

June 23, 2024: 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading:

As we continue in Ordinary Time, our reading today is taken from the Gospel of Mark, the primary Gospel reading in Lectionary Cycle B. Mark's Gospel presents a vivid portrait of Jesus, whose words and deeds show that he is the Son of God. Today's Gospel describes the end of a day of teaching in Jesus' ministry. Jesus taught the crowd in parables and then offered explanations of these parables to his disciples. Jesus then led his disciples away from the crowds and into the boats that they will use to cross the Sea of Galilee. The sea and its surrounding area are the settings for Jesus' teachings and miracles in this part of Mark's Gospel. Today's reading describes how Jesus calmed a storm at sea. It is the first of four miracles that are presented in sequence at this point in Mark's Gospel.

As is typical in Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are frightened by the sudden storm; they do little to inspire confidence in the reader. Mark notes the contrast between the disciples' terror and Jesus' peace. Jesus is sleeping, untroubled by what is going on around him.

The disciples' words to Jesus are telling. They are familiar enough with Jesus to dare to wake him. Their words to him are words of reproach, questioning his care for them. A careful reader might wonder what the disciples expected Jesus to do. Are they more troubled by the storm or by Jesus' inattentiveness to their needs? How many of us have chided a family member or friend for not agreeing with our assessment of the severity of a situation?

Today's Gospel offers evidence of Jesus' power and authority as he calms the storm. In his day, power over nature was believed to be a sign of divinity—only God calms storms. Jesus' rebuke of the storm also echoes the rebuke he uses when he talks to and expels demons. In each situation, Jesus' power and authority is a sign of his divinity. Indeed, the disciples are left wondering about Jesus' identity at the conclusion of today's Gospel. They see before them a human being who acts with the authority and power of God. The disciples' uncertainty about Jesus' identity is a recurring theme in Mark's Gospel.

This Gospel is a metaphor for our lives. We are in the boat, the storms of life are raging around us, and like the disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned, or “sleeping.” We hope that we will be as familiar with Jesus as his disciples. If we feel that Jesus is sleeping, are we comfortable enough to wake Jesus and present him with our needs? Jesus does not chide his disciples for waking him. Instead, he chides them for their lack of faith, for their lack of perspective. When we bring our worries to God in prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God's perspective.

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Sacred Heart Parish  
A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



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Diocesan website: [rcchurch.com](http://rcchurch.com)

Weekend Masses:  
Weekday Mass:

**Liturgy of the Word:** Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am.  
**No weekday mass June 25 - 30**  
**Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.**

Lohnes Complex\*

First Friday of each month - 2 pm  
**\*Note:** No mass at the church on this day.

Bible Study:  
Holy Hour of Adoration:  
Reconciliation:  
Marriages:  
Baptisms:  
Family Connections:  
St. Vincent de Paul:

**To resume in September.**  
Postponed until further notice.  
By request.  
Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.  
Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.  
At [www.rcchurch.com](http://www.rcchurch.com) you will find a link to family connections.  
To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS  
on June 15 & 16

Regular Sunday	1842.00
Loose Offering	123.93
Building Fund	30.00
Votive Candles	66.00
Mass Stipends	70.00
Baptism Fees	100.00
Wedding fees	30.00
Pope’s Pastoral Works	20.00
Living with Christ	6.00

MASS INTENTIONS June 25 - 30

June 25 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Liturgy of the Word
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Liturgy of the Word

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

June 29	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Janet Jackson	Art Hall
June 30	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Veronica Stone	Amelia Dicks
Communion to the sick – Joan Penney	

**NOTICE:** Father Lainey will be away from June 18 - July11th. **We will take mass request only for July 6 & 7.**

**MASS SCHEDULE JUNE 18 – JULY 11:**  
There will be no mass from June 18 – June 30, we will have **Liturgy of the Word services** on June 22, 23 and June 29 and 30 at Sacred Heart and Our Lady Star of the Sea. Bishop Bart Van Roijen will preside over mass at Sacred Heart Church on July 6 and 7 and at Our Lady Star of the Sea on July 6.

**“FRIENDS OF JACKIE” CONCERT:**  
Third Annual “Friends of Jackie” Concert  
Sunday, June 23rd at 2:00,  
Bartlett’s Point Park  
Music by “Griffins and Friends  
Please bring a food item or a monetary gift to support the Bay of Islands Food Bank Network  
Or your monetary donation can be made through E-transfer to  
foodbanknetwork@nf.aibn.com

**NOTICE OF DEATH:**  
We regret to inform you of the death of Sister Betty Quinlan, pbvm. Please keep Sister Betty Quinlan, her family and the Presentation Sisters in your prayers.

**PILGRIMAGE:**  
**OUR LADY OF LORDES PARISH GROTTTO:**  
On Monday, July 22nd, 2024 starting at 8am from the church we will be having a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Grotto on the Port au Port Peninsula. Rosary will be held in the Grotto weather permitting, followed by Mass inside the Church. Lunch will be held in the Parish Centre and a donation for the upkeep of the grotto will be gladly accepted.

**To Register:** There is a registration form in the back of the church, or you can call Elizabeth Carew at 709-785-5094.  
Once we have a total number of participants, we will be able to figure out the cost to each of us for renting a bus as this is about a 2 hour drive each way, instead of carpooling.

**HOLY REDEEMER PARISH CHASE THE ACE:**  
Each Wednesday - Ticket  
sales start 6:00pm until 7:45pm with a draw time of 8:00pm. You must be present at the time of draw to win!  
WHERE: Immaculate Heart of Mary School Gym, 112 Humber Rd, CB  
TICKETS \$2.00 each.  
Draw of June 19th, 2024  
Winner - Joy Greene – Ticket # - 31754 - \$886.00  
Card drawn-the 6 of Hearts.  
12 Cards remaining.  
**The ACE OF SPADES was not drawn so the progressive jackpot starts at \$19,914.00**  
50/50 winner was -Frances Skinner- \$1141.50

**HOLY REDEEMER SUMMER MASS CHANGE:**  
Beginning on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, the Cathedral Parish is **changing their Sunday evening Mass from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** There are two reasons for doing so: 1) To provide a viable option for those who have to work on Saturday and Sunday, and 2) To provide for those who may be returning to town at the conclusion of the weekend. **This is a two-month trial period, July and August.** We appreciate any feedback that you may have during the length of this trial period.

**ADVANCE NOTICE - CEMETARY MASSES:**  
**Sacred Heart** Cemetery Masses:  
Mount Cecelia Cemetery - Curling -  
Wednesday, July 31st at 7:00 pm.  
Old RC Cemetery - Benoit’s Cove  
Thursday, August 1st at 7:00 pm.

**Holy Redeemer** Cemetery Masses:  
Mt. Patricia Cemetery – N. Shore Highway  
Tuesday, July 23rd at 7 pm.  
Townsite Cemetery – Corner Brook  
Wednesday, July 24th at 7 pm.  
In the event of rain, the masses will be held inside the churches.

**Reflection:** **Faith Tested**  
  
My faith is tested many times every day, and more times than I’d like to confess, I’m unable to keep the banner of faith a loft. If a promise is not kept, or if a secret is betrayed, or if I experience long-lasting pain, I begin to doubt God and God’s love. I fall into the chasm of disbelief and I cry out in despair. But then the Spirit lifts me up again, and once more I am secured in faith. I don’t know how that happens, save when I cry out earnestly I am answered immediately and am returned to faithfulness. I am once again filled with Spirit and firmly planted on solid ground.

*Maya Angelu  
(Wouldn’t Take Nothing for My Journey Now,  
1993, New York, Bantam Books)*

*Flor McCarthy, New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies – Year B,  
Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999, p.227*