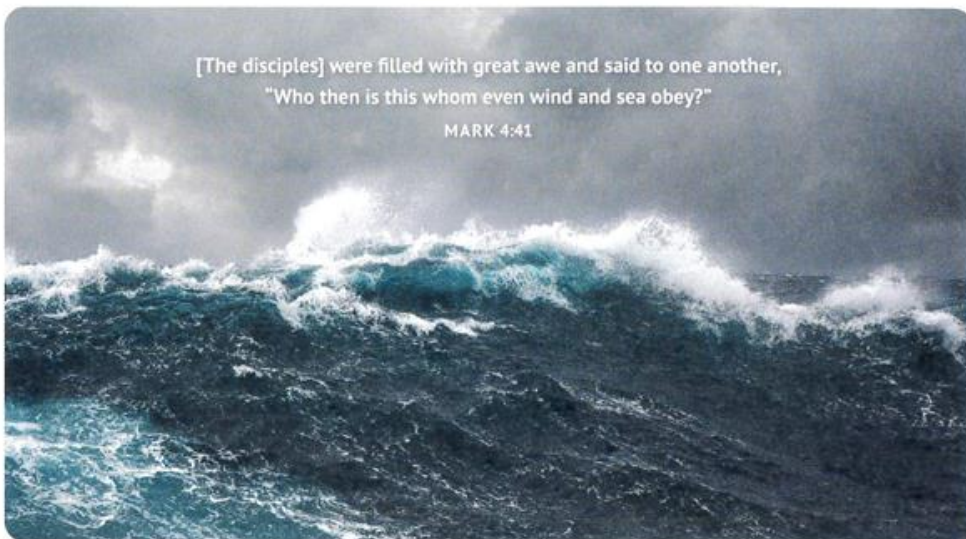




[The disciples] were filled with great awe and said to one another,
"Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"

MARK 4:41



Calming Our Storms

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The Gospels use images to help us understand the inner journey of our hearts and spirits. This Gospel story of being swamped by a storm is also about the storms of daily living and how they can bring us to faith. "As evening drew on" suggests those times in life when we move into darkness and confusion. These moments may occur when "we cross to the other side" of life—from childhood through adolescence and into adulthood, through sickness until we find healing, from raising a family to being empty-nesters, the stress we seek to manage through the upheavals of life—all times when we can feel overwhelmed by what we cannot control.

The Gospel today suggests: 1) Confronted by the question, "Why are you terrified? Do you not have faith?" it submits that it is God who calms our storms and not we ourselves. 2) The Gospel story is more about bringing calm and peace into our stormy inner turmoil than about fixing the outer turmoil with which we may be struggling. 3) The inner calm usually comes at the point of surrender, when we fear the worst because life is beyond our control: "Do you not care that we are perishing?" 4) Though our inner storm grows calm by surrendering to God through faith, the events of our outer storm may continue to be present, yet those events lose their power to overcome us when we accept that God is in control, not us. ●

Reflect

Have you ever found peace by surrendering your attempt to control your life?

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

From Fr. Pampara:

Today—in these times of “severe storms”—we find ourselves challenged by the Gospel. Humanity has lived through tragedies that, like violent waves, have burst upon entire men and peoples, particularly during the 20th century and the dawn of the 21st. And sometimes we impulsively ask him: “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?”; If You truly exist, if You are Father, why do these events occur? Faced with the memory of the horrors of the concentration camps of World War II, Pope Benedict asked himself: “Where was God in those days? Why was he silent? How could he permit this endless slaughter?” A question that Israel, already in the Old Testament, asked itself: “Why do you sleep? ... Why do you hide your face; why forget our pain and misery?”. God will not answer these questions: we can ask Him for everything except the reason for things; we have no right to hold him accountable. In fact, God is present and is speaking. It is we who are not in his presence and therefore do not hear his voice. Benedict XVI said: “We cannot peer into God’s mysterious plan - we see only piecemeal, and we would be wrong to set ourselves up as judges of God and history. Then we would not be defending man, but only contributing to his downfall. “In fact, the problem is not that God does not exist or that he is not here, but that we men live as if God does not exist. Here is God’s answer: “Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?”. This is what Jesus said to the Apostles, and he said the same thing to St. Faustina: “My daughter, fear nothing. I am always with you, even if it seems to you that I am not. “Let us not question him, rather let us pray and respect his will and... then there will be fewer dramas... and, astonished, we will exclaim: “Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?” Jesus, I trust in you!

Mass Schedule & Intentions For the week of June 24, 2024

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| Mon. | June | 24 | 7:00 AM | SJ | No Mass |
| Tues. | June | 25 | 7:00 AM | SJ | No Mass |
| Wed. | June | 26 | 5:30 PM | SA | Cathy Weaver† |
| Thurs. | June | 27 | 5:30 PM | SB | Olivia Ridder† |
| Fri. | June | 28 | 7:00 AM | SJ | Vincent Venhaus† |
| Sun. | June | 30 | 8:00 AM | SJ | Katie Dailey† |
| Sun. | June | 30 | 9:30 AM | SA | People of the Parish |
| Sun. | June | 30 | 11:00 AM | SB | Louis Schuster† |

Mary Beshaler June 26th
MaKayla Doggett June 26th
Ann Griebel June 27th
Tim Rosfeld June 27th
Brittany Trumbell June 28th
Brecken Phelps June 28th
Toby Kinderknecht June 29th
Mr. & Mrs. Rex Hanna June 26th
Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Schacher June 26th

Ministry Schedule

| Date: June 30 | St. Agnes | St. Boniface | St. John's |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Time | <u>Sunday 9:30 AM</u> | <u>Sunday 11:00 AM</u> | <u>Sunday 8:00 AM</u> |
| Hospitality | Con & Aleta P. | Bartley B. Family | Cole K. Family |
| Lector | Katie W. | Rod B. | Toby K. |
| Server | | Erin F. & Amelia P. | Leo & Gregory W. |
| EMHC | Con & Aleta P. | David P. & Diane P. | Rex & Kristie W. |
| <i>Communion to shut ins or Music</i> | | David P. | Music: Kristy O. |

| <u>St. Agnes</u> | <u>St. Boniface</u> | <u>St. John's</u> |
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| Our Gifts to God & Church June 16, 2024 <u>Total Collection:</u> \$564.00 <u>Nineas an Appeal</u> Dollar Goal = \$4014/so far \$3040 Donor Goal: 9 out of 16 Thrift Store Open July 5th from 9AM to 4PM | Our Gifts to God & Church June 16, 2024 <u>Total Collection:</u> \$1051.00 <u>Nineas an Appeal</u> Dollar Goal = \$7306/ so far \$7330 Donor Goal: 17 out of 19 The dollar goal is REACHED Please join us for the Pioneer Picnic Parade! Float making - Thursday, June 27th at 6PM - Brogan's House, 201 S Needham Ride/walk in parade - Saturday, June 29th - Line up at 10AM at the school | Our Gifts to God & Church June 16, 2024 <u>Total Collection:</u> \$258.00 <u>Nineas an Appeal</u> Dollar Goal = \$5001/so far \$5020 Donor Goal: 16 out of 17 The dollar goal is REACHED! |

The abortion industry is circulating a ballot initiative seeking to enshrine a right to abortion in the Nebraska Constitution, which would legalize abortion until birth. Abortion advocacy groups are currently collecting signatures and spending millions of dollars to confuse and mislead voters.

Local pro-life leaders, medical professionals, and legal experts are responding with a pro-life initiative to protect our current 12-week law and allow greater protections going forward.

Both groups have until July 3rd to collect 125,000 valid signatures from at least 38 counties in Nebraska to put the measures on the November ballot. Please share this with family and friend.

Find more information at:

[Protect Women and Children Nebraska - Nebraska Family Alliance](#)



Saint Josemaria Escriva (1902-1975) Feast Day June 26

“On this earth, when we receive an important person, we bring out the best: lights, music, formal dress. How should we prepare to receive Christ into our souls? Have you ever thought how we would behave if we could only receive Him once in a lifetime?”

Dear Padre,

Do those who have died really remember us?

There are many clear indications in the Bible that the saints in heaven are aware of us and that there is interaction between those in heaven and people on earth. The most obvious passage is found in Hebrews 12:1: "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses (those in heaven), let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us." By their prayers, those in the "cloud of witnesses" help us finish the race.

Saint Paul wrote, "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us" (Romans 8:18). We will "forget" the troubles we endured on earth, but we will be aware of the sufferings of those who are still on earth, and we will want to help them. Why? Because the greatest happiness, as Jesus said, is in giving (Acts 20:35).

The saints in heaven pray for us on earth; union with them brings us closer to Christ. We pray for those who are being purified after death, and they pray for us. We are one family. The closer our union with God, the closer our union with one another. We have a wonderful goal in life: the promise of union with God and with all those joined to God. ●



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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| June 24 | June 25 | June 26 | June 27 | June 28 | June 29 | June 30 |
| <i>Nativity of St. John the Baptist</i> | Weekday | Weekday | Weekday | <i>St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr</i> | <i>Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles</i> | <i>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| Is 49:1-6 | 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, | 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3 | 2 Kgs 24:8-17 | 2 Kgs 25:1-12 | Acts 12:1-11 | Wis 1:13-15; |
| Acts 13:22-26 | 36 | Mt 7:15-20 | Mt 7:21-29 | Mt 8:1-4 | 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 | 2:23-24 |
| Lk 1:57-66, 80 | Mt 7:6, 12-14 | | | | Mt 16:13-19 | 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15 |
| | | | | | | Mk 5:21-43 |
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Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

What are the winds that beat against my life? What are the waves that hinder my navigation, and put my spiritual life, my family life, even my psychological life in danger? Let us say all this to Jesus.... He wants this; he wants us to grab hold of him to find shelter from the unexpected waves in life.

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 20, 2021

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