

June 20th - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 19

9:00am † *Amado Sr. & Simplicia Pinlac*

Sunday, June 20

8:00am † *Henry & Teresa Thran*

10:00am † *Patrick Molloy*

12:00pm

Monday, June 21

9:00am

Tuesday, June 22

9:00am

Wednesday, June 23

9:00am

Thursday, June 24

9:00am *All Souls in Purgatory*

Friday, June 25

9:00am

Saturday, June 26

9:00am

The Parish Office is open

The Parish office is now open Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” So where did this remarkable confession of faith come from? It was a gift of the Father. Faith, after all, comes from Him. We cannot make ourselves believe in God; but we can receive faith as a gift, embrace it with gratitude, and rejoice in praise.



Peace Be Still.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA June 7th - June 13th, 2021

Tues. On-line giving\$ 5.00
Weekend Offering.....\$2,607.93
AAA.....\$ 997.00

From the Desk of the Pastor

In today's Gospel, Jesus is at a crucial point in his public ministry. The "violent squall" at sea provokes terror in the disciples.

In the context of the calming of the storm on the lake of Galilee, St. Mark presents, Jesus' command to the wind and the sea, and his questions to his disciples: "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" form a unit. Jesus' response implies that if they had faith, they would not be terrified.

One can imagine and almost see in the eyes of his disciples who are awestruck: "who then is this, whom even the wind and the sea obey?"

Today's gospel is part of a series of St. Mark's passages articulating the perspective that accepting the arrival of God's reign means witnessing the violent overthrow of the forces of evil in the world. God's reign does not come smoothly but through upheavals in our lives.

In the midst of adversity, we need to trust in the saving presence of God who triumphs over the waters of the sea. In the midst of distress we need to turn to the Lord with Faith, to him whom even the wind and the sea obey.

It will take a long time, for the disciples, perhaps three long years with a lot of ups and downs, coming to believe, in the company of Jesus, to witness his public ministry, and finally be attuned to receive the revelation from 'God the Father' that St. Peter would have the strength to profess his personal faith in Jesus: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God".

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

Sunday masses are celebrated at 8am & 10am in English and 12noon en espanol

The church is open for personal prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sundays from 8:00am to 1:00pm. The Parish thanks the Knights of Columbus, Council 615 and our liturgical ministers who generously offer their time, talent and treasure in faithful stewardship every weekend, keeping watch in the church and taking care of the church

Today's Gospel offers evidence of Jesus' power and authority as he calms the storm. In his day, power over nature was believed to be a sign of divinity—only God calms storms. Jesus' rebuke of the storm also echoes the rebuke he uses when he talks to and expels demons. In each situation, Jesus' power and authority is a sign of his divinity. Indeed, the disciples are left wondering about Jesus' identity at the conclusion of today's Gospel. They see before them a human being who acts with the authority and power of God. The disciples' uncertainty about Jesus' identity is a recurring theme in Mark's Gospel.

This Gospel is a metaphor for our lives. We are in the boat, the storms of life are raging around us, and like the disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned, or "sleeping." We hope that we will be as familiar with Jesus as his disciples. If we feel that Jesus is sleeping, are we comfortable enough to wake Jesus and present him with our needs? Jesus does not chide his disciples for waking him. Instead he chides them for their lack of faith, for their lack of perspective. When we bring our worries to God in prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God's perspective.

A Blessing for Father's Day

God our Father, In your wisdom and love you have created us and called us your own. Bless our fathers, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. In moments of joy, rejoice with them. In times of struggle, give them your courage and perseverance. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them always with a spirit of profound respect. May the example and prayer of St. Joseph inspire them to live their vocation with courage. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Today is the twelfth Sunday of the church's ordinary time. In it, the holy mother church reminds and encourages us her children that, Christ is with us even in the midst of all the storms of this life. Therefore, this is a great cause for celebration and thanksgiving because we are so glad that Jesus cares for us. Life is full of storms. At times, they can become so strong and strange that that our human strength can no longer support us. At such moments fear and complaints might take over the central stage of our life. Even in some cases, we might lose our faith in God, thinking that he has abandoned us or that he does not exist. These storms come in different forms. They could be: problems in our marriage, our children who are not responding well, lack of good job, poor finance, inability to procreate, or a prolonged sickness that has defiled all treatments. They could also be the inability to find or maintain a good and stable relationship or, falling out with people all the time. They could also be poor results in our academics or business. The list is unending, but these represent the realities we face every day. The truth is that, there is no assurance that our lives would be completely free of storms. However, the good news is that, there is an assurance that Christ is with us to help us succeed.