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Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Sunday 8:30 and 10:00 A.M.

Daily Mass

Monday through Saturday 8:00 A.M.

Holy Day Mass

Evening Before 5:30 P.M.

Holy Day 8:00 and 10:00 A.M.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00–3:30 P.M.

Sacrament of Baptism

A Baptism Preparation Program is required for all registered first-time parents. Please call the Director of Pastoral Care.

Sacrament of Marriage

The bride or groom must be an active registered parishioner for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding at St. Helena.

Nursery

Services available during the 10:00 A.M. Sunday Mass.

Parish Registration

To register in the parish, please fill out a registration form and return to the Parish Office. Registration forms are available at the entrances of the Church. Return completed form to the Parish Office.

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Website: www.sainthelena.us

The Church of St. Helena

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 20, 2021

*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 4:39-40



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THE WORD

The Battle of Lepanto was a famous sea battle in which Christian Europe was being attacked in 1571 by a Turkish naval fleet. The Turks had the advantage but a wind miraculously helped the Christian fleet win the battle. The Pope, St. Pius V, put the battle under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin, which is why the feast of the Holy Rosary is celebrated on October 7, the anniversary of the victory. As one commentator said that had that battle been lost, Europe may have been Muslim.

Our Lord through the intercession of Our Lady saved His Church and European civilization from near disaster. In a sense, this event echoes this Sunday's Gospel when the Apostles were in a boat crossing the sea at night. A storm came up in the evening and "waves were breaking over the boat so that it was already filling up." Our Lord sleeps through the storm, but the apostles wake Him and get upset with the Lord: "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

The Lord quiets the storm and asks "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" Much like Lepanto, while at sea, He saves the Church (the disciples) from peril. The Lord saves the Church in its beginning, He saves the Church throughout history, and He will continue to save the Church in the future.

The problem is we are many times like the disciples in the boat—fearful and afraid the boat (which represents the Church) is going to be overcome by the waves of confusion, corruption, heresy, or her enemies. We seem to forget that the Lord has promised to be with His Church until the end of time and He promised that the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.

If you look at history, time and again, it seems like a heresy or schism or political leader will surely topple the

Church, when all of a sudden, a saint or Pope or political leader will change the course away from destruction. And in the process, great saints are made.

A recent book, *From Christendom to Apostolic Mission*, published by the University of Mary, talks about the phenomenon of the Church in France in the 1800s. "A sympathetic observer of the state of the French church around the year 1810 or 1815 would have seen nothing but wreckage and, given simple sociological data, would have predicted vocational disaster into the future with everything that implies. What happened was something different. In 1808 there were 12,300 religious sisters in France. In 1878 there were 135,000. In 1830 there were some 3,000 priests of all kinds serving the French Church. In 1878 there were around 30,000, a ten-fold increase in sixty years, and their median age in 1878 was significantly younger than it had been sixty years earlier. Whatever might be said of the Church's fortunes at that time, it was evident that it wasn't about to disappear. All of this was a great surprise to the Church's enemies, especially to those who were developing the discipline of sociology as a kind of replacement for theology and who were happily predicting, under its methodology, the demise of the Church. According to their logic, none of this should have happened. The point is that the Church has great powers of regeneration." (page 41)

Those powers of came from our Lord—the same Lord Who calmed the waters, the same Lord Who's in charge of the Church (His Bride). We can never lose confidence in the Lord. That hope can be the basis for becoming a saint. It's happened before, and it can happen again.

John Sondag
Director of Religious Education

PASTOR'S REMARKS

1) Congratulations to all fathers on this Father's Day Sunday. We ask God our Father to bless them in a special way on this day, in thanksgiving for all they have been to us and are to us. Just as we can't forget them, they don't forget us!

2) Next weekend, June 26-June 27, we have the annual Peter's Pence Collection to help the Pope in his many works of charity throughout the world. Because it is an annual collection, special envelopes are included in our parish mailing. If you don't receive envelopes and want to make a gift, please indicate on your check that it is for the Peter's Pence Collection. Certainly our gift reminds us that we are in the Church together. Charity is an essential part of our religion.

3) *May all the peoples of the earth know the Lord is God and there is no other. You must be wholly devoted to the Lord, our God, observing his statutes and keeping his commandments.*
1 Kings 8:60

SAFE ENVIRONMENT UPDATE—All volunteers who have regular interaction with youth and vulnerable adults need to be certified under the Archdiocesan Safe Environment standards. Together we can work to protect God's children and the most vulnerable among us. Thank you for your shared commitment to the achievement of this goal. In addition, the Archdiocesan Victim Assistance line is 651-291-4475.

FOOD SHELF—Minnesota Summer is here and WOW is it a hot one! Thank you for your kindness and generosity to our local food shelf. Here are some fresh ideas for the summer: Sun block, Wet Ones, paper towels, napkins, granola bars, cereal, peanut butter and jelly, fruit snacks, nuts, crackers and drink mixes, and of course Macaroni and Cheese. All items that are brought in are appreciated. "You will be enriched in every way for all generosity, which produces thanksgiving to God through us."

2 Corinthians 9:11-13

IF YOU CANNOT RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION DURING THIS TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS, YOU CAN MAKE A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

SPIRITUALLY ADOPT A PERSON WHO'S DYING ALONE OR WITHOUT THE SACRAMENTS—

Some people are dying alone from the Coronavirus. Through your prayer, spiritually adopt a person somewhere in the world who may have no family or friends to be with them at the moment of death or perhaps who is unable to have the sacraments of the Church.

DOUGHNUTS AND COFFEE ARE BACK—EVERY SUNDAY—

After many months, we have resumed "Doughnuts and Coffee" downstairs in Rowan Hall after the 8:30 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. Masses on Sunday mornings. It's a great way to meet and visit with parishioners.

SIGN UP NOW—VACATION RELIGION PROGRAM FOR GRADE SCHOOL CHILDREN—JULY 12 TO 16—

Parents of children who are entering kindergarten through eighth grade can sign them up for the annual Vacation Religion Program in Rowan Hall scheduled for Monday, July 12, to Friday, July 16, from 8:30 to 11:30 A.M. The program will include prayer, instructional time, group activities and projects, Scripture, stories of saints, songs, drama, prizes, and more. There will also be a short recreation period each morning, and there will be refreshments for students each day. The charge is only \$20 per child or \$50 per family, however, no child will be deprived of this program because of finances. The Missionaries of Charity (the Sisters of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta) will again be helping us for this program. Covid-19 protocols will be followed. To register or to receive more information, call John Sondag (612-275-0431).

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?—

The Church of St. Helena has a program that prepares people to become Catholic. It's held on Tuesday evenings, at 7:30 P.M. in the Parish Offices. If Tuesdays are impossible for any individual, another time can be negotiated. For more information, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

DO YOU KNOW OF ANY PARISHIONERS WHO ARE IN NEED OF HELP?—

Are you aware of parishioners who might be out of work, sick and unable to work, or struggling because of financial difficulties or other problems? They can receive help from the parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference which reaches out to individuals and families in the parish who are having difficulties. (If you let the conference know of the needy person or family, your name and the designated families or individuals will be kept confidential.) For more information or to give the conference the names of the needy persons, please call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

ST. HELENA SCHOOL NEWS**Spotlight on Fourth Grade**

Fourth grade would like to share what we learned and did at the end of the school year with you. We had a busy year filled with lots of learning and opportunities for growth. One of our big focuses for the end of the year was on conservation and taking care of the Earth. In Language Arts, we learned about and analyzed argumentative texts as we read about different forms of energy on the planet and the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling. In Science, we learned about the water cycle and the importance of avoiding water pollution for the health of the whole planet. Students then thought about what would motivate others to want to recycle and help the planet.

In Social Studies, we wrapped up our study of the geography and history of the different regions of the United States. Our last region to cover was the West. Students learned about the varied climates and weather patterns of the West, earthquakes, Native American tribes, and the California Gold Rush. Students enjoyed being able to compare and contrast life in the West in the 1800's with life in the West today.

In Religion, we reviewed the 10 Commandments and looked at practical ways they come into play in our lives. We also explored the similarities and differences between the prophet Isaiah and John the Baptist as a part of our study of the Incarnation.

Fourth grade wrapped up the school year with a very fun last week of school! We participated in Field Day and took a trip to Lake Hiawatha for an all-school picnic on the last day of school. It has been a great year! Thanks for all of your support of our learning!

Ms. Kostka
4th Grade Teacher

As we look ahead to the 2021-22 school year, we *strongly encourage* families to complete their school registration. It is essential for ordering, planning, and staffing that we have accurate classroom numbers. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office at 612-729-9301.

Mrs. Ellen Rian, Ed.S
Principal

BE PART OF THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE—

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference in the parish reaches out to individuals or families who need assistance. Conference members visit their homes to assess how they can be of service and in a very personalized and confidential way give them help. The next meeting is Thursday, June 24, 2021, at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Offices. For more information, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.



SCRIPTURE # 1143

**Jb 38:1, 8-11
2 Cor 5:14-17
Mk 4:35-41**

MASS INTENTIONS

8:00 AM

Monday † **Ronald Heinen**
Tuesday **For Our Bishops**
Wednesday **Spencer Nelson**
Thursday † **Dorothy Fleming**
Friday † **Dominic Dylla & † Nancy**
Thomas
Saturday † **Andrew & † Donna Pukay**

SACRISTY LINENS—Cheryl Griffith

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

June 21: Gn 12:1-9, Mt 7:1-5
June 22: Gn 13:2, 5-18, Mt 7:6, 12-14
June 23: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18, Mt 7:15-20
June 24: Is 49:1-6, Acts 13:22-26,
Lk 1:57-66, 80
June 25: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22, Mt 8:1-4
June 26: Gn 18:1-15, Mt 8:5-17
June 27: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24, 2 Cor 8:7,
9, 13-15, Mk 5:21-43

PARISH CALENDAR

June 21

June 22

June 23

June 24

-St. Vincent de Paul Mtg., Parish Offices, 6:30 pm

June 25

-Women's Prayer Group, Church, 8:30 am

-Virtual Rosary, 7:00 pm

June 26

-Confession, Church, 3:00 pm

-Mass, Church, 4:00 pm

June 27

-Mass, Church, 8:30 am & 10:00 am

-Doughnuts & Coffee, RH, after 8:30 & 10:00 Masses

June 28

Daily Mass, Monday-Saturday, Church, 8:00 am

PRAYER CORNER

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

FR.

DALY

BREAD



Happy Father's Day! *Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom* (Lk 12:32). As your new parochial administrator, I am grateful for your warm welcome and prayers, and delighted to celebrate this Father's day with our St. Helena family! I am eager to meet you all, so I will be available many afternoons and evenings to learn about ways that might be helpful to get involved in the parish and listen to any suggestions you may have to spread the Gospel at St. Helena (i.e. Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in our homes). **Please contact the parish office to schedule a meeting.** I trust the Holy Spirit will soon reveal *His Vision* for our local Church! *Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.* (Jn 17:11)

In Christ, Fr. Michael

PRAY THE VIRTUAL ROSARY—FRIDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00 P.M.—You can pray the Rosary with parishioners on Fridays at 7:00 P.M. Call 612-275-0431 to get the Zoom ID and Password.

YOU CAN GET SOME GOOD DEALS AT THE SUMMER “AUTUMN DAZE” FESTIVAL SALE—Go to www.sainthelena.us and click on Summer Festival Sale to discover many household items, furniture, toys, and more being sold by Autumn Daze.

ARE YOU MOVING OR DOWNSIZING?—Donate good, used furniture and household items to the “Autumn Daze” Festival for the Auction, Attic Treasures, and some of the other areas of the festival. Bring the items to the Parish Offices after June 1, or call 612-275-0431 to have them picked up. (No clothes, stoves, electronic musical organs, refrigerators, exercise equipment, or couches, please.)

WE NEED CASES OF POP FOR “AUTUMN DAZE”—Please donate cases of cans of pop, (Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Sierra Mist, and Brisk Lemonade). If a store has a sale on pop, pick up some cases for the “Autumn Daze” Festival. Bring the pop to the Parish Office for “Autumn Daze.”



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