

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE
20
2021

The disciples were filled with great awe and said to one another,
“WHO THEN IS THIS WHOM EVEN WIND AND SEA OBEY?”

Mark 4:41

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As always in Ordinary Time, today's Old Testament reading sets the stage for the Gospel. God, who in Jesus will "rebuke the wind" and "command the sea to be still" (Mark 4:39), "addresses Job out of the storm" (Job 38:1), speaking to the turmoil in Job's heart, calling to mind the primal chaos of creation's untamed sea, reminding Job that God's mighty word then was enough to command order and bring forth life. In today's Gospel, the disciples' fear, even near despair, takes center stage. Are any of us strangers to such emotions? Squall-force winds buffet their boat, waves break over it, and Jesus might as well not be there. Mark's account is especially grim. Alone among the evangelists, he tells us that Jesus is in the stern, the very back of the boat, not just asleep—sound asleep! Only Mark adds the detail, "on a cushion" (4:38).

fort us, as it has generations of disciples before us. Though the "boat" is, primarily, a symbol of the Church, never forsaken by Christ, carried safely across time's stormy waters, Saint Augustine preaching on this very Gospel sixteen hundred years ago noted that, since each of us is a temple of God, each one's heart is a sailing boat. Consider any temptation, says Augustine, as "the wind, the surging of the sea," and do what the disciples did: wake up Christ, "the sleeper in your heart," by recalling his words and commands. Then be like the wind and the sea: "The sea obeys him, the wind is still." Whenever emotions make our hearts turbulent, whenever Christ seems absent or at least asleep, "let us not despair but awaken Christ, so that we may sail in quiet waters, and reach at last our heavenly homeland."

Today's Readings: Jb 38:1, 8–11; Ps 107:23–26, 28–31; 2 Cor 5:14–17; Mk 4:35–41

AWAKEN CHRIST

Though we welcome Jesus in Word and Eucharist Sunday after Sunday, haven't we all, from time to time, experienced Jesus' "real absence"? This personal application should com-

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Welcome Visitors!

We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home."

*Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, you are invited to join our parish family. **Please come again!***

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

John Gillespie. Belinda Flowers. Dona Jordan. Jaye Anderson. Georgette March. Daniel Corrigan. Kyle Fabitz. Greg Mooney. Valerie Branch. Garry Fetsch. Karee Haney. Yvonne Scott. Bollinger Family. Kate Guthrie. Charlie Parker. Molly Dunn. Regina Davies. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Gayle McCloskey. Shay Mikalonis. Wanda & George Duke. Fleming Family. Doris & Jo Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Ed Stanley. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Judy Fazio. Marsha Blahitka. Joshua & Chase Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda & Mike Stephens. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: Cyndy Peters (Daughter of Joann Rayl). Gayle McCloskey (Wife of Charles McCloskey). Ulysses Cormier (Brother of James Cormier).

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

Dawn Quinn, US Army PVT (Granddaughter of Bob & Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Lt. "JG" Gary Buchanan; 2nd Lt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The Lord said to Job: Who shut within doors the sea? And who said: Thus far shall you come but no farther! (Job 38:1, 8-11).

Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting (Psalm 107).

Second Reading: Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:14-17).

Gospel: Who is this whom even wind and sea obey? (Mark 4:35-41).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6ab, 15ab, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17 Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

Mass—Intentions

Sat. 6/19 Brynlee & Olivia Bonicard (Carolyn & David)

Sun 6/20 TO ALL OUR FATHERS

Tue 6/22 Russell & Nadine Anderson+ (Ruddie)

Wed 6/23 Active Duty Members

Thurs 6/24 Mel Mulder (M/M Murfin)

Fri. 6/25 Inactive/Retired Service Members

Sat. 6/26 Butch Gardner + (Mary Catalano)

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts through May 31, 2021

Expenditures \$ 3,434

Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,603

Attendance 6/12 Saturday 65 6/13 Sunday 55

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving.



Pope's Intention for June:

The beauty of marriage. Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

ON FATHERHOOD

One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters.

—George Herbert

CLOSER

God is closer to me than my own breath.

—Anonymous

THE WIND AND THE SEA

Living along the shores of Lake Superior—the "big lake," as the locals call it—you can often hear the advice, "Respect the lake; don't take it for granted." People who know Lake Superior respect its power and watch out for its many moods. Sunken ships and boats crushed into kindling are testimonies to what the lake can do.

The readings of this Sunday evoke our memories of the lake, of the mighty Mississippi River, or of the ocean itself. Who but God can control these mighty waters and set limits to their advance? The lake described in today's Gospel was a body of water subject to sudden storms and churned into dangerous waves by terrible winds.

But these mighty agents are subject to God. The sailor and the fisher all respect the water. Even more, they respect the awesome power of the Maker of wind and sea.

Would you be interested in spending an hour with our Lord in adoration?



Please contact Cathy Ellis at cathy.ellis@gmail.com. Cathy will need your name, and a one hour time slot on Tuesdays that you would be willing to come to the church and adore our Lord.



Please join us as we pray the **patriotic rosary for peace in America**



Saturday, July 3rd after the 9:00am Mass

I want to express my appreciation to the **Rosary Group** for all the months of difficult tasks in preparing/pricing/setting up/tearing down/standing on your feet, etc. to raise funds for our church by having a **garage sale**. All that hard work paid off!!! They raised **\$6,000.00** and donated to the church.

The garage sale was a huge success, and it wouldn't be possible without everyone that donated items, attended the sale and purchased more items and those that worked long hard hours.

I just had to tell you again how much I appreciate you.

God Bless, Fr. Mike



Mallory Lancaster, graduated from Trinity University in San Antonio. Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a Concentration in Management. (Granddaughter of Gary & Dianne Lautt)

Gabby Hlavenka, graduated from Rockwall H.S. Attending Collin County Community College her first year, then on to University of Arkansas. (Granddaughter of Melinda Hlavenka)

Jake Arthur, graduated from Lake Highlands H.S. Attending University of Oklahoma. (Nephew of Dianne Lautt & Melinda Hlavenka)

June Second Collections:

19th & 20th: "Priest Pension Fund of the Diocese"
26th & 27th: "Peter's Pence (Pontifical Collection)."

Cenacle of Life: Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm**. Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki 817-637-9382**

Legion of Mary—Pilgrim Statue: Thanks to a couple of parishioners, Our Lady of Fatima Statue was not in lockdown during Covid. Now She is ready to visit your home. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749 or Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953. The Statue will be delivered to your home on the day of your choice and picked up at the end of one week. If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.



We have had many blessings to our food ministry. Recently several families have come on better times and have requested that some one else would be in need. Therefore, we have several openings and are asking you if you

know of any family in need of our assistance. This would include elderly and shut ins. Please provide name, address, phone #, and number of adults & children in the family. Call or email this information to the church office or deposit it into the weekend collection baskets or you can email Bob Mailliard at theduckdude@att.net

Thank you,
*Bob Mailliard; Bryan & Dolly Todd; Stan & Terry Evans
Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team*

So, do you ever wish God would just talk to you sometimes?

You do? Great! Let's get together and talk about it. (He already talks to you, you know. One way is through our Bibles.)

We would like to offer a weekly, on-ongoing course of Scripture Study for men only; women only or co-ed. And we need your input to determine exactly how, what, and when we will make this available to you. Please fill out the mini form below and drop it into the collection basket or email me (email address below). Please do not fill out the form unless you are serious about participating. After we tabulate and collate the information you provide for us, we will report our finding and offer suggestions for the "preferred" Scripture Study. The sooner we receive your input, the sooner we can announce your preferences and our plan to accommodate them. If you require any additional information please feel free to contact randymunoz80@hotmail.com. Fill out the following info with your

NAME: _____ **phone #** _____ **Place in collection basket or email Randy Munoz.**

When would you like to meet? (Check one day and one time)

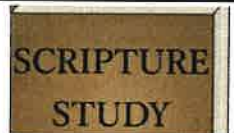
Sunday _____ Monday _____ Tuesday _____ Wednesday _____ Thursday _____

Morning _____ Evening _____ **When Would You Like To Start Scripture Study** In July 2021 _____ Aug. _____ Sept. _____

Men only _____ Women only _____ Co-Ed _____

What would you prefer for a format? Structured (specific scriptures and formal study guides – Little Rock, etc.) _____

Unstructured (pick a book and go) _____





Rosary Rally on Saturday, June 19th @ 10am.

Rally will be outside Holy Spirit Church.

To honor the Sacred Heart
of Jesus Rosary
will be said in
reparation for sins & offences
against the Sacred Heart.

Feast of the Sacred Heart June 13th.

Please Join Us.

Article for the Big Sandy-Hawkins Journal. 16 June 2021 Edition
(Submission date: 11 June 2021) Submitted by Randy Munoz

Ever wondered what Catholics (especially older ones) mean when they talk about novenas? Excerpts from an article by Randy Sly, *Nine Days of Focused Prayer: What is a Novena?*, give us its definition and history.

(<https://www.catholic.org/news/hf/faith/story.php?id=36553>) Randy Sly is the Associate Editor of Catholic Online. He was an Archbishop of the Charismatic Episcopal Church who laid aside that ministry to enter into full communion of the Catholic Church.

The Catholic Encyclopedia ... defines a Novena as **"nine days' private or public devotion in the Catholic Church to obtain special graces."** While the number eight in the Judeo-Christian tradition was always thought of as a festive number of new beginnings, the number nine seemed to be often linked with suffering. On the tenth day, Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon them and the Church was born. The heart of any Novena is the same as the first one, called by our Lord Himself. "He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father." (Acts 1:4) ... The persistence of the Christ's followers and His mother to wait for the promise, ended in fulfillment. On the Feast of Pentecost, tongues of fire appeared of each of their heads declaring the coming of the Holy Spirit. Nine day vigils were noted in Church history from the third century onward. By the Middle Ages, novenas for the Pope and Cardinals were commonplace. Still today, whenever we undertake a novena of prayer, we are declaring that same supreme desire to wait for the promise, persevering with confidence until the end. Either as a public or personal observance, a novena involves nine days of hopeful anticipation of an answer for the petition or intention for which prayers are being offered. Often a sense of urgency and earnestness accompanies these times. They are also a wonderful witness to a belief in the power of prayer and the dynamic role of genuine faith. When we pray a Novena, we either pray the same prayer for all nine days or follow a list of prayers to be prayed for each day. Every novena is a bit different in the intention, formation of prayers and practice. The Catholic Encyclopedia ... "The novena is permitted and even recommended by ecclesiastical authority, but still has no proper and fully set place in the liturgy of the Church. It has, however, more and more been prized and utilized by the faithful." Parishes often offer a novena of Masses for the departed or for a special intentions, such as mothers and fathers or vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. There are a number of Novenas, most of which focus upon Mary, St. Joseph, the Sacred Heart, particular Saints, a special theme such as Divine Mercy or the Holy Family or preparing for Special Feasts. Often, they are focused on special needs of the whole ... a particular part of the Church. On the day after Ascension, the Church often enters into a Novena to the Holy Spirit, which culminates with the Feast of Pentecost...


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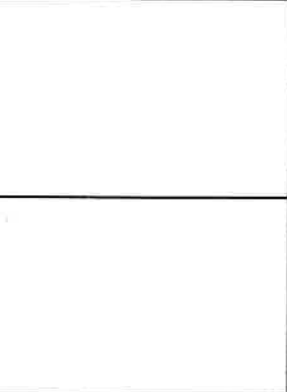
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