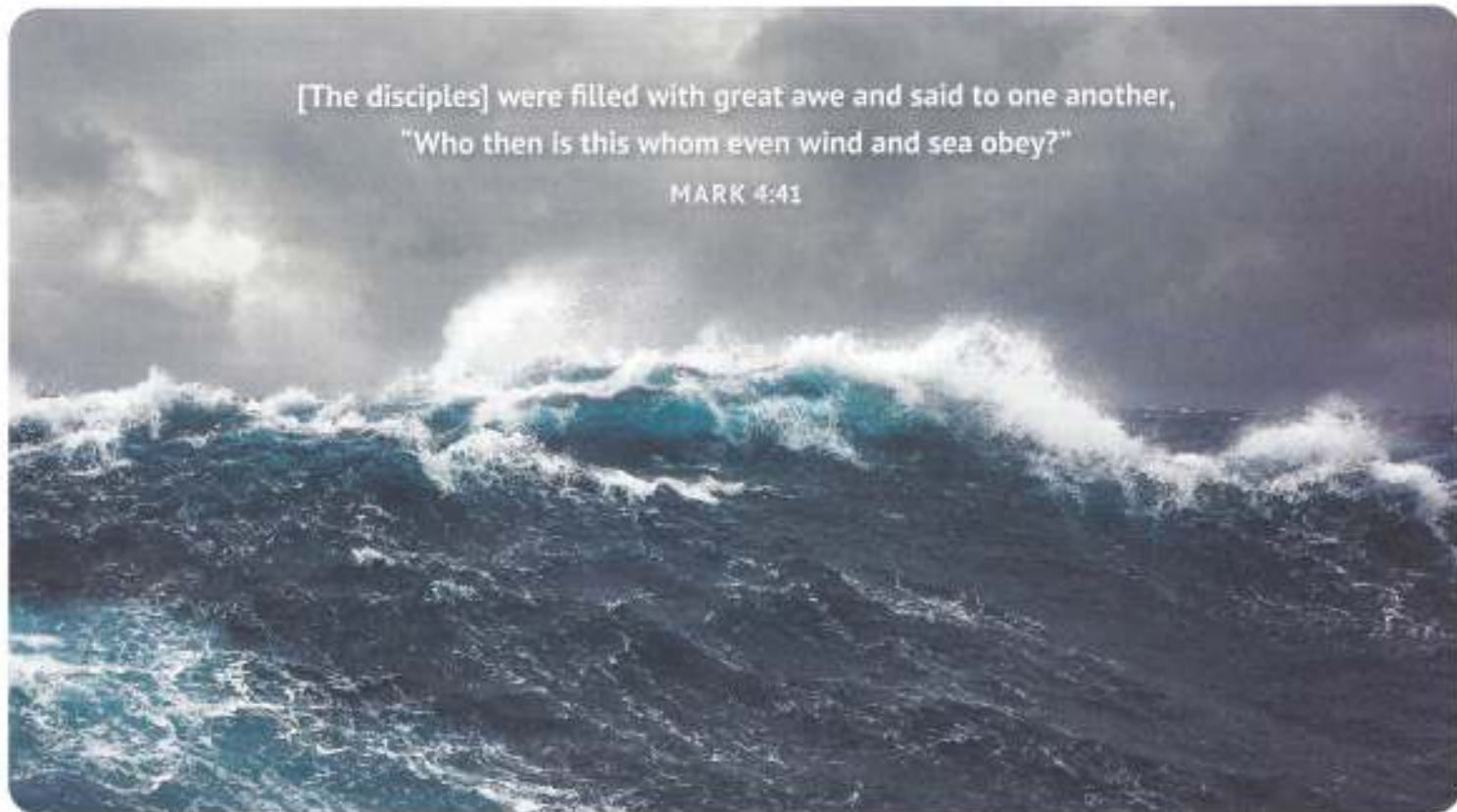




[The disciples] were filled with great awe and said to one another,
"Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"

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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For your information, Julie will be out of the office from June 25th – July 9th. Please contact Kristin with any questions or concerns.

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of June 24, 2024

Monday	6/24			† No Mass
Tuesday	6/25	9:00 am	STM	† No Mass
Wednesday	6/26	5:30 pm	HT	† No Mass
Thursday	6/27	9:00 am	HT	† No Mass
Friday	6/28	9:00 am	STM	† No Mass

Mass Intentions for the weekend of June 29 - 30, 2024

Saturday	6/29	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† For the Parishioners
Sunday	6/30	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† Gladys & Ivan Hassler
		10:30 am	St Patrick	† Dec. Mem. Crowe Family

A REFLECTION ON ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S NATIVITY

As we are about to celebrate John the Baptist birthday on Monday June 24th, let us reflect on this very unique and important person in the history of human salvation.

Apart from Jesus' birthday, John the Baptist is one of the two persons whose birthdays are celebrated by the Church annually – our Blessed Mother Mary, because of John's prominent role in the history of salvation as the forerunner of the Messiah. It was he who prepared Israel to receive their long-awaited Messiah by preaching repentance.

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah "Servant Songs". This passage was chosen most obviously for its reference to the servant having been named from his mother's womb (see Luke 1:60). But the passage also expresses important aspects of John's career as a prophet to God's people and a light to the nations. At the same time his status as servant makes him subordinate to Jesus. The author wrote these verses during the final days of the Babylonian exile. Christians understand this as a Messianic prophecy where the Servant is Christ. Isaiah compares the Servant to a "sharpened sword" and a "polished arrow." This Servant Jesus will bring salvation to the Gentiles too.

The second reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, is part of a speech given by Paul in a synagogue in Pisidian Antioch. The passage, describing the mission of John the Baptist and telling of his pivotal role in salvation history, won a place in the Gospel proclamation of the early Christians. In the passage, John the Baptist in all humility publicly acknowledged that his role was only that of a herald for the Messiah. As such, he had the task of preparing Israel to receive the Messiah by inviting them to receive the baptism of repentance.

John the Baptist birth is narrated in the Gospel; it is a contrast between John and Jesus in St. Luke's narratives: Both births are miraculous. John was born of his aged parents and Jesus from a virgin. The coming births of both were announced by the angel: John's in the Holy of Holies in the Temple whereas Jesus' in a village house. The mission of John was to be the forerunner of the Messiah; the mission of Jesus was to be the saving Messiah. Luke highlights the greatness of Jesus and the subsidiary position of John as the precursor of the Messiah and the herald of God's coming kingdom.

(Excerpted from VATICAN NEWS "vaticannews.va")

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This Weekend's Visiting Priest

Fr Vien Do is a retired priest, born in Vietnam in 1951. He came to the USA in 1986 and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Peoria in 1990 by the late Archbishop John J. Meyers. Fr. Vien Do is now in residence at the Holy Rosary Shrine in LaSalle. Again, we would like to thank Fr. Do for his precious help.

Next Weekend Second Collection Announcement

Please be reminded that next weekend June 29th & 30th Fr. Rogers Byambaasa, AJ, will be here for the Masses and also for his missionary work. Parishioners are encouraged to consider donating generously to his community's missionary efforts in Africa, which is a rich evangelical region.

SP & HT Annual Cemetery Appeal Update

Please be reminded that the SP & HT Annual Cemetery Appeal is still ongoing. We would like to thank those who have already sent in their donation; may the Lord repay their generosity a hundredfold. We hope that more people will be generous towards the upkeep of our two cemeteries.

LATEST OFFERING'S

JUNE 16TH WEEKEND

HT – \$780.00

SP – \$406.00

STM – \$800.00

God says...

Remember these four things:

1. I will make a way for you.
2. I'm fighting your battles.
3. Prayer is the best medicine.
4. Trust My timing.

CONFESSIONS

NEXT CONFESSIONS

WILL BE SAT. JULY 6TH

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM AT

ST. THOMAS MORE

IN THE HALL

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

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.

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