

Reflection on the readings of the 19th week in Ordinary Time.

The primary purpose of reflecting on the readings of the Sunday Mass liturgy is to focus on the question of what is God asking of us in those readings. Reading and meditating the Bible is the main source of our spiritual development. The story of Jesus walking on the water and telling Peter to step out is not an abstract lesson, it is Jesus saying to us all “get out of the boat and walk on the water”. He is asking each of us to make a similar leap of faith in our lives and, learning from that experience, to trust in Him. The Holy Spirit is the inspiration in our journey of faith. So we hear God speaking to us saying: if you are to grow into the fullness of faith, you will need to make some great leap of faith, to grow our understanding of what God wants from our lives and step out in faith to achieve it. He wants us to step out of our comfort zones and ask Him what he wants of us and then pray for it.

In the reading from the Book of Kings we have been taught that we should not expect a huge earthquake to make such a dramatic change in our lives or a devastating fire to give us a jolt, but to listen to the still voice (whisper) of the holy Spirit speaking to us in the silence of a moment spent in contemplation. So as we await his guidance we hear Him say “I long for you O Lord, my soul longs for his word (the Alleluia). We pray to Him “O God forget not the cries of those who seek you. (Ent Antiphon)