

Listening to the Word of God --- 19TH Sunday of Ordinary Time August 9th 2020 A,D.

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First Reading 1ST Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

What do I think God is revealing to Elijah and me about what He is like?

Second Reading Romans 9:1-5

Essentially Paul is saying he would be willing to be damned, if by his damnation all of the Jewish people would become followers of Christ. Sometimes a parent might have the thought that they would be willing to live all eternity in hell, if it meant that all their children could live in Heaven. Being in Heaven or Hell is not a deal we can make for anyone except ourselves. Being in Heaven is given by the grace of God and determined by our choosing Christ and living in God's Spirit, obeying His laws, being loving and taking care of the needy. Heaven is where God's friends are. God knows who His friends are. How deep is my friendship with God? Is it deeper than it was a few years ago? How much of my finances go to the poor?

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

What do I notice about Peter's faith and fear? The other disciples' faith? The manner in which Jesus addressed Peter? What do I feel God is revealing about Himself and faith in this passage?

Gems of the Catechism for the week is still available on the Parish Website.