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June 20, 2021 - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle B

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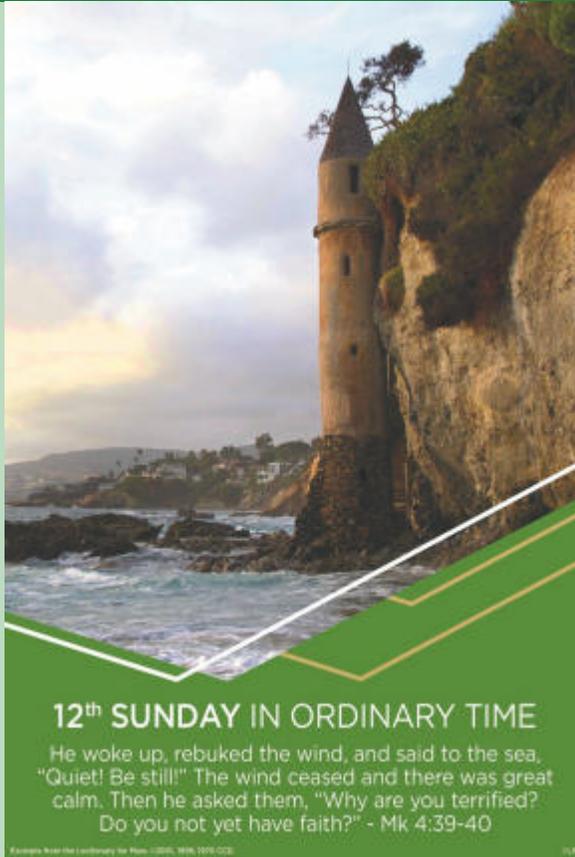
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12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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WELCOME

Welcome to St. Mary's Church on this Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus calm the raging sea as his disciples cling to the storm-tossed boat. The disciples were terrified that they would die, but Jesus suggests that their faith should have reassured them. Many of us can probably recall a time when our father came to our rescue, protecting or supporting us, making everything all right. Today, we honor our dads, our grandfathers, godfathers, uncles, and all who have acted as fathers in our lives. May their protection and constancy be a model of God's care for us.

Readings for week June 20, 2021

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 [12]/ Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/ Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/ Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [4]/ Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55 [cf. 54b]/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24,



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Cycle B

Job 38:1,8-11; Psalm 107; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41

Theme: Unshakable Faith in God

Our readings for today clearly show that power must ultimately take the form of loving involvement.

Where is the Lord in our Chaos?

The Gospel of Mark has a miracle story that contrasts Jesus' restful sleep and the disciples' fright, the master's authoritative word and the disciples' lack of trust. Mark writes to his own community, which experiences chaos in the Lord's absence. It is almost as if the Lord is sleeping or uninvolved. Jesus challenges this lack of faith and affirms his continuing presence with power.

The use of Power

Who are the holders of power in our day-to-day experience? Power resides with parents, teachers, elected officials, Church leaders, and many others. The measure of genuine power is found in self-sacrifice. Parents give all for their children, teachers labor long hours for their students. The result of all this is new life for both the leader and the follower. Jesus gave his life in history's ultimate display of power and service.

Having unwavering Faith in God

If our faith in God is total and unshakable, we can pass through any storm in life. Such faith was missing in the disciples of Jesus Christ. They were crossing the lake of Galilee in a boat and Jesus was with them. When a storm suddenly hit the boat, what happened? Although Jesus was with them and they knew he is all powerful, their faith failed them since it was not firm, and they were overcome with fear. Jesus said to them: 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?'

However, in their fear they cried out, 'Master do you not care? We are going down' (Mark 4:40).

The cry of the apostles, 'Master do you not care? We are going down' Offers comfort to us. It is a cry made by many, and probably by us, when danger strikes, and God seems not to care or even to be found. At such times we discover how little our faith really gets us through, but that little faith must be unshakable. Regarding faith, what matters is not its quantity, but its quality. Mahatma Gandhi said, 'A person with a grain of faith in God never loses hope, because he ever believes in the ultimate triumph of truth.'

Beloved in Christ, many of us turn to God only when we are in serious trouble and forget him in times when we have no trouble. The apostles too, only in their grave need turned to Jesus for help.

Some people think that if God was with them, and if he really cared about them, then no storm would ever hit them. Life would be all plain sailing. So, when a storm does come, they immediately think that God has abandoned them. But today's Gospel shows this is not so. The storm hit the apostles even when Jesus was with them. Therefore, what real faith assures us is that God is with us amid the storm. It is that conviction that we are not alone, which enables us to get through the storm. May our Faith be strong in the midst of the storm. Shalom!

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Called to Serve - It's wonderful to see people return to Mass and return with big smiles on their faces! Therefore, it is time to reorganize, refresh, restart, and renew the parish as a whole. Since the Eucharist is at the center and where we all come together, let's start

there. Think about joining a liturgical ministry: lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, greeters, money counters, ushers, and musicians. The more we have, the fewer times you are scheduled. Call Diane @ 712-246-1718 for more information.



Sunday - June 27th

after 10:00am Mass (note time change) for Fr. Raphael in the

St. Mary's Parish Hall

Fr Raphael is being reassigned to St. Theresa's Parish in Des Moines.

Refreshments of Coffee, Donuts, & Juice will be provided.

Everyone is invited!!!



Masses For The Week

Saturday 3:30pm 4:30pm	June 19 St. Romuaki, Abbott; BVM Confession Mass for Maureen Hausen+
Sunday 6:30am 10:30am - Also Livestream Zoom	June 20 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father Day; World Refuge Day Mass for Maxine Butts+ Mass for Gary Laughlin+
Monday No Mass	June 21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious Fr Raphael's Day off
Tuesday 10:00am	June 22 St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs Mass for Erwin & Pat Aust Anniversary
Weds 12:10pm	June 23 Mass for Jonathan O'Hearn+
Thursday 12:10pm	June 24 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist Mass for Healing of GERALYN Garberg
Friday 12:10pm	June 25 Mass for Bill McQuillan+
Saturday 3:30pm 4:30pm	June 26 BVM Confessions Mass for Lou Saner Sr+
Sunday 6:30am 10:00am - Also Livestream Zoom	June 27 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass for Clive Hayes+ Mass for Wally Tetent+

Lectors

June 26 - 4:30pm Terry Engelmeyer
June 27 - 6:30am Steve Berning
June 27 - 10:00am Steve Schuster



Anniversaries

6-22 Erwin & Pat Aust
6-22 Dan & Cheryl Arend

How To Be A Good Father: Qualities And Involvement

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How important is a father for their kids? Research says a child's well-being, education, behavior, and mental strength all depend on their dad's involvement in their upbringing.

Qualities Of A Good Father

1. He is protective:

A good dad protects his kids by drawing clear boundaries, considers their best interests, talks to them about things they should be aware of and puts things in place. He teaches his kids about consequences of making the wrong choices. Fathers instill character development in kids.

2. Affection is his middle name:

A good father is affectionate to his children. Though he may not hug and kiss the child like a mother does, his affection is no less than a mother's. He lets the children know they can count on him.

3. A wall of trust and security:

The children believe that their father is always right. He will never lie to them, he will never betray them, he will never leave them in the lurch. That is the trust a good father builds in a child. The kids know that their father is always there whenever they want some help or whenever they are in trouble.

4. The source of encouragement:

You are the source of encouragement to your kid. Be it a football match or a debate competition, your presence at the venue gives a boost to your child's confidence. You are the happiest when they succeed, and you are the one who will make them strive better if they fail. Your words will make a world of difference to your child. Your words have the power to make or break them.

5. Has the patience to listen:

A good father takes out time to listen to their children. He gives his kids undivided attention and tries to understand things from their perspective.

6. Provides the necessities of life:

As the head of the family, the father is responsible for giving a decent living for his children, be it a home, food, education or love, security, and attention.

7. Respects the mother of his children:

Children do well when they see their parents working together. A good father teaches his children *how to respect their mother*, and this he does by respecting his partner. He honors her views and does not *argue with her in front of the kids*. This sends the right message to the children that their parents work together, and they need to respect them both equally.

8. He is the best teacher:

A father teaches lessons not just for academics but about life. He shows how children can channelize their emotions when met with failure or disappointment, how they can use their energy for their good, how they can plan their careers or study hours.

If we sum up all the above characteristics of a father, we can understand that all of them arise from the man's involvement and interest in his child's life. The father's involvement varies with the stage of his fatherhood.

“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” - Ephesians 6:4

Motivation of the week

The King Who Lost His Finger

A King had a male servant who, in all circumstances always said to him; My king, do not be discouraged because everything God does is perfect, no mistakes.

One day, they went hunting and a wild animal attacked the king, the servant managed to kill the animal but could not prevent his majesty from losing a finger. Furious and without showing gratitude, the King said; if God was good, I would not have been attacked and lost one finger. The servant replied, 'despite all these things, I can only tell you that God is good and everything He does is perfect, He is never wrong'. Outraged by the response, the king ordered the arrest of his servant. While being taken to prison, he told the king again, God is Good & Perfect.

Another day, the king left alone for another hunt and was captured by savages who use human beings for sacrifice. On the altar, the savages found out that the king didn't have one finger in place, he was released because he was considered not "complete" to be offered to the gods. On his return to the palace, he ordered the release of his servant and said; My friend, God was really good to me. I was almost killed but for lack of a single finger, I was let go. But I have a question; If God is so good, why did He allow me to put you in prison? His servant replied, My king, if I had not been put in prison, I would have gone with you, and would have been sacrificed, because I have no missing finger.

Moral lesson

Everything God does is perfect; He is never wrong. Often, we complain about life, and the negative things that happen to us, forgetting that everything happens for a purpose.

God is good and perfect!! My dear friend, a good attitude will determine your altitude. A good attitude towards God makes Him move on your behalf.

Be Blessed and don't be envious or shocked when others are prospering because you don't know what they have been through to get there (test, trials and tribulation) so thank God for what you have. "Little is much when God is in it.



St Mary's Youth Ministry will have a firework stand in the Walmart parking lot here in Shenandoah June 25th -July 4th. This will help raise funds to send our Youth to NCYC in November 2021. Our Youth Ministry is committed to working every day, but we cannot do this alone. We are looking for volunteers to help work the booth and to help raise as much money as possible. The stand is open from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm every day. If you are interested in helping with a shift of a few hours or more, there will be a sign-up sheet at the back of church or contact Gigi DeSa at 712-313-1181.

Please like us on Facebook! Religious Education has their own page. Posts of activities, events, cancellations, etc. will be found here!



St. Mary's Faith Formation – Shenandoah



Knights of Columbus Council 1479. Meet the **second Tuesday of each month.** Meal at 7pm followed by meeting at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Shenandoah.

Legion of Mary group meets every Thursday **at 5:30pm via Zoom.** Contact **Joan Bloom** for more information @ **712-534-2645.**

St. Mary's Ladies Guild will meet on **Monday, June 21st** at 6:30pm in the St. Mary's Parish Hall.

Happy Father's Day

A hearty Father's Day to our grandfathers, God-fathers, and fathers on this day. Your family in St. Mary's Church appreciate all you do and acknowledge your fatherly role.

As head of the family, you continue to show us love and forgive our failures. You are the one who is there for us no matter what happens in our lives.

Today, we thank God for your lives and appreciate all you do for us. Happy Father's Day!



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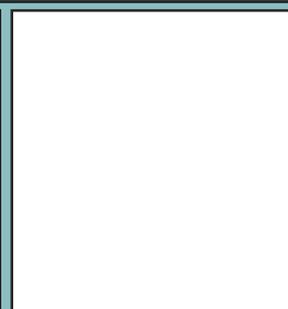
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