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Sunday, August 13th, 2017
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" — Mt 14:28-30

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Sat. Aug 12	9-10am 4-4:45pm	Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	✠ Wally & Sophie Paterak (Meyo Family)
Sun. Aug 13	10:00am	Missa Pro Populo
Mon. Aug 14	9:30am	Delores & Gerard Kennedy (Karen & Michael)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour
Tues. Aug 15	9:30am	✠ Mary Voogt & David Green (Voogt & Green Families)
Wed. Aug 16	9:30am	✠ Armand & Betty Mei (Patti & Cyril Simek)
Thurs. Aug 17	9:30am	✠ Gianni (Johnny) Bonaldo (Racz Family)
Fri. Aug 18	9:30am	✠ John & Teresa Sporbeck (Ted & Irene Uranowski & Fam.)

Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.
Offertory July 29th & 30th, 2017

69 Envelopes	\$1, 905.00
Loose Collection	\$ 88.25
Total Offertory	\$1, 993.25

Offertory August 5th & 6th, 2017

62 Envelopes	\$1, 475.00
Loose Collection	\$ 80.00
Total Offertory	\$1, 555.00
Maintenance	\$ 191.75

Month of July:
 Income: \$ 9, 963
 Expenses: \$12, 770

The Syrian Refugee Resettlement Committee The Housing committee is now looking for help in finding permanent or temporary accommodations for a family of 3 and a family of 4 or all 7 together. Ideal location would be near a bus stop in Welland, Thorold or St. Catharines. If you know of a suitable space please call the church.

Elisha House Baby Bottle Campaign: At Total of \$611.45 was collected in our Parish. Elisha House thanks you for your generous contributions to the work they do in the community.

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"Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was, he became frightened." How can we describe Peter? At once faithful and fearful, his jumbled responses remind us that he was no spiritual superman, well intentioned though he may have been. Peter wanted to believe, and in fact showed a great deal of confidence in Christ, but the temptation to doubt was strong enough to knock him off his feet, literally.

"O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Jesus reprimanded Peter. The words seem harsh. After all, Peter was the only one who had enough faith to even try something as ludicrous as stepping out of the boat onto the water in the first place. But perhaps Jesus wanted to emphasize that our faith needs to be strong enough to weather the storm, so to speak.

If we only believe in Jesus when the wind is calm and the waves are gone, is that truly having faith in him? Is that actually trusting in his supreme power over the forces of the universe? Peter began to sink as soon as a challenge appeared. Jesus called him, and he calls us, to stay on our feet even when the winds begin to blow.

So, what are the winds that threaten our faith? What kinds of gusts are blowing today? Whatever it might be—health problems, financial concerns, relational struggles—none of it is too much for Jesus to handle. But we must step out in faith and trust him! And we need to keep our eyes on him as we do so, instead of getting distracted by the force of the challenges we face. Jesus is bigger than any problem. We have nothing to fear as long as we are walking towards him.

Diocese of St. Catharines Canadian Missions Shared Collection – August 12 & 13, 2017

This shared collection will benefit **Catholic Missions In Canada** and the Diocese of St. Catharine's Canadian Mission partner, the **Diocese of Churchill-Hudson Bay in Nunavut. Catholic Missions In Canada** provides over \$3 Million in financial support to missionaries working in 24 Mission Dioceses in Canada: support of missionaries (\$2 million); religious education (\$1 million); repair & maintenance of churches (\$550,000). www.cmic.info. Since its founding in 1908, Catholic Missions In Canada, then known as The Catholic Church Extension Society of Canada, seeks to sustain and extend the Catholic Faith in isolated, poor and hard-to-reach mission areas in Canada. These are communities where diocesan resources are insufficient to keep the Church alive. Catholic Missions promotes national awareness on the needs of our Canadian missions and raises funds to sustain the work of evangelization. **Thank you for your generous support.**

Do you have questions about the Mass? Why do we do all the things we do at Mass? Why do we stand, sit and kneel? Why the 'smells and bells'? Join us at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 360 River Road, Welland, for a series of eight talks presented by Fr. Stuart MacDonald designed to help us understand the ritual we call The Mass. Each talk will be presented twice weekly, Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm, beginning on September 5, and Friday mornings at 11:00 am, beginning on September 8. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more details. For more information or to register, please call Helen Smits at 905 988 2274.

Let us pray for the success of our Vacation Bible School beginning this coming week, for the workers and volunteers preparing for this event and the children participating.

Sunday, August 20th, 2017
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. — Mt 15:26b-28

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Sat. Aug 19	9-10am 4-4:45pm	Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Aug 20	10:00am	✠ Kristina & Frank Hozjan (Stefan Hozjan & Family)
Mon. Aug 21	9:30am	✠ Hugh Amero (Voogt & Green Families)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour
Tues. Aug 22	9:30am	✠ Glen Campbell (Teresa Walters)
Wed. Aug 23	9:30am	Intention Available
Thurs. Aug 24	9:30am	✠ Mary Voogt & David Green (Voogt & Green Families)
	5:00pm	✠ Graham Dakin (Wendy Atkins)
Fri. Aug 25	9:30am	Intention Available
Sat. Aug 26	9-10am 4-4:45pm	Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	✠ Graham Dakin (Wendy Atkins)
Sun. Aug 27	10:00am	Missa Pro Populo

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." This woman was an outsider. She was a Canaanite, not an Israelite, and as such she would have been considered ritually unclean. But she approached Jesus nonetheless and asked for his help. And Jesus used this opportunity to teach his disciples an important lesson. In the verses directly before today's passage, Jesus had told Peter that what defiles a person comes from the heart, not from ignoring external purity practices. Then, Jesus traveled with his disciples from Galilee to the region of Tyre and Sidon where they were much more likely to encounter someone considered to be unclean. At first it appeared that Jesus wasn't going to acknowledge the woman who begged for help. His comment, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs," was a common comparison between Jews (the children) and Canaanites (the dogs). But, in fact, Jesus said this only to go right ahead and break this social code! He showed by his actions that it did not matter whether someone was Jewish or not, what mattered was the faith in a person's heart. And this woman proved to Jesus and the doubting disciples that she had great faith. How many others would have even approached Jesus to ask for his help? How many others would have persevered when he appeared unresponsive? Jesus gave this woman the opportunity to demonstrate her great faith. And then, he answered her request and praised her extraordinary faith. What a lesson for his prejudiced disciples! And what a lesson for us, both to persevere in faith, and never to judge others on mere appearances.

Coming up THIS SUMMER at Youth Ministry

Summer Lock-In – Fri. August 25th - Sat. August 26th
 At the request of our St. Ann Youth Ministry students, we will be hosting a Summer Lock-In from Friday, August 25th to Saturday August, 26th. Students will gather at the parish on Friday evening after dinner, around 7:00pm. We will play lots of games and participate in activities. Later in the evening we will participate in a Midnight Prayer Service. Weather permitting, we will be camping out in the field behind the church and having a bonfire. Snacks will be provided throughout the evening and we will make breakfast together in the morning in the parish hall. If any parents are interested in chaperoning for this event please let me know. Also we are looking for families who can bring/ provide tents. Each student will be responsible for their own sleeping bag and pillow.

Parish Calendar

August.....	
Aug 13th.....	Special Collection –Catholic Missions Shared Collection
Aug 14-18...	Vacation Bible School 9-12
Aug 25-26....	Youth Ministry Lock in
Aug 26/27...	Mission Appeal—Diocese of Keren, Eritrea, East Africa

Adult Altar Servers: Over the past years the number of children attending the 11am and 5pm weekend Masses has been declining. We are at a point now where there are no permanent young altar servers at 11am and only a few at 5pm. We have decided to look at other options. One of these is to build up a group of adult altar servers who would serve at Mass when the younger servers are not available. We are looking for volunteers to take on the role of Adult Altar Server for the 11am and 5pm Masses. Anyone in their teens and older can sign up. There will be training in late August/early September after which a schedule will be prepared. Adult altar servers will need to arrive at the church 10-15 minutes before Mass to help setup and will need to have a clean and neat appearance suitable to the role that they will be performing during Mass. Please contact Liliana at the parish office if you are interested.

Mission Appeal from the Diocese Keren: Weekend of August 26/27:

The Catholic Diocese of Keren, established in 1995, located in Eritrea (East Africa), serves a population of about half a million of which 11% are Catholic and 80% Moslem. In the last 60 years of drought and oppression, thousands of Eritrean lives have been lost, villages burned, infrastructure devastated and the hope and morale of our people has been severely challenged. As our people continue to struggle with difficulties that hamper development at every turn, the Catholic Church has been and is a beacon of hope that provides pastoral care, oversees 39 schools and 8 clinics, feeds malnourished children, takes care of orphans and expecting mothers. The Diocese is blessed with vocations with its seminarians and religious congregation full. Your financial assistance will support the Diocese of Keren to carry out its mission in spreading the Good News in words and deeds. Your prayers and generous financial support are greatly appreciated. Dr. Amine Kidane, Representative for the Diocese of Keren. **Envelopes have been attached to today's bulletin. Extras are at the back of the church.**

Thank you to all who assisted with our Feast of St. Ann Celebration on July 30th and those who attended the event.