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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

As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God's patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity's reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can't be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention.

Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It's unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey.

That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into uncharted waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"?



Readings for the Week of June 20, 2021

- Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41
- Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5
- Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20
- Thursday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
- Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 8:1-4
- Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17
- Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43



Sunday, June 20

- 8:00am +Carolina Orlandi
- 9:30am Fatima Consecration of Russia
- 11:30am For All Fathers, Living and Deceased
- 8:00pm Pro Populo

Monday, June 21 *St. Aloysius Gonzaga*

- 8:30am +Jaime Lopez-Polar

Tuesday, June 22 *SS. John Fisher & Thomas More*

- 8:30am +Buccino/Talarico/Mollinedo Family

Wednesday, June 23

- 8:30am +Vito Baldini (1st Anniversary)

Thursday, June 24 *Nativity of St. John the Baptist*

- 8:30am +Mary Valencia
- 6:30pm Living & Deceased of the Order of Malta

Friday, June 25

- 8:30am +Emmett & Celia Rock

Saturday, June 26

- 8:30am Vernon Trice, III and Charlotte Trice
- 1:30pm Bucko/Davenport Wedding
- 4:00pm Pat and Connie Glynn
(48th Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday, June 27

- 8:00am Pro Populo
- 9:30am Cynthia Jimmo
- 11:30am +Patricia Fallon
- 8:00pm +Buccino/Talarico/Mollinedo Family

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FATHER'S DAY BLESSING

Single fathers usually sit in the back row of their children's school performances. Fathers who are married usually sit as close to the front of the audiences, with their spouses. Why is this?



Well, we all know how important mothers are to the well-being of a family. However, we as a culture look at single fathers with a bit of suspicion. Fathers are as important as mothers are, but offer a different perspective on life and bring a much needed role in bringing up children. Let us welcome all fathers today to the front row of our lives and acknowledge how important they have been, and continue to be in our lives.

Let us pray...

Gracious God and Father, our first father,
You are the One who has brought us
to life in this world you created.

You created us and everything around us.

We turned away from you and only
after disappointing you did we return your love.

Look with favor on our earthly fathers.

They helped create us in your image.
We have disappointed them, but have come
to realize just how important they are to us.

Bless all our fathers, living and deceased,
with comfort and health.

We bring all their needs to you
and ask for strength so they may live worthy lives.

We ask all this in the name of your Son,
our model of what it means to reverence our fathers.
In Christ's name. Amen.

What do we know about St. John the Baptist?



We know quite a lot about John the Baptist from the Gospels and other historical sources. Luke 3 tells us he began his ministry in "the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberias Caesar," roughly 29 A.D. He lived as a hermit with clear ascetic practices, such as rough clothing and a simple vegetarian diet. Despite his remoteness, John's ministry was prophetic. People came from across the region to be baptized in water as a sign of repentance. John, however, continually pointed beyond himself to the one who was to come: Jesus Christ. John the Baptist's call to

repentance extended to the rules of his day. John critiqued the local rulers, Herod Antipas and his wife Herodias. Previously, Herodias had been married to Antipas' brother, Herod Philip, but had betrayed him, left him, and married his more powerful brother. John was arrested for the slight and was eventually executed (Mark 6). This martyrdom prophetically anticipates the trials that awaited Christ and his followers. In life and death, John the Baptist served as the herald of the Messiah.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM

Please remember the souls of the faithfully departed.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Dorothy Hardy, Kurt Mohammed, Patricia Nicholson, Colin Ramberan, Avery Lofton, Eugene Colombaro, Monica Ramberan, Yosan Gabriel, Jenell Sifontis, Cathy Norman, Sabrina Freeman, Leslie Wade, Esmond Family, Scott Stierbeim, Sr. Mary Charles, A.S.S.P., Mecca Taylor, Melissa Becker, Christian Laffy, Lisa Becker, Debbie Everett, Nigel Simon, Donald Graham, Jean Hargraves, Marvi Wade, Mary Frances Doran, Maureen Doran Hendrix, Melissa Potts, Cayla Wade, Theresa Gilliam, Suzanne Dupre, Indramattie Somwaru, John Bricker, Alina Simon, Carmelina Desiderio, Graham Family, Chuck Murrin, Samantha Johnson, Holly, Damon, and Stephen Anthony, Charles Epps, Ramona Wade, Charles V. Murrin, David and Gay Cooper, Lori Cooper, Jack Weber

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The Sanctuary Lamp intention is:

For All Fathers, Living and Deceased

The Candles in the Grotto Chapel intention is:

For the intention of Maria Estela Choy

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We offer to anyone who may wish to 'donate' for the following "Memorials":

For personal intentions;

For your beloved dead; and/or For the living

Grotto Candles for Adoration - \$10.00 per week

Sanctuary Lamp in the Church - \$15.00 per week



Our parish music director, Rebecca Ostermann, is having a recital on Wednesday, June 30th at 7:00 pm in the church. This is the second recital in her completing the work for her doctoral degree.

Becky extends an invitation to all of you to join her on this night. The recital will be with a 12-voice choir, string quartet, and keyboard continuo. Music of Bach, Stanford, Tchaikovsky, Mozart, Duruflé, Bairstow, and Vivaldi.

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You can make a difference! You can save lives!

Join The Pro-Life Union and The Sisters of Life on Wednesday, June 30th, 7pm at Saint Katherine of Siena Church in Wayne (104 S Aberdeen Ave, Wayne, PA 19087) for a **Side-walk Servants Training Session.**

Be trained to effectively pray, witness, and offer alternatives to women outside of abortion centers ... *and save lives!* This is an outstanding training program that you won't want to miss. Do it for the women and do it for the babies in the womb.

Please RSVP by emailing; cpinto@prolifeunion.org



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