

### 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

- I have 3 sons – all different from each other – and from me.
  - I like prayer, Church, silence – they think that's boring
    - Joe sees God in nature – fishing
    - Matt sees God in the love of his son and family
    - Mike sees God 4-wheeling on the beach – admiring nature
    - Each of them is different – but they all know God when they see Him
  - I've discovered its like that with God – F/S/HS each reveal the love of God
    - BUT each reveals it in subtly different ways
  - For example, in the 1<sup>st</sup> reading around 960 BC God calls Elijah aside
    - **The Father** tells him to wait and He will pass by
    - WIND/EARTHQUAKE/FIRE – Elijah waits
    - (My sons like ACTION, so they would've been all over these things)
    - BUT Elijah has a prophet's heart -
    - The Father is only recognized by Elijah in the tiny whispering sound
  - 1000 years later, in the Gospel, **the Son**, JC, walks on water
    - Jesus displays His divinity in midst of a storm at sea
    - The same WIND the Father did NOT use to reveal Himself
  - The Father loved Elijah and becomes present in a whisper
  - The Son loved his disciples and becomes present in a raging storm
  - The HS will become present on Pentecost in tongues of fire on heads of Apostles
  - How God comes is up to Him – what's important is to believe that He comes!
    - Elijah was in a crisis – Jezebel was trying to kill him
      - God comes to him
    - Disciples were in a crisis – their boat was sinking in a storm
      - Jesus comes to them
    - Apostles on Pentecost were in a crisis – J had ascended – alone – now what
      - HS comes to them
    - ***God doesn't need a crisis to reveal Himself –***
      - ***But He'll use one to get our attention!***
  - ARE YOU A FLOATER OR A SINKER?
    - The message we usually get out this gospel is that as long as Peter kept his eyes on Jesus he was walking on water, but when he took them off of Jesus he sank.
      - The emphasis is on Peter's weak faith & that Peter needed to look at J
      - **But its not about Peter** – its about Jesus
        - Jesus comes in the midst of their need
        - When Jesus calms the storm, the disciple proclaim their faith
        - NB - The storm only stops when they invite J into their boat
        - *Have you invited Jesus into your boat?*
          - *If not – you're going to sink*
          - *If you do – He'll help you float*
      - **In midst of our storms – God is with us**
      - **How He comes is up to Him, but He comes.**
        - It may be in a storm or in the smile of your spouse
        - It may be in an earthquake or a tiny whisper
        - However He comes, in faith we know that God is with us
      - Today we pray that we might be like Elijah and recognize His coming