



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 23, 2024

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation.

-- 2 Corinthians 5:17



Daily Mass

Week of June 24th – 28th

- Monday: 8:00 Jeffrey Kahn+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Bernadene Elsenius+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
- Thursday: 8:00 Verna Marie Van Deusen+
- Friday: 8:00 Della Roberts+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Mike Abell, Tara Singh, Kerrie Roye, Mark Lutz, Michael Carter, Rufus Smith, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini, Pamela M., Julia and Cecilia Uyeda.

Weekly Collection	Plate
June 16, 2024	\$9,645.00
Holy Father, Peter's Pence	\$848.00

FATHER'S DAY



Father's Day Cards!

It is not too late to offer a spiritual bouquet for someone special on Father's Day last Sunday, June 16th. Fill out the information envelope and return it to the Parish Office.

Today's Readings!



First Reading -- The Lord said to Job: Who shut within doors the sea? And who said: Thus far shall you come but no farther! (Job 38:1, 8-11).

Psalm -- Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting (Psalm 107).

Second Reading -- Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:14-17).

Gospel -- Who is this whom even wind and sea obey? (Mark 4:35-41).

Summer!

I lean and loaf at my ease observing a spear of summer grass.

-- Walt Whitman



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The gospel readings that we hear at Mass are repeated every three years. The cycle begins with Matthew (Year A), followed by Mark (Year B) and concludes with Luke (Year C). Because these three gospels share a similar theme and structure, they are known as the synoptic gospels.

The Gospel of John stands alone because it is primarily theological treatise on the nature of Jesus. We read from his gospel during the Christmas and Easter Seasons.

During the majority of this year, the gospel reading we will hear at Mass will come to us from the evangelist Mark. Although it is listed second in the canon of gospels, scripture scholars believe that Mark's gospel was written first. It is the shortest of the gospels and focuses exclusively on Jesus' public ministry. Two-thirds of Mark's gospel gives us a detailed accounting of our Lord's passion and death.

The theme of the good news according to Mark is very clear. The price that Jesus had to pay to be our Messiah included suffering and death. The call to discipleship requires us to accept a similar cross of self-sacrifice.

The hard-edged words of Mark don't sit well with many of us today. We prefer to reflect on more pleasant aspects of the good news. But the truth of Mark's message should not be denied or ignored. To try to live and love as Jesus lived and loved will sometimes lead to pain and suffering.

During this year, we will have ample time to reflect on Mark's hard truth, but we need not feel depressed. His accounting of the Messiah's mission of salvation ends happily. The moral of Mark's gospel is clear: if we follow Jesus to the end of our days, resurrection and not death will be our reward. Now that's **GOOD NEWS!**

Love, Fr. Leo

Traveler's Song!

Take this blessing prayer along with you as you travel on vacation this summer, and may the Spirit of Jesus be with you wherever you are in this wide and wonderful world.

In paths of peace may the Lord guide us,
 and may he send his holy angel Raphael
 to accompany us on our way;
 that safe and sound, in peace and in joy,
 we may return to those who love us.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.
 Amen!

Living Our Faith Ministry!

As we enter summer, the Living Our Faith Ministry would like to share with you two opportunities. The first one is the **Summer Food Drive**. With no access to school breakfast and lunch programs, many local families are struggling to feed their children. You are invited to continue to donate non-perishable food items, especially family-friendly foods, to the Alameda County Community Food Drive barrel located in the entrance to the Church and in the Gibson Center. Monetary donations are also welcome and easily submitted online or through the QR Code on the flyers in the Church.

The second one is a "first" for Corpus Christi, **Community Book Discussion**. Participants are invited to read Thomas Merton's, *New Seeds of Contemplation*, throughout the summer. Then on Sunday, September 8th, from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m., we will bring our books, our notes and ourselves to the Gibson Center for a group book discussion. Thanks to the generosity of our Parish, **free** copies of this book are available to all those who wish to participate. You will find them on the credenzas in the Church. For more information and to register, please contact Nancy Midlin at: midlin.nancy@gmail.com. We look forward to your participation this summer!

Treasures From Our Tradition!

In harbor towns throughout the world, seafarers will hear today's Gospel with profound awareness of the power of a storm at sea. In Gloucester, Massachusetts, a community of fishermen has gone down to the sea in ships for centuries, some never to return, as recounted in the book and film, *The Perfect Storm*. In the late nineteenth century, a stranded fisherman in the North Atlantic broke an oar. Adrift, he begged Mary for help, and when he returned his story inspired the building of Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Over the years, grateful sailors have surrounded the pews with models of their ships. Between the twin towers, a statue of Our Lady holds a vessel in her upraised hand as a symbol of a safe voyage. It is visible to homecoming sailors from the harbor's entrance. For centuries, sailors have looked to Mary as Stella Maris, "Star of the Sea." Indeed, that is possibly the most ancient title of Mary. In Aramaic, the language of Jesus, the words "Our Lady" sound similar to the word meaning "pilot" or "leader," someone who could lead one to safety. Certainly, a treasure of our tradition is how Mary points the way to her Son, the one who calmed the seas and accompanies us to safe harbor.

Saints and Special Observances!

- Monday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- Thursday: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- Friday: St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr
- Saturday: Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles

**Readings For The Week
June 24th -- 29th**

- Monday: First Reading Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 139; Second Reading Acts 13:22-26; Gospel Luke 1:57-66, 80
- Tuesday: First Reading 2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a; Psalm 48; Gospel Matthew 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday: First Reading 2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Psalm 119; Gospel Matthew 7:15-20
- Thursday: First Reading 2 Kings 24:8-17; Psalm 79; Gospel Matthew 7:21-29
- Friday: First Reading 2 Kings 25:1-12; Psalm 137; Gospel Matthew 8:1-4
- Saturday: First Reading Acts 12:1-11; Psalm 34; Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Gospel Matthew 16:13-19

The Wind and the Sea!

Living along the shores of Lake Superior -- the "big lake," as the locals call it -- you can often hear the advice, "Respect the lake; don't take it for granted." People who know Lake Superior respect its power and watch out for its many moods. Sunken ships and boats crushed into kindling are testimonies to what the lake can do.

The readings for this Sunday evoke our memories of the lake, of the mighty Mississippi River, or of the ocean itself. Who but God can control these mighty waters and sets limits to their advance? The lake described in today's Gospel was a body of water subject to sudden storms and churned into dangerous waves by terrible winds. But these mighty agents are subject to God. The sailor and the fisher all respect the water. Even more, they respect the awesome power of the Maker of wind and sea.

Open To God's Word

Today the Church begins a stretch of Ordinary Time that will last for five months. The liturgical vigor of the Easter Season and the feasts of the Holy Trinity and the Body and Blood of Christ settles down into this long stretch that opens before us. During Ordinary Time, the life of Christ is broken open for us by one of the Gospel writers. This year, we have been hearing the Gospel of Saint Mark. We begin this week by listening to his account of the Lord Jesus calming the stormy seas. Through this miracle, Jesus tests the faith of his followers. As we settle into Ordinary Time, let us be open to the power of the word of God to effect change within us. Let us pray that our faith will be strengthened as we grow more and more into faithful disciples.