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Mark 4:41

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June 23, 2024

**WHEN GOD SEEMS TO BE ASLEEP**

When God sleeps what happens? Although, our faith tells us that God does not sleep. But when God made Adam sleep, something wonderful happened, Eve was born out of Adam's side. When Jesus slept on the Cross, the Church was born out of his side. We're brought back into the life of God. In this Gospel of Mark (Mk 4:35-41), which we reflect on this week, Jesus was in the stern of the boat, asleep on the cushion as his disciples battled with a great windstorm, and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" Jesus woke and rebuked the storm and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" In this way, he revealed that he is God. God's love for us is more powerful than any challenge we may face in life. Many Jews fear the sea, regarding it as a symbol of chaos and a realm of evil teeming with terrible sea monsters to which helpless human beings fall prey.

Jesus instead falls into a deep sleep while crossing the sea even as huge waves are swamping the boat. Great fear strikes the hearts of his disciples and leads them to think that Jesus does not care for them. As Jesus awakes, he rebukes the wind and calms the angry sea, demonstrating both his power over the forces of nature and his concern for the disciples.

Genesis describes the Creator God separating water from dry land, sustaining the created world, and saving Noah and his family in the midst of the great flood. Exodus presents the power of the Redeemer God who parted the Red Sea to allow Moses and his people to cross from slavery into freedom. The Creator God in Genesis and the Redeemer God in Exodus are one and the same God residing in the person of Jesus. Calming the storm at sea, Jesus assures the disciples of his presence, power, guidance, and teaching as they sail in the boat of Peter, the Church.

Our faith in Jesus is truly tested when violent waves are tossing our boat to the point of sinking and no help seems to come. We become aware of God's profound love for us, even in the face of turbulent times. When our faith is challenged, or we are distraught, we must trust that God is with us always and have complete faith that his love is more powerful than the storms of our lives.

When God seems to be asleep in the face of life's challenges, the best approach is to calm down knowing that when he awakens, wonderful things will happen. Although God never sleeps! We are the ones needing to take a nap and be still at peace. How do you deal with the Unknowns in your life?

Fr. Dominick

**Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - June 29th / 30th, 2024**

**4:00PM MASS      9:00AM MASS      11:00AM MASS**

Lectors	Rhea Woods	Gisele Neigel	Bert Vanderhulst
EMC	Linda Moore	Jo Ann Giesler	Dean Beaudry
Ushers	Alison Coort Walter Grys	Natasha Aben Andre Lamy Mary Kudryk Al Kudryk	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix, Linda Lacroix
Counters	Tuesday, June 25, 2024	Laila Etherington &	Wanda Roberts

**Parish Pastoral News**

**St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive** / Thank you to all who donated to the SVDP Monthly Food Drive. Through your generous donations we received 278 pounds of food. Thank you again for your generosity.

**St Marys CWL Fund Raiser Book and Puzzle Sale**  
**Sunday June 30th**  
following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

If you have books you don't plan on reading again,  
If you have puzzles you won't do again,  
**PLEASE**, drop off your donations at the church, there is a box inside the front door of the church or take them downstairs to the Knight's Room in the hall.  
**The sale will take place in the hall.**  
Please support your CWL and help us help others.

**Welcome To The Area And The Parish** / Whether you are new to the area, or here for a short visit, you are most welcome. We hope and pray that the memories that you have created here in the Muskoka area, will bring you all joy in the future. May God's peace be within you always.

**Weekday Day Mass at St. Kateri** / Beginning on Wednesday August 7, 2024 there will be a 10:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesdays during the Month of August.

**Parish Nurse News** / The Parish Nurse clinic is now closed for the season. If you would like to speak with me, call or email the Parish Office and I will either call you or make a Home Visit.



**Oremus, Let us Pray** / is a prayer book with many beautiful traditional prayers, commentaries, and more. We have ordered a number of copies and are selling them for \$20.00 each. Please contact the office by email (office@stmaryshuntsville.ca) or phone (705-789-2348) to get your copy.

**Week of June 24th - 30th, 2024**

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF ST. PAUL** / A Lay Missionary Associate is being formed and started in our parish. The Associate Missionaries of St. Paul (AMSP) is a Lay movement involved in the missionary activities of the Catholic Church today; known as Associate missionaries for the modern time.

Their apostolate is to organize retreats for young families, youth, prayer and conferences to boost the Catholic faith and spiritual growth and development in the spirit of the missionary mandate of the Church.

The inauguration Mass will be on June 29th, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul.

The inauguration Mass starts at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch, talks and induction of membership.

There is a lot to be learned and shared about our faith in this forum. We are expecting a large turnout.

A team from Saskatchewan who are already members of this lay movement are coming to share their testimonies with us on that day. And four Priests from the Congregation of the Missionary Society of St. Paul will be celebrating the inauguration Mass and will be presenting the talks as well.

The inauguration letter from Bishop Miehm will be read during the Mass.

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Peace, Good Will, and Thank you!

**SVDP SOCIETY**  
**Hotline:**  
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**Parish Group Meetings /Events**

Sunday	June 23rd	Parish Breakfast Hosted by the Knights / Parish Hall / after the 9:00 a.m. Mass
Tuesday	June 25th	Graduation Mass / St. Mary's School / 10:30 a.m.
Saturday	June 29th	Missionary Society of St. Paul Presentation / Mass then meet in Parish Hall / 10:30 a.m.

**Mass Schedule**

**Week of June 24th– 30th**

**Tuesday, June 25th / 12:00 Noon**  
+Peter Miller  
(Req. By: Eleanor Wolfe)

**Wednesday, June 26th / 12:00 Noon**  
SI Eleanor Wolfe  
(Req. By: Walter Grys)

**Thursday, June 27th / 9:00 AM**  
+Brian Clarke  
(Req. By: Cindy Clarke)

**Friday, June 28th/ 12:00 Noon**  
SI Ken Winter  
(Req. By: Mary & Al Kudryk)

**Saturday, June 29th/ 4:00PM**  
+Gildo Luvison  
(Req. By: Members of the SVDP)

**Sunday, June 30th / 9:00AM**  
SI For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, June 30th/ 11:00AM**  
+ John J Robertson  
(Req. By: Mary Jane Zimmerman)

*Let us pray for those who have died and for those who have asked for our prayers ...*

Jaymie Ward, Phillip Tomkin, Joe Hanrath, Bianca Laurie de Hernandez, Ron & Margaret Smith, Angela & Stephanie Braithwaite, Robert Foley, Ruth Anne Foley, John Dunbar, Doris Lane, Connie Gregory, Sharon & Ben Boivin, Timothy Pelyk, Pat Morra, Kirsten MacDonald, Peter Poustie, Pam and Don Mackenzie, Esther Phillips, Carole Ruttan, Kevin Phillips, Stephanie Jarvis, Ian Bruce, Mabelle Claer, Janine Wright, Edward and Claire Hortensius, Anna Maria Ertler, Mike & Loretta Pearson, Doris Cristiano, Karl Richter, Dallas Clarke, Jamie Sefton, Tcherina Zylstra, Brian O'Connor, Remi LeGros, Emily Warman, Terry Russell, Sheila Bruce, and Veronica Cotman

**Sunday Offertory**

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