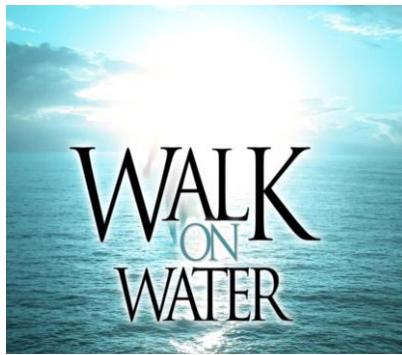




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Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

Announcements
Aug 15 Holy Day
Assumption of Mary
Mass 7:00 PM
Aug 22 – 25 Fr. Tom will be in Fairbanks for meetings with Bishop Chad.
Aug 24 – 28 Fr. John Hinsvark here to cover masses for weekend.
Aug 25 – 30 Fr. Tom will be in Kotz
Sept 3 – Sept 8 Fr. Tom will be in Anchorage on retreat.

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We Walk by Faith Not by Sight!

Stewardship!

Tithing is not just giving 10%
Tithing is giving back
because of what you have
received!

So many today hold on to their possessions as though they own them. We easily become possessive thinking,

- I have earned my money.
- I have bought my possessions
- I have a rightful claim to my things, my ways, and my life!

How easy we forget. God gave us life. He has blessed us with talents, time, and treasure and we are to give back generously as He has so generously given to me.

The gift of faith is the greatest gift God has given to us and we are to give that gift away.

We are called to be Faithful Stewards of what God has given.

Giving 10%: 5% to your parish and 5% to your favorite charities reminds us that we owe God everything.

St. Joseph Parish provides much to the community and people of Nome, much goes unseen. Many parishioners and donors selflessly give to help keep our parish active.

Yet, we still have greater expenses than what we take in. I ask every parishioner to consider your involvement and stewardships to our parish.

If everyone could add just 1% more to what you give, we would easily afford the cost of keeping St. Joseph active and involved.

Why Be Catholic

What is Faith?
Faith is innate!

Faith is a deep longing in our hearts for God! Faith is a desire that keeps us focused on what makes life worth living.

Yet, faith today for many is the gospel of prosperity and peace; a message of health and wealth; a belief that I am privileged and superior. Faith today means I am served.

This worldly faith sells. People buy it and demand special privileges and treatments at the expense of using others.

Yet the faith of the Gospel of Jesus is a Gift. Christian Faith teaches that

1. God created the world.
2. That in this world there are choices
3. Each choice has responsibilities and consequences.
4. Good and evil exist.
5. I am responsible for my choices!

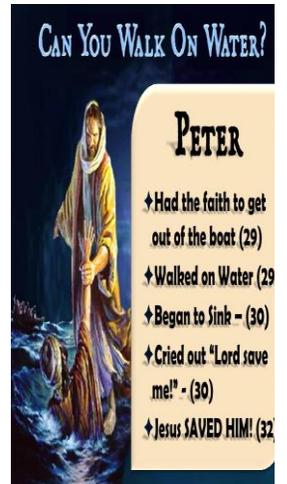
Faith innately chooses happiness as we are created to be happy. Happiness is not just being content, comfortable, and gratified. Happiness is not a state of being, being satisfied as the rich farmer was after an abundant harvest.

Happiness is activity. Happiness actively seeks meaning, purpose, and most importantly reconciliation so I can obtain happiness.

Sheer Faith is incomplete, it desires something greater than myself. It is a desire to want more: be more human. But we are made in the image God and God is love.

Faith is only complete when we are filled with love and fill others with our love.

Why be Catholic? Because our faith teaches us that Divine Love is the ultimate purpose of my life and only God's love will fill me and only by his love will I be able to love others as I want to – as I should!

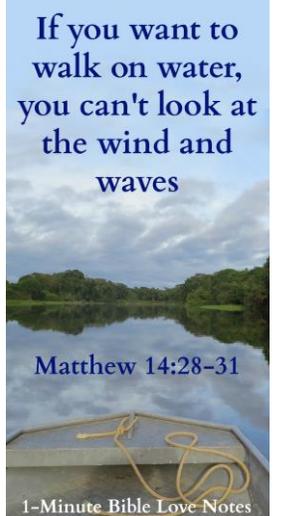


Walking on water
was no problem for
Jesus! He was the
Son of God and his
miracles confirmed
this claim.

Walking on water
became a problem
for Peter. His claims
to follow Jesus were
faulty

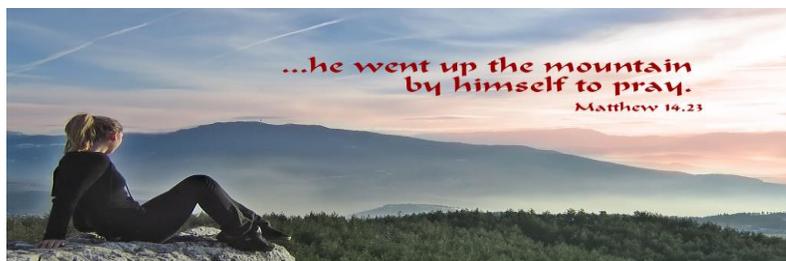
Walking on water
would not be a
problem for Peter,
or for anyone for
that matter, if
proper steps are
taken!

1. Ask for healing
2. Embrace the Call of Jesus
3. Be Transfigured by God's Grace



Weekly Schedule:

Date	Mass Time	Place	Feast Day	Lector/Minister	Intention	Activity
Mon Aug 14	5:30 PM	Nome	St. Kolbe		Les Griffiths	
Tue Aug 15	*6:30 PM	Nome	Assumption		Rita Macall	
Wed Aug 16	5:30 PM	Nome			Jacica Simon	
Thu Aug 17	5:30 PM	Nome			Lee Simon	
Fri Aug 18	8:00 AM	Nome			Lee Vivian	
Sat Aug 19	5:30 PM	Nome	St. Eudes		Han Peter	
Sun Aug 20	10:30 AM	Nome	19 th Sunday		St. Joseph	



Be Healed; Hear the Call; Enter the Mystery!

"Disciples in Mission" is the new approach to evangelization. This popular focus began with St. John Paul famously in Mission of the Redeemer (Redemptoris Missio) and of course has been the new message for the last 30 years.

We are a church in mission (RM # 62). We are missionary disciples sent out to proclaim the Gospel "for faith is strengthened when it is given to others" (RM 2.3). We are self-giving; called to give as the Father gave his Son to the world to heal the world of its brokenness caused by sin. Sin is the cancer that destroys us of giving ourselves freely as Jesus gave himself freely to us. This Gospel message which seems so confusing to so many is so simple: God's love heals; teaches, and gives.

God loves us and because He loves us, He sent his Son to heal us of our brokenness. Once healed of our brokenness, Jesus sends us his Holy Spirit to confirm us in our faith: that is our healing from sin and death. Healed by Baptism and Confirmed by the Holy Spirit, we enter into the mystery of the Eucharist. That is we are taken up as St. Paul reflects into the 3rd heavens and given a vision of God's life, where eye and ear has not seen the glories of God.

This mystery, mystagogia, is really a mystical marriage with Jesus through the Sacraments of Baptism which heals us of our brokenness; Confirmation which confirms our Faith in Jesus and empowers us to proclaim the message and then teach it to those who want to know the secrets of the faith; and the Eucharist which is a holy Communion as St. Paul teaches us that we, the Church are the bride of Christ and become one with Him. This mystical marriage as we know it is what St. Teresa of Avila and St. Catherine of Sienna both tried to reveal in their writings.

Yet, this "New Evangelization" is nothing other than the evangelization that takes place in the Gospel. Peter, a sinful man, experiences Jesus after the catch of many fish. He comes to realize how sinful he is. Peter experiences his own brokenness and wants healing: Baptism.

Peter walks on water because not only has he been healed of his sinfulness but he wants more. He wants to follow Jesus with all his heart, all his mind, and all his strength, the Jewish Shema (Duet 6:4ff).

As Jesus teaches us not all understand the simplicity of the Gospel message. Remember the parables, especially the Parable of the Seeds.

"Knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matt 13:11)

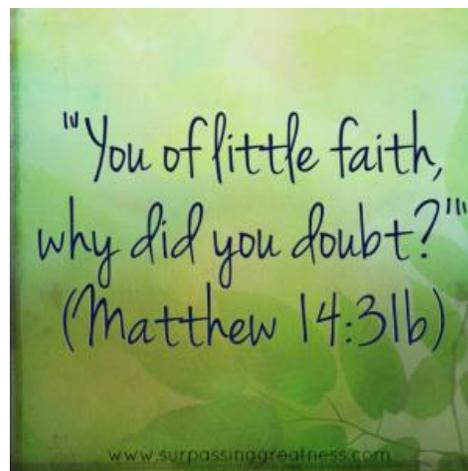
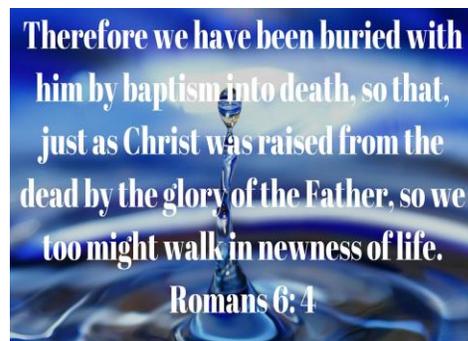
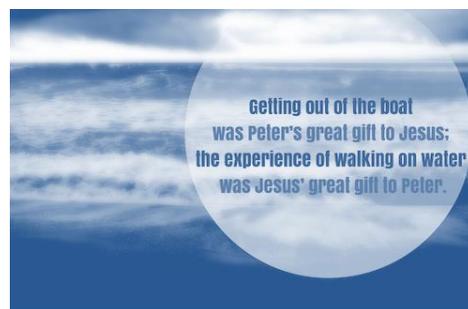
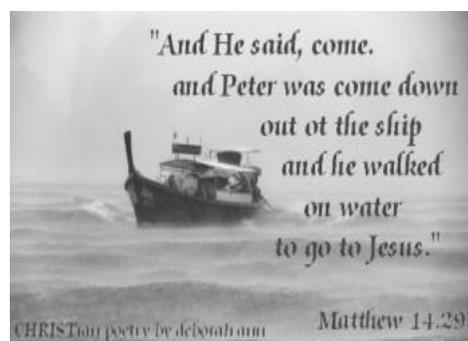
Peter did, at least he tried to understand them. He gave up everything: his family, his finances, and his faithlessness, to follow Jesus.

That is why Jesus asks at the end of Parable discourse: "Do you understand these parables (13:51)?"

Even though Peter fails, walking on water, denying Jesus 3 times, and failing to embrace the Cross, We know what happens to Peter. He is overshadowed by the Holy Spirit and confirmed in his faith through his struggles, finally he is ready to evangelize. Finally he is sufficiently healed of his sinfulness and has experienced Jesus enough that He entrusts his life to Jesus. Then He is confirmed in faith!

Yet, Peter considered super apostle spreads the Gospel only to be lead to full communion when he chooses to die like Jesus though upside down. He enters into the Mystery of the Eucharist, the New Covenant, where Peter as did Jesus freely offers his life to Father. Peter is in full communion with Jesus and the Father.

The New Evangelization is nothing new! It is the same simple message. We do not need to complicate the message with all sorts of sophisms and casuistries. We need not naturally be skeptics but believers who embrace the simple message of Jesus: He heals you; He calls you to walk with him, even on water. And He will embrace your love and give you a love that will conquer sin and death.



**Faith is taking the first step,
Even though you cannot see
The whole staircase.**