

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 20, 2021

ST. MARY PARISH WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon. Jun 21- 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Mass
Tue. Jun 22 - 7:00 p.m. Letty Ware Req'd by Emi Arruda
Wed. Jun 23 - 9:00 a.m. Braedon Coburn Req'd by Adell Mueller
Thur. Jun 24 - 9:00 a.m. Louis Williams Req'd by Donna & Dave Meyer
Fri. Jun 25 - 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass
Sat. Jun 26 - 4:00 p.m. Marion O'Grady Req'd by Yolanda McCann
Sun. Jun 27 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Jun 26 - 4:00 p.m. Emily McCormick
Sun. Jun 27 - 9:00 a.m. Marian Flanigan

CONFESSION only by appointment, call Fr. Joe at: 519-323-1054 ext. 7

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Jun 26 - 5:30 p.m. for the repose of the soul of Tony Daciuk

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Jun 27 - 11:00 a.m. for the repose of the soul of Brian Verstraten Req'd by Agnes & Roy Diemert



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Dad, for all those times I left it unsaid. Thank you. Thanks for being there for me, for showing me the way, for being patient with me even when I made it difficult for you, for believing in me and encouraging me to dream, and being such an inspiring presence in my life.



*We wish a Happy Birthday to Fr. Joe - June 25
God bless him for many years.*

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.

Worries and concerns are part of human life. Jesus teaches us, however, that we ought not to let worries and concerns consume us. Jesus teaches us that our faith ought to lead us to trust in God's protection and love, no matter how strong the whirlwind going on around us. Like the disciples, we can bring our worries and concerns to Jesus in prayer. Jesus will hear our cries for help. He knows that our faith can be fragile and he will act so that our trust in God will be strengthened. As you gather as a family, invite each family member to talk about something that might be worrying them. Talk about how important it is to share worries and concerns with other people. When we do this, we learn to see our worries from a different perspective. Invite family members to name again a worry or concern and pray together that Jesus will help us have faith in God's love and protection. Conclude in prayer together by praying the Lord's Prayer.

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Nativity of Saint John the Baptist- June 24



When John was born, his parents Elizabeth and Zachariah, called him John in accordance with angel's instruction. Luke records that he responded with the Benedictus, the great hymn of love and thanksgiving still recited in the liturgy of the hours.

Marriage

Marriage in the Catholic Faith, through the love of the couple, is meant to be the visible sign of God's invisible love for his people. When people observe your relationship do they see love, patience, kindness and commitment? If the answer is not as often as you would like, then instead of reverting to arguing, whining, or sarcasm when something goes wrong, change your response to your spouse. Be calm in stressful situations, use (learn if necessary) good conflict resolution skills and above all, commit to putting your spouse first, God is divine, but with a few changes, we can move closer to reflecting his love to all who witness our relationship.

The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course. - St. Boniface

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Fr. Joe has completed his 6 years as a pastor in Mount Forest, and the bishop has now assigned him to be a pastor at St. Patrick's parish in Cambridge.

Fr. Joe will be greatly missed!

Fr. Michael Anderson is coming to our parish as a new pastor on June 30, 2021.

Let us keep both Fr. Joe and Fr. Michael in our prayers.

There is a God –shaped vacuum in every person that only Christ can fill. – St. Augustine

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Job 38:1,8-11

The Lord answers Job's complaints.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 107:23-24,25-26,28-29,30-31

A song of praise to God for rescue

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Those in Christ are a new creation.

Gospel Reading

Mark 4:35-41

Jesus calms the storm.

Background on the Gospel Reading

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

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon.-Rev. L. Wycichowski, C.R.
Tues.- Rev. S. Zaryczny, C.R.
Wed.- Comboni Missionaries (M.C.C.J.)
Thurs. - J. Redmond **Fri.**- Rev. P. Ciallella
Sat.- Rev. M. Downey

Vocation

“Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”
Do you feel called to help people get closer to God? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

The one things we owe absolutely to God is never to be afraid of anything.
– Bl. Charles de Foucauld