



From The Pastor's Desk

In today's Gospel we see Jesus walking on the water. When the wind picked up and sea got very rough, the disciples were in fact terrified!

He came toward them, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once [Jesus] spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." 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!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God." MATTHEW 14: 25B-33

Brothers and sisters if we but allow ourselves to see with the eyes of faith we can live and move with ease in God's love. When Peter allowed himself to be concerned about what was happening around him, he lost sight of Our Lord, as he didn't see with the eyes of faith. We cannot let the winds of distraction, the rains of other voices and images that are not Christ-like to interfere with our following the way of Jesus Christ. That is what this Gospel invites us to consider: Live with our eyes and ears and hearts focused on Jesus Christ!

St. Rosalie's Feast Day

We will celebrate St. Rosalie's Feast Day this year on September 10 at the 11 a.m. Mass. Following the Mass and procession we will have light refreshments in the Community Center.

Our Parish Retreat

How blessed we all are to have had this great retreat with Father Robert Fath on the Missions; and our call to Encounter Christ.

Our Newest Additions

This summer we are blessed to have our newly ordained priest Father John Wachowicz joining Father Steve Maddaloni and myself here at St. Rosalie's. With three priests we can handle some down time for each of us. We have Father Tom Vassalotti, who is a classmate of mine from Brooklyn ordained ten years, who will be with us later in the month. Also, we thank Father Robert Fath our Retreat Director, also ordained ten years. Father Robert and I became friends while completing the Spiritual Direction program at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, Chicago. Father Robert is vocation director and holds many other jobs from the Diocese of Fairbanks, Alaska. Let's pray for these priests and many more vocations.

*Summer breezes and Blessings,
Father Ed*