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SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2021

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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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays Our Lady of Lourdes:
Tue. 12 PM, Wed. - Fri. 8 AM

Saturdays

Our Lady of Lourdes: 4 PM
St. Joseph's (Memorial - Labor Day) 5:30 PM

Sundays

Our Lady of Lourdes: 8 AM
Saint Joseph's: 10 AM

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OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY—FRIDAY 8AM-12PM

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday 3 PM

BAPTISM

Families must be registered parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes or St. Joseph's. Please call the rectory for arrangements.

MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the rectory at least six months before intended date to fulfill preparation requirements.

Mission Statement

We the faith community of Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Joseph, strive to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ through the Catholic Tradition. We are called by Baptism to proclaim the Good News using our time, talent, and treasure. We aim to grow in our relationship with God through our worship, education, service, fellowship, and by loving our neighbor.

“For you know the gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Cor 8:9)

Question of the Week

Consider your greatest gifts. How can each be used for God's glory

HIS WORD TODAY

The two stories in today's Gospel reading provide an example of Mark's "sandwich" technique. The story of the woman with the flow of blood interrupts and is sandwiched in between the two parts of the account of Jairus and his daughter. The stories have several common features. One woman is 12 years old, and the other has suffered for 12 years. Both are called "daughter," and both are in need of physical healing. The girl's father is encouraged to have faith, and the older woman is praised for her faith. The two stories illustrate Jesus' power over both chronic illness and death. The reading from the Book of Wisdom assures us that "God did not make death" but rather death entered human existence through "the envy of the devil" (see Genesis 3).

In both narratives an inadequate understanding of Jesus' power leads to a dramatic manifestation of his generosity. In both cases Jesus far exceeds the expectations of his suppliants and exhibits marvelous generosity by giving them life and salvation in addition to physical healing. The generosity of Jesus is also a theme in today's selection from 2 Corinthians 8. Here Paul describes Jesus' life, death and resurrection as "the gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ." This statement is part of the first Christian fundraising letter, preserved in 2 Corinthians 8 and 9. This collection was intended for the poor in the Christian community in Jerusalem, the mother church of all Christian communities. Paul conceived this collection as a visible sign of the spiritual unity existing between the Gentile churches that he founded and the Jewish Christian community at Jerusalem.

Fundraising is necessary for almost all Christian institutions today. In 2 Cor. 8 & 9, Paul appeals to justice, Scripture, personal and corporate honor, church unity, and so on. But his most striking appeal is to the "gracious act" of Jesus in becoming human and undergoing the shame of the cross. By his personal generosity Christ became poor so that we might become rich and find peace with and access to God .

FATHER JOHN'S JOTTINGS

"I have said things to you so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete." That's Jesus in the Gospel of John (15:11). Joy runs like a bright thread through the Old and New Testaments. Abraham and Sarah laugh for joy at the improbable birth of their son Isaac. The very first word of the very first psalm is "happy." Jesus speaks of joy, the disciples experience joy at the resurrection, and St. Paul lists joy as one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. So why do we have a hard time including joy in our prayer?

So the next time you pray, why not make a list of the things that bring you joy? Make a "joy inventory" and then share that with God in prayer. Think of God listening to you and being joyful with you in turn. Smile with God, and imagine God smiling with you. And let your joy be complete.

Father John (Mack)

Attention Young Men Ages 14 to 18

Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend our Quo Vadis Days Hike and Quo Vadis Days Game Day to spend time with other young men your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having lots of fun. Quo Vadis Days is led by priests and seminarians of the diocese and includes a variety of games, prayer, other activities and opportunities to grow in friendship with the Lord and with each other. There are currently two upcoming Quo Vadis Days events: Hike: Friday, June 25, St. Theresa Parish, Henniker, NH, Game Day: Friday, August 6, St. Patrick Parish, Pelham, NH.

For more information, please contact Fr. Von DeRosia, Assistant Director of Vocations at (603) 635-3525 or email vderosia@rcbm.org.

YOUTH RELIGIOUS FAITH FORMATION

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Formation: ourladyoflourdes-stjosephs.org.**

- ♦ **The Interfaith Community Kitchen is open on Mondays at 4:30 with drive thru takeout meals .**
- ♦ **The Parish Clothes Closet is open on Mondays with a new time, from 4-5pm. Please use the side entrance. Volunteers are needed to cover this hour.**

PRAYER FOR FATHERS

*God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need.
Then God combined these qualities.
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so,
He called it ... Dad*

The Chapel at IHM (Concord) is Open Again

As restrictions continue to lift in the Diocese, we are able to return to the smaller (airconditioned) chapel just in time for summer. Here is a short summary of what is in the Chapel. Weekday Masses have returned to the Chapel. Masses are celebrated at 7:00 AM Monday thru Friday and at 12:10 PM on the first Friday of the month.

PARISH NEWS FLASHES

- ♦ *Saint Patrick Mission Church at Hampton Beach is now open for the summer season. Weekend Mass times are Saturday at 4:00 PM and Sunday at 8:00 AM and 9:15 AM. If you are enjoying a weekend at the beach this summer, stop by for Mass.*
- ♦ *Just a reminder that June is the month of the Sacred Heart.*



One Saturday afternoon our elderly pastor tripped and fell down the stairs. He was rushed to the hospital. Shortly thereafter, at Mass, the curate announced, "My dear people, you may have noticed the ambulance at the rectory. Unfortunately, Our pastor fell and whacked his head.

Not to worry, though. The emergency room Doctor x-rayed the pastor's brain and found nothing at all."

Prayer to St. Joseph for Travelers

O St. Joseph, who accompanied Jesus and Mary in all their journeys, and who has been called the patron of all travelers, accompany us in this journey that we are about to undertake. Be our guide and our protector; watch over us; preserve us from all accidents and dangers to soul and body; support us in our fatigue, and aid us to sanctify it by offering it to God. Make us ever mindful that we are strangers, sojourners here below; that heaven is our true home; and help us to persevere on the straight road that leads thereunto. We ask you especially to protect and aid us in the last great voyage from time to eternity, so that, under your guidance, we may reach the realm of happiness and glory, there to repose eternally with you in the company of Jesus and Mary. Amen.

Sit down with your family, and read Mark 4:35-41 out loud. Then talk about the things you are afraid of. Pray to God, ask for help, and believe that God is stronger than any problem you have.

Sharing the Gospel

The disciples of Jesus had a very scary night, because their faith was not very strong yet. They were crossing the sea in their boat, just as Jesus asked them to do, when a huge storm came up. Their boat was filling up with so much water they thought they would all die. When they woke Jesus up, he simply spoke to the wind and the waves, and the storm stopped completely. Now they were really scared. Who was Jesus, anyway? The wind and waves listened to him!

Prayer

Dear God, sometimes I feel afraid, too. Help me to remember that you are stronger than any problem I have. Amen.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus telling the wind and the waves to be quiet.

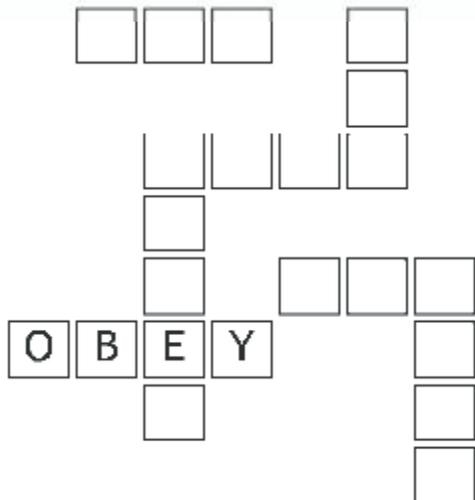
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PUZZLE

Fit the Gospel message into the empty squares:

Even the wind and waves obey him!



MISSION

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COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





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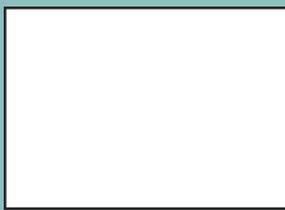
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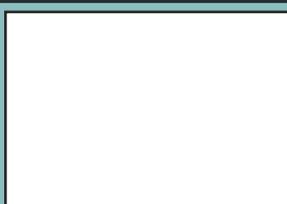
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