

JUNE 20, 2021
Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Job 38: 1-11
2 Corinthians 5: 14-17
Mark 4: 35-41

Why Are You Terrified?
Follow God's Divine Direction.

What an exchange between God and His people that takes place in today's scriptures. Let us start with the exchange between the disciples and Jesus in the Gospel.

As the disciples and Jesus proceed across a violent sea the boat is taking on water badly. Jesus is not disturbed. However, the disciples are very alarmed. The disciples' fear is understandable to us who read the story. We mere mortals find such events fearful.

Seeing Jesus slumbering through the tumult the others cry out to Him, "...do you not care that we are perishing?" As if with a yawn Jesus wakes and calms the entire situation. Then with almost dismay Jesus says, "Why are you terrified? Do you not have faith?"

One might respond to Jesus, "really?! It's easy for you to say." The reason for the fear is they still did not understand who Jesus is. As they say, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" The exchange between the disciples and Jesus is telling of how much farther the disciples must go to understand the Lord and His ways. Look at another exchange in the scriptures of the day.

In the first reading, once again an exchange takes place during a storm. The storm is illustrative of Job's life situation. God addresses Job's questions and concerns. Job certainly had reason for his questions. God points out His power by asking, "Who shut within doors the sea..." Again, like the disciples in the gospel story, Job is trying to understand the Lord and His ways. We who read these passages struggle with the same.

It is the Lord who has all power. God has used His power to bring order to all creation. Yet, God's order is mysterious to us mortals. We do not easily understand it. We might not recognize God in the first place, somewhat like the disciples. Moreover, we are unable to tie life events together to recognize the order divine direction is giving them. God is, though, expecting we trust Him, discern His direction, and follow. God wants us to have patience as His plan unfolds. It takes time for us mere mortals to understand.

Paul gives good counsel in the second reading. The apostle points out when we know and understand Jesus we cannot keep from living His way. As Paul says, "The Love of Christ impels us...." It pushes us in the way of divine direction. It is in Christ that all things are brought to fruition. God has come to us in our time and space. As such all things are ordered, "the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come." So, what does all this mean for us today?

Brothers and sisters, assess the current situation of your life. What are the relationships you are in? How do you conduct your affairs? Does your conduct advance the Good according to God's plans? Do you take time to form your conscience by consulting wise counsel and good sources of information?

Sometimes we mere mortals get ourselves into difficult situations by not having well-formed consciences. We chose the wrong direction. Sometimes external forces do hurt us as was the case in Job's life. Sometimes it is one's own way of thinking or life choices that bring about negative perceptions and reactions to others. Sometimes it is a combination of these external and internal forces that cause the pain and questioning. Getting on God's path can and will bring healing in the context of the order it may bring.

To be on track with God's track begin with the examination of conscience suggested above. Seek wise counsel from others who hold the position of counsel. These may be the leaders of the Church itself such as priests or deacons or religious. They may be wise and experienced family members who are not caught up in dysfunctional family systems. They may be friends who have shown to be on solid spiritual ground and are reliable actors in God's ways. Through their own reflected on life experiences they may be able to help you see how your life events tie together to form a guide to fulfillment in God's way. Even then it is not easy to ply through life.

God is one who loves you and all of His creation. The Lord will lead and guide each one of us along the way. As such, why be terrified?

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
Wis1:13-15;2Cor8:7,9,13-15;Mk5:21-43

<u>Stewardship</u>	
Attendance last week:	265
Tithes Collected:	\$3,780.00
Online Giving:	\$250.00
Total:	\$4,030.00
Thank you!	

Next weeks' second collection is for Holy Father's Appeal (Peter's Pence)

Father's Day Novena

Today is Father's Day. As you know you may add your father's name to the list for remembrance in the Novena of Masses. In fact you may add the name of anyone who is a father to the list. If possible, leave a donation. The donated money will go to the Respect Life Ministry of the Church. However, you do not have to leave a donation in order to add your father's name to the list.

LITURGY FOR JUNE 20, 2021
12th Sunday Ordinary Time (B)

- **HYMN #1: OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART (Baloche)**
 1. **Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart; I want to see You, I want to see You**
 2. To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory. Pour out Your power and love; and as we sing holy, holy, holy.
 3. Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy; Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You!
- **PSALM 107:** Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.
- **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (ALLELUIA)** A great prophet has risen in our midst. God has visited his people.
- **HYMN #2: OFFERING (Baloche)**
 1. The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love. There is no shadow in Your presence. No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne, before the holy One of heaven. It's only by Your blood and it's not only through Your mercy, Lord, I come.
 2. I bring an offering of worship to my King. No one on earth deserved the praises that I sing. Jesus, may You receive the honor that You're due. O Lord, I bring an offering to You.
- **HYMN #3: BE NOT AFRAID (Bufford)**
 1. You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand. You shall see the face of God and live.
 2. **Be not afraid. I go before you always, come follow me and I will give you rest.**
 3. If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown. If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed. If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side, know that I am with you through it all.
 4. Blessed are the poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs. Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh. And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me, blessed, blessed are you!
- **HYMN #4: BLESSED BE THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY (Fits)**
 1. Father in heaven, how we love You; we lift Your name in all the earth. May Your kingdom be established in our praises, as Your people declare Your mighty works.
 2. Blessed be the Lord, God Almighty, who was and is and is to come; Blessed be the Lord God Almighty, who reigns forever more.

Father of mercy, be exalted; May Jesus' name be lifted high, for the sacrifice of love has won my pardon, and His resurrection power give me life.

- **HYMN #5: EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH (Morgan)**
 1. Praise Him in the sanctuary, praise Him in the mighty heavens. Praise Him, all the earth praise Him.
 2. Praise Him in His awesome power, praise His great and holy name. Praise Him, the whole world praise Him.
 3. From the rising of the sun let His praise be heard. From the east to the west, and the north to south.
 4. **Let everything that has breath praise the Lord forever. Let everything in my soul, praise the Lord.**

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MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, June 19
4:00 p.m. Father's Day Novena
- Sunday, June 20
9:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena
10:45 a.m. Father's Day Novena
- Monday, June 21
8:00 a.m. NO MASS
- Tuesday, June 22
8:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena
- Wednesday, June 23
8:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena
- Thursday, June 24
8:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena
- Friday, June 25
8:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena
- Saturday, June 26
4:00 p.m. Father's Day Novena
- Sunday, June 27
9:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena
10:45 a.m. † David Franz by Vincent Plumeri
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