

LORD, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation.

Today's Gospel teaches much about the divinity of Jesus Christ. Jesus says to the disciples in the Greek text, "Take courage, I AM, do not be afraid" (Matthew 14:27). "I AM" is the divine name that Yahweh revealed to Moses in the book of Exodus (3:14). Peter calls out to Jesus, "Lord, save me!" (Matthew 14:30). The Greek word for "Lord" translates "Yahweh" in the Septuagint. At the end of the episode the disciples say, "Truly, you are the Son of God" (14:33).

The disciples' faith in Jesus is strengthened as they see him "walking on the sea" (14:25). The Old Testament attributes such power to Yahweh. "You still the roaring of the seas" (Psalm 65:8) and God "treads upon the crests of the sea" (Job 9:8). The whole account was important to the early Christians. They, much like the disciples in the boat, were often "being tossed about by the waves" (Matthew 14:24) of rejection and persecution by their contemporaries.

The words of Jesus were especially comforting. Even though Christ has ascended to the Father, he continues to say to his early followers and to Christians down through the ages, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid" (14:27). All can find strength in the midst of adversity by recalling the last words of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel, "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (28:20).

This continuing presence of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was seen especially in the Eucharist. It is not surprising that in John's Gospel today's miracle appears just before the promise of the Eucharist by the Lord (John 6:53-58). Every Christian as she or he receives Communion or takes part in the adoration of the Eucharist should hear Jesus saying, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid" (Matthew 14:27).

It is helpful to remember that Christ has patience with persons "of little faith" (14:31). Though we believe in Jesus, our faith is not perfect; but he will continue to work with all of us as he did with Peter and the disciples.

*Scripture Reflections and Commentaries by
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Readings for the Week of August 10, 2008

Sunday	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33
Monday	St. Clare, virgin Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday	Ez 2:8—3:4; Ps 119; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday	St. Pontian, pope, martyr, St. Hippolytus, priest, martyr Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday	St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78; Mt 18:21—19:1 Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Friday	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Saturday	St. Stephen of Hungary Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

100th Anniversary

The Centennial Committee will meet on Monday, August 11 at 7:00PM in the Parish Center. We will be working on plans for our Opening Mass Celebration and Reception that will take place on Saturday, August 30 at the 5:00PM Mass. All are welcome to join us at this meeting and participate in the planning of this festive event. Come join us!

SAVE THE DATE

OPENING MASS OF ST. ANN
CENTENNIAL YEAR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30 at 5 p.m.

Reception to follow
In school cafeteria

The rosary society will host a reception after the opening centennial mass on Saturday, August 30th. If you would like to help set up, serve refreshments or provide finger food it would be greatly appreciated.

We plan to serve cheese balls, dips, small sandwiches, vegetables, fruit, cookies, punch and coffee. If you can

help, please call Susan at 863-4963 or

887-2262.

ST. ANN SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an organization whose members dedicate their time to serve the community. We visit shut ins, take Communion to those who cannot get to church, and give financial assistance to those in need. Types of assistance include help with food, prescriptions, utilities, etc. All this is made possible through the generous donations of the People of St. Ann Parrish.

Currently, the SVDP society is looking for men or women 18 and older to join us in serving our community. We need new members with new ideas to help us better serve those in need. Any member of St. Ann parish that would like to get involved please call 737-0444 and leave your name and number on the voicemail or contact Susan McAbee through the parish offices. And always thank you to all, whose donations allow us to continue to serve the Community.

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, August 10th
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

Monday, August 11th
 7:00 p.m. Centennial Committee meeting

Wednesday, August 13th
 7:00 p.m. Basic Catechism Class Lesson 12
The Holy Eucharist
 St. Vincent de Paul
 P.A.C. Meeting

8:00 p.m.
 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 16th
 3:30 -4:30 p.m. Confessions
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass

Sunday, August 17th
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

REMINDER: Please see the Mass schedule for Mass times for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation.

Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center (Norwood, OH) is celebrating the anniversary of Our Lady of Light apparitions with 2 days of prayer, adoration, special talks related to our Days of Prayer and Mercy, the opportunity for a bus tour of Our Lady's Farm in Falmouth, KY and an evening candlelit rosary followed by midnight mass. Visit us at www.olhsc.org or call 513-351-9800 for a schedule of events. All events are free will donation, except the bus tour (\$30).

ST. ANN P.A.C. is looking for interested players for football grades 3-8 and volleyball grades 4-8. Any student interested in playing, please contact Jim Kreke at 910-0857. The P.A.C. is also in need of a volleyball coordinator and volleyball coaches for the upcoming season. Please consider volunteering - if you are interested please contact Jim Kreke at 910-0857.

BADIN HOSTING FISH FRY/DRAWDOWN SET: Badin High School's annual fish fry/drawdown will be held Saturday, Aug. 16, at the school. Tickets are \$50, which includes prize registration, dinner and drinks. There will be a \$10,000 grand prize. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the drawdown will begin at approximately 7:30. Guests (with no prize eligibility) will be charged \$10. For more information, call Badin at (513) 863-3993 or e-mail Lori Toerner at lttjct@fuse.net.

MT HEALTHY CHRISTIAN HOME Fall Festival: Saturday, September 13, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Craft show and Classic Car and Bike Show. 8097 Hamilton Avenue. For more information call 513-931-5000. *Food, Music, Bake Sale, Family Fun!*



Saturday, August 9th **Nineteenth Ordinary Sunday**
 5:00 p.m. Marguerite Baynes (Betty & Patty)

Sunday, August 10th **Nineteenth Ordinary Sunday**
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
 10:30 a.m. Amanda Schlabach – Birthday Remembrance (Mickey & Family)

Monday, August 11th **Clare, virgin**
 7:15 a.m. David Becker – Birthday Remembrance (Mother)

Tuesday August 12th **Weekday**
 7:15 a.m. Rita McLaughlin Miller (Roberta Heermann)

Wednesday, August 13th **Weekday**
 7:15 a.m. Lois Ventre (Sally Fiehrer)

Thursday, August 14th **Maximilian Mary Kolbe**
 7:15 a.m. Daniel Kelley (Mother)
 6:30 p.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

Friday, August 15th **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 7:30 a.m. Nettie Schneider (Dorothy Hunley)
 10:00 a.m. Eugene R. Pater (Sons)

Saturday, August 16th **Twentieth Ordinary Sunday**
 7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant
 5:00 p.m. George Baker (Carol & Barry Leistner)

Sunday, August 17th **Twentieth Ordinary Sunday**
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
 10:30 a.m. Cecilia Miller & Luella Cepluch (Nancy Miller)

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
08/03/2008	\$ 9,340.85
Shortfall	\$ (2,731.15)
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 60,360.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 46,269.93
Shortfall	\$ (14,090.07)

MERCY FRANCISCAN AT SCHRODER
 Appraisal Event! Where: Great Room at Schroder
 Date: August 23, 2008; Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 RSVP: 513-867-4100 by August 21st. Cost is \$25 includes appraisal of one item, lunch, drinks & dessert. Extra items may be appraised at \$10 per item (over 1). Professional appraiser Stuart Holman has been an instructor at the Walton School of Auctioneering for over 10 years. Call Mercy Franciscan at Schroder for more information at 867-4100.

ST. JULIE BILLIART CRAFT SHOW will be held on October 4, 2008 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Fenmont at 229 North Third Street, Hamilton. For booth information call Ann at 868-7502 or email at annelam@fuse.net.

SACRED HEART FESTIVAL
 August 8th, 9th, & 10th
 Grand Prize \$10,000.00

CATHOLIC CRUISE TO THE WESTERN CARIBBEAN
 8 Night Catholic Western Caribbean Cruise with Fr. Robert Murphy March 5-13, 2009 on the Carnival Miracle out of Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Prices begin at \$1660.86 for two passengers. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. For further information call Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785 / dpayttc@aol.com.