 18:15-20
Thu.	Ezekiel 12:1-12 / Matthew 18:21-19:1
Fri.	Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab / 1 Corinthians 15:20-27 / Luke 1:39-56
Sat.	Ezekiel 18:1-10,13b,30-32 / Matthew 19:13-15

**SUNDAY READINGS**

**August 17, 2008 - 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 56:1,6-7 / 2nd Reading: Romans 11:13-15,29-32 /  
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

**COLLECTIONS**

**For August 3, 2008**

First Collection .....	\$7,193.50
<b>Our budgeted goal for the First Collection (updated) .....</b>	<b>9,566.00</b>
Second Collection: Church Interior Renovation .....	2,317.00
Children's Envelopes .....	13.00

**Thank you very much! We appreciate your support.**

**REMEMBER TO KEEP HIM IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

- The silent retreat that Fr. José has been on for 35 days has come to an end. He made it! He is now free for other pursuits and to simply relax. He will be away from OLR for exactly one more month.
- Please continue praying that Fr. José's time away from the parish will be physically relaxing and refreshing.

## NEW ARTICLES

**THIS FRIDAY IS THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**, a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 8:15 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m.

**SIGN-UPS FOR OUR CYO PROGRAM ARE ON NOW.** Sign-ups for our CYO Basketball Program for new participants in grades 3 through 8 are currently taking place. The following are the sign up sessions for new participants (past participants have already been contacted and have other sign-up dates):

**Saturday, August 16:** 9:00 a.m.–Noon in the Dobrec Room

**Wednesday, August 20:** 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the Hall

Second graders wanting to participate will be placed on a waiting list.

Participants must bring a current utility bill (dated within the last 30 days) as proof of residency, as well as a copy of their birth certificate. The cost of participating is \$110.00 for the first child and \$60.00 for each additional child in the same family. Fee waivers are available for those who qualify.

For more information, call Randy Gonzales at (510) 796-3048.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NOW SELLING TICKETS FOR ITS FESTIVAL DRAWING.** The Knights of Columbus has had a drawing during the Festival for many years, but this year it is different: there is no TV involved. The prizes should still be exciting, as it will help us where we are now suffering the most: with the cost of fuel and the cost of food. The tickets are being sold for \$2.00 each. There will be three prizes. Two of the prizes are \$500.00 in gift cards for Chevron, while one prize will be \$500.00 in gift cards for Safeway. Knights should be in front of the Church after most Masses from now until the festival selling their tickets.

**CANNED FOOD COLLECTION IN AUGUST.** In the months where we do not take up a second collection for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, we have a collection for canned goods. We are now accepting donations of non-perishable food during the entire month of August. Place your donations in the barrels at the doors of the Church. We particularly need canned fruits, vegetables, soup, and canned meat.

## ARTICLE FROM OUTSIDE THE PARISH

**“UNION CITY DAY AT THE A’S” NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 17.** The Athletics baseball franchise, which is currently celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> year in Oakland, is teaming up with Union City, which will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year in 2009 in a fund-raising effort for the city’s golden anniversary celebration. The game will be on Sunday, August 17, at 11:00 a.m. (game time is 1:05 p.m.) and the A’s will play the Chicago White Sox. Up to \$10.00 of every ticket purchased will help fund Union City’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Admission will include a pre-game tailgate BBQ sponsored by Texas Roadhouse. Kids will be able to stay after the game to run the bases. In addition, the first 10,000 fans to enter the park will receive an A’s retro jersey. Tickets may be ordered online at [www.unioncity50.com](http://www.unioncity50.com) or they may be ordered by mail by downloading the order form from this address:

[http://www.unioncity50.com/documents/UnionCityCaliforniaDayattheAsOrderForm\\_white\\_bkg.pdf](http://www.unioncity50.com/documents/UnionCityCaliforniaDayattheAsOrderForm_white_bkg.pdf) and then mailing the form with your payment to the address at the bottom of the form. For more information call 510.675.5420.



**NEW ARTICLES****(Continued)****IT'S "OPEN ENROLLMENT" FOR SAFEWAY'S eSCRIP PROGRAM**

If you have registered your Safeway Club Card for the eScrip program in the past, ***YOU MUST RENEW YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM SO THAT YOUR DONATIONS WILL CONTINUE.*** You must renew your enrollment during the open enrollment period which is from now to November 1. It costs you nothing to enroll and participate, but your participation brings OLR hundreds of dollars of extra revenue every month.

**TO RENEW**, simple return the pre-stamped postcard enclosed in the eScrip magazine which will you soon receive at home in the mail. You may also visit [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com), click on the box for renewing your Safeway eScrip enrollment at the lower left-hand corner of the screen, and follow the instructions. Our parish eScrip membership number is 136952612. Do not ask Safeway employees at the store to help you with eScrip registration or any eScrip questions, as these matters are not handled at the store level and store employees are not familiar with the details of the program.

**TO CLEAR UP ANY CONFUSION, HERE ARE A COUPLE OF BITS OF INFORMAITON: TO PARTICIPATE IN E-SCRIP, YOU USE THE SAME SAFEWAY CLUB CARD YOU NOW HAVE.** You do not need a new card.

**WHAT SHOULD YOU DO: BUY SCRIP FROM US OR USE THE E-SCRIP PROGRAM?**  
**Answer: Both.** Buying gift cards from the church and spending them at the store always earns us more money than electronic programs. However, it will still help to belong to e-Scrip, as if sometime you go to the store and don't have gift cards with you, the parish will still earn a little something from the transaction.

**ARTICLES FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS****PARISH FESTIVAL NOOZE**

**OUR FAMOUS FESTIVAL SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE NOW OUT.** If you have been a member of our parish for any length of time, you know what we're taking about. If not, here's the explanation. At the doors of the Church, from now until the Festival, there will be a table with sign-up sheets on it for our Parish Festival. At these tables you can sign up to work in or be the chairperson of a food booth, game booth, a ticket booth, or to serve in a number of other roles. Be sure to stop by the table and take a look at some of the ways you can become involved.

**BECAUSE SHE FLEED, WE NEED SOMEONE ELSE TO RUN THE FLEA.** We are sorry to say that we have lost the person who has worked very hard the past several years to make our Festival Flea Market a success, due to other time commitments. We need people to help run and organize our Flea Market. This is not an easy job, as there is work to do way in advance of our festival. Right now we need people to sort through the items that were donated and to categorize and price them, and to continue doing this as new items come in. Later, during the Festival, we need people to arrange the booth and sell the items. So if you can help with this booth, please sign up on the sign up sheets we will have at the doors to the church.

**GET READY FOR A BIG BASH!** Various members of Our Lady's Guild and others have got together to help put on a "Welcome Back" barbeque for Fr. José. The barbecue will take place after the 11:30 a.m. Mass (approximately 1:00 p.m.) on Sunday, September 7 in the field. Tickets will be on sale in front of the Church after all Masses starting next week, and at the Parish Office. They will be sold for \$10.00 each. The menu will be a barbecue meal (chicken and ribs) from Texas Roadhouse. Our Lady's Guild will sell baked goods, and soda and water will also be sold. Music for the event will be provided by the Noia family and their band, Nova Edicao. There will be field games for the children (and any adults that dare to fall down when running on one leg).

We could also use some help with this event. These are the things we need help with:

- Setting up tables and chairs the morning of the event
- Setting up canopies the morning of the event
- Selling tickets in front of the Church on Sundays

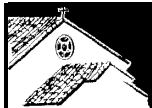
If you can help us with any of these things, please call the Parish Office at 510.471-2609. Thank you.

**TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY RESUMES.** We will begin our bible studies on Tuesday September 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the upstairs conference room in the office building. Our study will be "Know the Truth." This study will run for 5 weeks, and the cost is \$5.00. For new attendees, you will need a study Bible – the cost is \$5.00 (a one time charge). To register call ALVESA OROZCO at 489-1399. Please leave your name and telephone number.

**REGISTRATION FOR CCD TO BE PERFORMED IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY IN AUGUST.** During the month of August our Religious Education secretary will be in front of the Church working on her tan every Sunday. She will also be taking registration for our CCD program for students in grades 1-6, including the programs of First Eucharist and First Reconciliation.

If you want to get a "head-start" you can pick up the registration forms at the Parish Office, fill them out at home, and return them to the front of the Church or to the Office of Religious Education at the office hours printed on the forms.

**REQUEST FOR HELP.** Our St. Vincent de Paul conference has received a few special parishioner requests that we need help with. A single parent is in need of school expenses and a disabled senior citizen from our parish needs help with a special need. If you would be willing to share in these loving and giving experiences please contact Sue Bonin, the President of our parish's St. Vincent de Paul by calling the Parish Office at 510.471.2609 and leaving a message at Extension 220. Thank you. "Proceed quietly, pray a great deal and act together." -- St. Vincent de Paul



***This Week  
At O.L.R.***

**Tuesday, August 12**

**Bible Study**, English, Eddie Dobrec Room, 10:00 a.m.

**Rosary Night**, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, August 13**

**Rosary Night**, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.

**Thursday, August 14**

**Rosary Night, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.**

**Friday, August 15**

**Rosary Night, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.**

**Dinner for those in need, Eddie Dobrec Room, 6:00 p.m.**

**Spanish Choir Practice, Church, 7:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, August 16**

**CYO Basketball Sign-ups, Eddie Dobrec Room, 9:00 a.m. – Noon**

**Rosary Night, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, August 17**

**Second Collection for the Mission Cooperative Plan**