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**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JUNE 23, 2024**

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

Saturday, June 29 - 4:30 p.m. - St. Vincent de Paul - ♥*For the Faithful*

Saturday, June 29 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph - †*Eugene Avery*

Sunday, June 30 - 9:30 a.m. - St. Agnes Hall - †*John & †Mona Haines*

Sunday, June 30 - 11:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea, Canso - †*Vincent Cohoon*

**WEEKDAY SCHEDULE**

Thursday, June 27 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Anthony's Chapel - ♥*For the Faithful*

**COMMUNION CALLS** - If you know of anyone who is unable to get out to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the parish office to have their name added to the list.

**REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS: *The Ever-Present God***

*The storms in the Gospel resonate with the storms we face in our lives. Some storms seem to arise from nowhere and take us by surprise. Other storms build and brew as we watch. Whatever it be, these are painful and pressing experiences of life. Many a time, God allows trials, difficulties and storms to come into our lives because these serve as tests and opportunities to prove our trust in God. The storms can make us trust God or see Him as less than He is which makes us react: 'Don't you care about us?' It reveals to us whether we live by fear or by faith. Jesus' words – 'Why are you so afraid?' – are more about us than the circumstances of our lives. Storms may continue to happen but with faith, we can face them. Faith does not change the storm but it changes us. It allows us to see and know that God, the master of the storm, is there with us, and He is in full control of the storms and of our lives. Jesus is ever-present with His people even in the midst of all these trials, even though sometimes it may appear that He is asleep and unconcerned. He is able with a word to calm these forces, and so there is no need for agitation and anxious care. We must keep rowing and trust that He will see us safely to the shore. The questions that we ask ourselves today and ponder upon are these: Have you stopped rowing the boat of life because you are overwhelmed with the storms of life? Will you start rowing again today and trusting in the ever-present companionship of God?*

## **STAR OF THE SEA NEWS**

Property/Finance Committee - Tuesday, September 3 at 6:15 p.m. New members needed!!

Ministries Schedule, June 30

Lector - Buzz Lumsden

Cleaners - June 23 - 29 - Irene & Juanita

Ways & Means - Tickets on a camping package are available from committee members, Draw date July 9. If you would like to donate a camping item/gift card, it will be most appreciated.

## **ST. AGNES NEWS**

Club 100 winners - Carla Connors, Ronalda Boudreau, Isabelle Boudreau, Bernice Munroe, and Annette Haines, thank you for your support

Bingo - Sundays at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall

## **ST JOSEPH NEWS**

Regular Weekly Bingo - continues Saturdays, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Joseph Parish Hall.

### *St Joseph Annual Parish Picnic*

Saturday June 29 - 1:00 - 4:00 – pm. Games of Chance - Straw Booth, Chocolate Wheel, Picture Wheel, Cake Walk, and Fish Pond. Sunday June 30 - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Banana Split and Ice Cream Sundaes

## **SUNDAY COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU!**

<b>Star of the Sea (34)</b>	595.00
Loose	4.10
Bldg Fund (2)	70.00
Cemetery (2)	100.00
<b>St. Agnes (19)</b>	250.00
Loose	27.00
<b>St. Joseph (19)</b>	222.00
Donation	500.00
Cemetery	50.00
<b>St. Vincent de Paul (4)</b>	75.00
Loose	8.00

## **FREE MARRIAGE PREP COURSE**

Sunday June 30th at St Joseph Church in North Sydney - 10 am to 3 pm. Starting with mass at 10 am with a homily on the marriage laws of the Church. Followed by sessions in the hall on finances, spirituality, sexuality, children, communication and a free lunch. All couples being married in the Diocese are welcome. Register by calling the parish office at 902-794-3951

## NOTES

Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou, Cape Breton, Gift Shop is now open seven days a week as follows:  
Monday to Saturday - 10am to 4pm  
Sunday - 11am to 5pm

The Shrine is open daily for visitation as it has been all winter. For inquiries 902-945-2221

Saint Ninian Parish Foundation presents TIGH DHE - a concert of Sacred & Celtic music - MONDAY, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm, Saint Ninian Cathedral. Featuring St. Ninian's Cathedral Choir, Celtic Ladies, Anne Holton, Jodie Alcorn, Brenna Conrad, Mary Beth Carty, John Pellerin, Heather MacIsaac, Grant School of Highland Dance Artistic Director: Emery van de Wiel. Admission by Donation - Suggested Donation \$20

June 23, 2024 • 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B

## Calm During the Storm

*This Week's Readings at Mass*

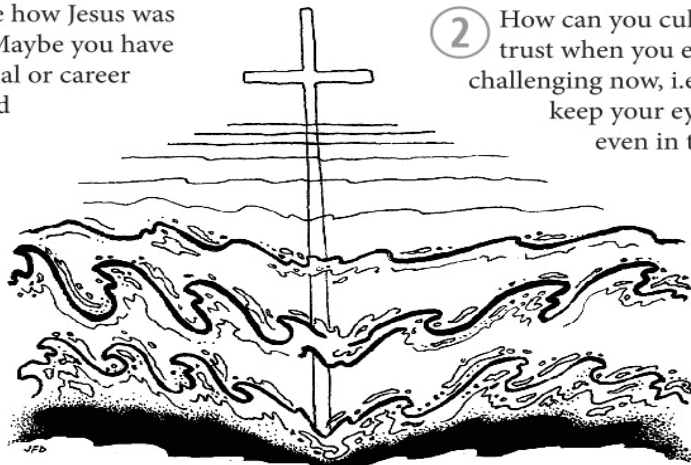
- ▶ Job 38:1, 8-11 - The Lord's speech to Job
- ▶ 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 - The ministry of reconciliation
- ▶ Mark 4:35-41 - The storm on the sea

The first reading and the Psalm response for the day (Ps 107:23-31) testify to God's power over nature, in this case, the sea. In biblical times, the sea represented the forces of chaos. God tells Job in no uncertain terms that God is in charge of the sea - God sets its boundaries, and the sea obeys his commands. The Psalm relates an account of sailors who experienced God's saving power when they cried out to him during a storm on the sea, and God responded by calming the storm. When Jesus ordered the wind to be still, those in the boat with him would have made the connection between Jesus calming the storm and God calming storms in earlier Bible stories.

Most of us can probably relate to the disciples who fear for their lives when they are in the midst of the storm on the sea. There is a great windstorm going on, and the waves are swamping the boat. Who wouldn't be afraid? Apparently, not Jesus, who is so calm that the disciples find it hard to believe that he could sleep through the danger.

Looking back on our lives, we can probably identify storms we have lived through that ended with safety and peace. Maybe as a mother, you have agonized about your child's physical or mental health crisis, and now you can see how Jesus was with you the whole time. Maybe you have come through a professional or career crisis that you feared would swamp you, but you made it safely to another shore.

Or perhaps you've endured the death of a loved one which you thought couldn't survive, but somehow you have come to find peace despite the loss.



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**Sheepish Question:**  
When have the forces of nature challenged my faith in God's power?

Perhaps the invitation in this passage is to recognize, like the disciples, that we will live through storms. Just because we follow Jesus doesn't mean things will be easy. Yet we can choose between reacting in fear and panic, or looking to Jesus in trust and asking that he help us keep a calm head during the storm.

## Questions of the Week

- 1 When have you experienced a turbulent time but realized that Jesus brought you safely to the other side?
- 2 How can you cultivate a greater sense of trust when you experience something challenging now, i.e., what can you do to keep your eyes on Jesus who is calm even in the midst of a storm?

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