

JUNE 20, 2021

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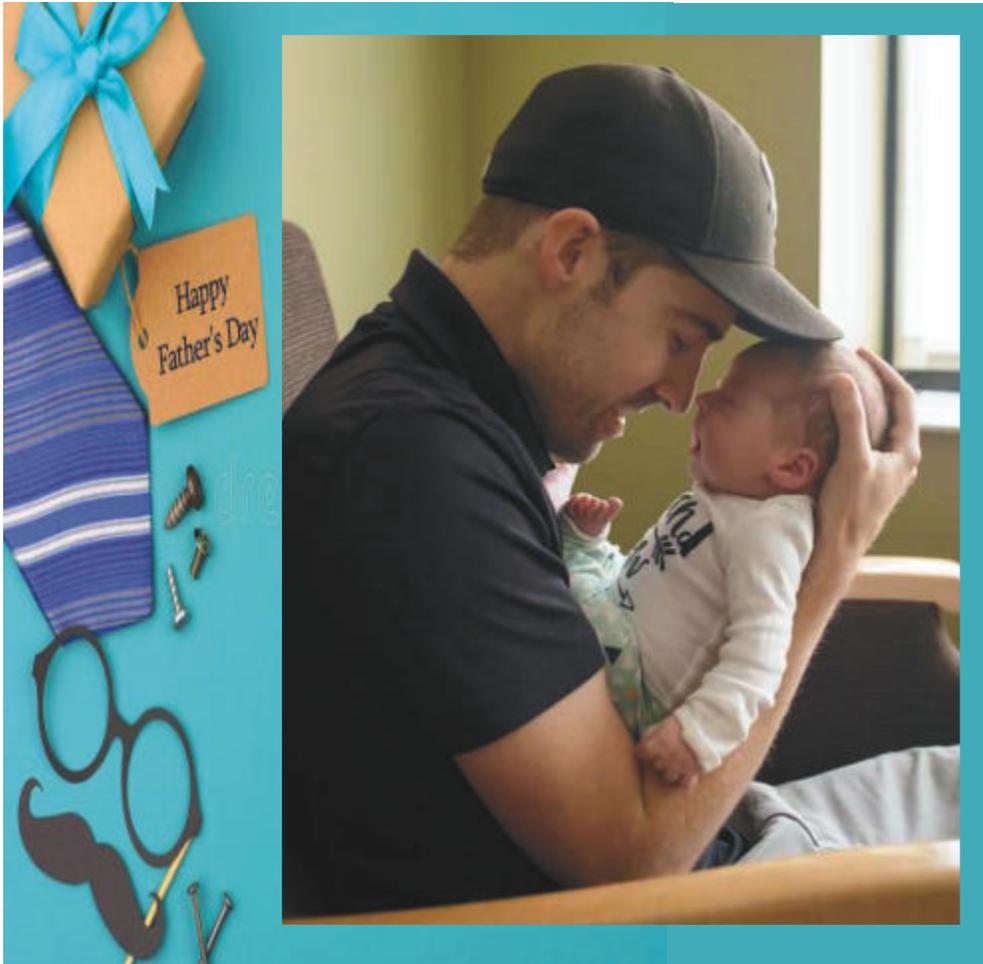
Saturday 3:30 pm or by appointment.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday 8:00 am
Wednesday 8:00 am

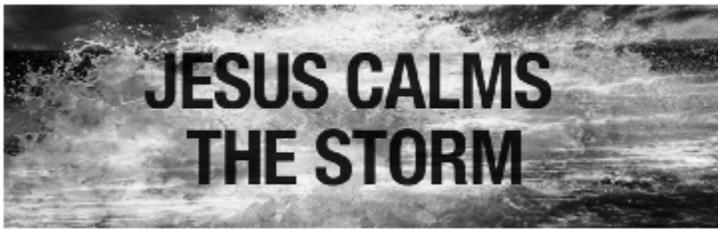


Baby Eli HANLEY AND DAD ZACH FATHER AND NEW-BORN SON

Prayer for Fathers

He is a mender of toys, a leader of boys.
He is a changer of fuses, a healer of bruises
He's a mover of couches, a healer of ouches.
He's a hanger of screens, a counselor of teens.
He's a pounder of nails, a teller of tales.
He's a dryer of dishes, a fulfiller of wishes.
Bless Him, O Lord.





He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" — *Mk 4:35-40*

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 And don't forget your Sunday donation!
 You can drop your envelope in the collection at any church in the U.S. and it will be forwarded to us.



**Saturday, June 12th 4:00pm
and
Sunday, June 13th 8:30am**

Sunday Collection	\$2,770.00
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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Monday, June 21st

8:00 am Father's Day Novena

Tuesday, June 22nd

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Wednesday, June 23rd

8:00 am Father's Day Novena

Thursday, June 24th

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Saturday, June 26th, 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Fathers Day Novena

Sunday, June 27th, 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 am Fathers Day Novena

10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC



Father's Day Novena

It's not too late to be included in our Father's Day Novena of nine masses. The novena begins today, June 20th at the 4:00pm Mass. You may include your father, living or deceased, or any other important men in your life. Cards and offering envelopes are still available at the church entrances.

Prayers for Those in Nursing Homes

Millie Frese, Sue Thompson

Prayers for the Sick

Kay Bailey, Connie Brown, Evan Calvert, Susan Cooper, Phyllis Fehr, Cornelia Harpenau, Roy Harrold, Bev Hartsock, Mary Hirsch, Linda Kilgarriff, Patty Lecomte, Steve Lighthall, Mike Mannix, Tina Mannix, Jon Menter, Joni Mollet, Melissa Nagy, Bill Sargent, Stephen J. Smith, Angie Walden, Cale Wayne, Rita Williams, Brett Willits, Florence Workman, Charles M. Yeagle.

Church Sanitizing Station

Yes, the church has re-opened and most of the restrictions have been lifted. However, if you are uncomfortable and still wish to sanitize and wear a mask, please do! We want everyone who attends mass as St. John's to feel comfortable and welcome. We have set up a "sanitizing station" in the back of church. There is a side table near the south entrance with hand sanitizer and face masks.





NATIVITY of ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST - JUNE 24

When the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Zechariah, he promised the elderly priest that many would rejoice at the birth of his son, John the Baptist.

Zechariah cannot believe he and his wife could even conceive due to their age. Much like the feast of Christmas,

today's feast gives testament to God's ability to bring new life. But that ability to bring new life to his family is what raises Zechariah's skepticism.

Why was the idea of new life so strange to Zechariah while he was conversing with a mighty, terrifying angel. The angel further tells the aged priest that John will be made to convert and make people ready for the Lord. Yet, Zechariah is having trouble with the part of the prophecy that involves him having a son. Due to this doubt, Gabriel silences Zechariah until John is born and all these prophecies come true.

We can't be too hard on Zechariah, though. The Nativity of St. John the Baptist is full of miracles that are only then outdone by the birth of his cousin, Jesus Christ. Zechariah may have not had the faith of Joseph and Mary, but he found the joy and hope when his voice was regained.

As you probably noticed, the Nativity of St. John the Baptist falls just three days after the Summer Solstice. So it is that the Nativity of St. John occurs right as the days are beginning to get shorter. Likewise, Christ's nativity falls a few days after the Winter Solstice when the days are beginning to get longer. And we see that, even on his feast day, St. John the Baptist sums up the Gospel as he proclaimed, "I must decrease, that He may increase."

SPECIAL NOTICE

As was recently published in the Catholic Post, on Wednesday, June 23rd, Coadjutor Bishop Louis Tylka will be celebrating Mass for the people of St. John's Clinton. This date was chosen because it falls near the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.



FAITH IN THE FACE OF FEAR

Mark 4:35-41

St. Mark makes it quite clear that the disciples feared for their lives, so we can safely infer that this storm was no minor agitation. That a mere word from the Lord reins in nature's primeval brawn shocks the helpless fishermen even more than the stormy lake had frightened them just moments before. They had seen his miracles, they had heard his wisdom, they had witnessed his power over the human heart, but to see the most unruly powers that flow through the universe this was a Lordship they had not yet even conceived of; this is Christ our Lord.

"Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?" What is the lesson here? Was it unreasonable for the disciples to be afraid? Was it cowardly for them to wake up their leader when it seemed like they were going to perish? It wasn't unreasonable, nor was it cowardly, but it showed a lack of faith. They did not trust in him completely. They still thought it would be possible to sink, even though Christ himself was in their boat; they still thought that something (in this case, the forces of nature) was more powerful than the love of God.

To grasp the awesome power Christ displays in this scene, we need to activate our imagination. Few situations leave men so helpless as storms at sea. The Lake of Galilee, where the disciples were sailing in this case, is still known for the violence of its squalls, which arise and subside rapidly and unpredictably due to its peculiar geographical situation. In the midst of these gales, the forces of nature unleash their full, terrifying force, and human fragility is nakedly exposed.

Each Sunday we profess our belief in the Creed, which begins: *"We believe in one God, the Father all-powerful..."* If we truly believe that God is our Father (that we are his beloved children), and that he is all-powerful, why would we ever give in to fear? Why would we ever doubt that following his will, as difficult as it may sometimes be, is the surest path to happiness and fulfillment? If we truly believed that, no storm would shake our confidence. Unfortunately, we, like the apostles, often become anxious, nervous, doubtful, and even just plain scared. And sometimes, unlike the apostles, this fear and doubt lead us to abandon ship, to put our trust in someone else (usually ourselves). The lesson Christ teaches here, both with his words and with his actions, is simple: when he is with us, we are safe.

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