

## Dismissal Resources:

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Dismissals for the RCIA

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## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *Year A*

My friends,  
today God's word invited all of us  
to attune our hearts to recognize  
the presence of God around us.

Sometimes you will find God  
in the midst of the storminess of life;  
at other times you will find God  
during moments of tranquility.


As you go forth,  
we pray that you will continue to find God  
in the word and in the friendships  
you share among each other.  
Until the day when you celebrate with us  
at the table of the Eucharist,  
we bid you now go in peace.

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## Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

[After the proclamation of the gospel or after the homily, the presider says:]

**Would our candidates and catechumens please come forward?**

[When they have reached the dismissal area, he walks over to them and dismisses them with these words:]

**My dear candidates and catechumens,  
Matthew's Gospel presents us with a familiar scene.  
All of us have experienced the boats of our lives  
shaken by the winds and waves.**

**May each of you learn to see  
that during the storms, winds, and waves,  
the many forms his outstretched hand may take  
as Jesus continues to reach out to you.**

**Go now in the peace of Christ  
to reflect on the Scriptures  
and break open the Word of God in your lives.**

Prayer of the faithful:

**That our candidates and catechumens may recognize  
God's grace in both the positive and negative events of  
their lives, let us pray to the Lord.**

Dismissal based on Matt 14:22-33.

# 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

## Jerusalem

v22. Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away.

v23 After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,

v24 while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind.

v25 In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake,

v26 and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear.

v27 But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.'

v28 It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.'

v29 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water,

v30 but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried.

v31 Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?'

v32 And as they got into the boat the wind dropped.

v33 The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

## The Message

22-23 As soon as the meal was finished, he insisted that the disciples get in the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he dismissed the people.

With the crowd dispersed, he climbed the mountain so he could be by himself and pray. He stayed there alone, late into the night.

24-26 Meanwhile, the boat was far out to sea when the wind came up against them and they were battered by the waves.

At about four o'clock in the morning, Jesus came toward them walking on the water.

They were scared out of their wits. "A ghost!" they said, crying out in terror.

27 But Jesus was quick to comfort them. "Courage, it's me. Don't be afraid."

28 Peter, suddenly bold, said, "Master, if it's really you, call me to come to you on the water."

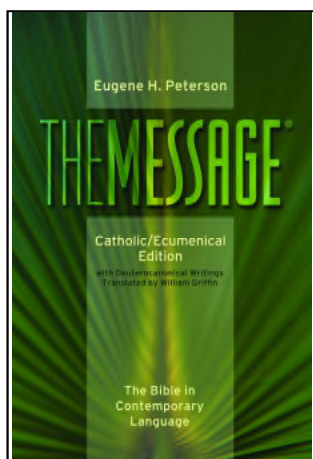
29-30 He said, "Come ahead." Jumping out of the boat, Peter walked on the water to Jesus.

But when he looked down at the waves churning beneath his feet, he lost his nerve and started to sink. He cried, "Master, save me!"

31 Jesus didn't hesitate. He reached down and grabbed his hand. Then he said, "Faint-heart, what got into you?"

32-33 The two of them climbed into the boat, and the wind died down.

The disciples in the boat, having watched the whole thing, worshiped Jesus, saying, "This is it! You are God's Son for sure!"



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