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CATHOLIC PARISH

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*In Thee, O Lord, have I put my  
hope. Let me never be confounded.*  
- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

## 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today's Gospel reading for the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark's account of Jesus calming the storm, is one of the greatest, if briefest, miracles recounted in Mark's Gospel. While the winds and waters of the storm are crashing against their boat, the disciples fear for their lives, confused by the calm with which Christ faces their impending doom. After commanding the storm to cease, Christ delivers one of the greatest rebukes in all of scripture: "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"

Why are we afraid? In our confusing lives today, it is easy to forget that the fundamental root to many of our fears is a lack of faith. This connection is so fundamental that Christ offers no alternative cause to their fears; to our Savior, the relationship is absolute. We might have orthodoxy, we might have beautiful liturgies, strong and healthy families, unwavering convictions, and many other testaments to our faith. But if our faith is insufficient to conquer fear, that potent weapon of the enemy, we have much work to do.

And it is important to distinguish between the rational fears which are necessary to our survival, and the irrational fears which we inflict upon ourselves. It is natural for us to have a fear of hunger and thirst, violence and danger. But the hypothetical and speculative fears which we create for ourselves serve only to draw us away from the Son of God. He is with us here today, in His Holy Church, in the same manner that He was with the disciples.



The calming of the storm contains another vital detail, which can be easily overlooked. It was Christ who suggested that He and the disciples cross to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. In His infinite wisdom, the coming of the storm was known to Him; yet He still brought the disciples out into the sea. Perhaps the events we encounter today are also planned and known, perhaps Christ's unfathomable power can calm the storms of our lives, and perhaps the Savior's rebuke applies to our current interior lives.

In Mary's Immaculate Heart,

# A COMMENTARY FOR THE 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## IN THE STORM

“Do you not yet have faith?” Our Lord’s question in today’s Gospel frames the Sunday liturgies for the remainder of the year, which the Church calls “Ordinary Time.”

In the weeks ahead, the Church’s liturgy will have us journeying with Jesus and His disciples, re-living their experience of His words and deeds, coming to know and believe in Him as they did.

Notice that today’s Psalm almost provides an outline for the Gospel. We sing of sailors caught in a storm; in their desperation, they call to the Lord and He rescues them.

Mark’s Gospel today also intends us to hear a strong echo of the story of the prophet Jonah. He, too, was found asleep on a boat when a life-threatening storm broke out that caused his fellow travelers to pray for deliverance, and then to marvel when the storm abated (see Jonah 1:3–16).

But Jesus is something greater than Jonah (see Matthew 12:41). And Mark wants us to come to see what the Apostles saw—that God alone has the power to rebuke the wind and the sea (see Isaiah 50:2). This is the point of today’s First Reading.

If even the wind and sea obey Him, shouldn’t we trust Him in the chaos and storms of our own lives?

As with the Apostles, the Lord has asked each of us to cross to the other side, to leave behind our old ways to travel with Him in the little ship of the Church.

In their fear today, they call Him, “Teacher.” And it is only faith in His teaching that can save us from perishing. We should trust in Christ, and trust like Christ—who was able to sleep through the storm, confident that God was with Him (see Psalm 116:6; Romans 8:31).

We should live in thanksgiving for our salvation, as today’s Epistle tells us—as new creations, no longer for ourselves but for Him who died for our sake.- Dr. Scott Hahn



The parish staff knows of the following who are ill, in retired living accommodations, etc. **If you are aware of others**, please let Father or the parish office know: Carl Burrell, Elvira Colistro, Ray Lobdell, Rose Zinkgraf, Bella Mally, Jane Soars, Eleanor Finley, Virginia Warren, Susan Fisher, Gerri Allen, Peggy Cloke, Kathy McCarthy, Christopher Pitner, Ken Keyes, Shirley Anderson, Wayne Anderson, and the residents of Franklin Hills Care Center and Cherrywood Place.

Prayers for the infirm and homebound are a work of mercy.

## SEQUENCE HYMN FOR CORPUS CHRISTI

Written by St. Thomas Aquinas, the Sequence Hymn for Corpus Christi (Lauda Sion) is one of four medieval sequence hymns that were retained after most were suppressed at the Council of Trent. The others include the Sequences for Easter, Pentecost, and Requiem Masses. The Stabat Mater was restored to use in 1727 for Marian feasts.

Sion, lift up thy voice and sing: Praise thy Savior and thy King, Praise with hymns thy shepherd true. All thou canst, do thou endeavor: Yet thy praise can equal never Such as merits thy great King. See today before us laid The living and life-giving Bread, Theme for praise and joy profound. The same which at the sacred board Was, by our incarnate Lord, Given to His Apostles round. Let the praise be loud and high: Sweet and tranquil be the joy Felt today in every breast. On this festival divine Which records the origin Of the glorious Eucharist. On this table of the King, Our new Paschal offering Brings to end the olden rite. Here, for empty shadows fled, Is reality instead, Here, instead of darkness, light. His own act, at supper seated Christ ordain'd to be repeated In His memory divine;	Wherefore now, with adoration, We, the host of our salvation, Consecrate from bread and wine. Hear, what holy Church maintains, That the bread its substance changes Into Flesh, the wine to Blood. Doth it pass thy comprehending? Faith, the law of sight transcending Leaps to things not understood. Here beneath these signs are hidden Priceless things, to sense forbidden, Signs, not things, are all we see. Flesh from bread, and Blood from wine, Yet is Christ in either sign, All entire, confessed to be. They, who of Him here partake, Sever not, nor rend, nor break: But, entire, their Lord receive. Whether one or thousands eat: All receive the self-same meat: Nor the less for others leave. Both the wicked and the good Eat of this celestial Food: But with ends how opposite! Here 't is life: and there 't is death: The same, yet issuing to each In a difference infinite.	Nor a single doubt retain, When they break the Host in twain, But that in each part remains What was in the whole before. Since the simple sign alone Suffers change in state or form: The signified remaining one And the same for evermore. Behold the Bread of Angels, For us pilgrims food, and token Of the promise by Christ spoken, Children's meat, to dogs denied. Shewn in Isaac's dedication, In the manna's preparation: In the Paschal immolation, In old types pre-signified. Jesu, shepherd of the sheep: Thou thy flock in safety keep, Living bread, thy life supply: Strengthen us, or else we die, Fill us with celestial grace. Thou, who feedest us below: Source of all we have or know: Grant that with Thy Saints above, Sitting at the feast of love, We may see Thee face to face. Amen. Alleluia.
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### WEEKEND SCHEDULE

#### Saturday

8am – Daily Mass followed by Confessions  
(**St. Patrick**)

3pm – Confessions (**St. Francis Xavier**)

4pm – Vigil Mass (**St. Francis Xavier**)

#### Sunday

7:30am – Holy Mass (**St. Francis Xavier**)

9:00am – Holy Mass (**St. Patrick**)

11:00am – Holy Mass, Extraordinary Form  
(**St. Francis Xavier**)

12:30pm – Holy Mass, Extraordinary Form  
(**St. Francis Xavier**)

*On most Sundays, Confessions are heard during the  
11am Holy Mass*

### INFORMATION

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 a.m. on Mondays  
in the Extraordinary Form, and at 8 a.m. on  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the Ordinary Form.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is held  
Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Confessions are heard on Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

Please contact the parish office at to arrange a  
baptism, marriage, or funeral, to schedule a Mass  
intention, or if you are interested in becoming  
Catholic and sharing in our faith.

Please contact Jackie Silvey for prayer requests.

She can be reached at (509) 483-3109

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### MASS CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat** Jun 19 12th Sunday, Ordinary *Poor Souls*  
**Sun** Jun 20 12th Sunday, Ordinary *Pro Populo*  
**Sun** Jun 20 4th Sunday after Pentecost *Poor Souls*  
**Sun** Jun 20 4th Sunday after Pentecost *St. Charles parish*  
**Mon** Jun 21 Weekday *John Ahern*  
**Tue** Jun 22 Weekday *Ello Pierce-Anthony*  
**Wed** Jun 23 Weekday *DeMotte Family*  
**Thu** Jun 24 Weekday NO MASS  
**Fri** Jun 25 Weekday NO MASS  
**Sat** Jun 26 13th Sunday, Ordinary *Steven Kopczynski*  
**Sun**  
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Jun 27 13th Sunday, Ordinary *Pro Populo*  
Jun 27 5th Sunday after Pentecost *Poor Souls*  
Jun 27 5th Sunday after Pentecost *St. Charles parish*  
Jun 28 Weekday *St. Joseph*  
Jun 29 Weekday *Intentions of Our Lady*  
Jun 30 Weekday *DeMotte Family*  
Jul 1 Weekday NO MASS  
Jul 2 Weekday NO MASS  
Jul 3 14th Sunday, Ordinary *Lewis Family*  
Jul 4 14th Sunday, Ordinary *Pro Populo*  
Jul 4 6th Sunday after Pentecost *Poor Souls*  
Jul 4 6th Sunday after Pentecost *St. Charles parish*

*Masses without intentions are celebrated according to the intention of the priest celebrant. To request the offering of the mass for your intention, please call the parish office or place your request in the Sunday collection*

## PARISH EVENTS & NOTIFICATIONS

### REMEMBER OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

During the pandemic, we continue to distribute food through the Missionaries of Charity and Caritas services. Please leave your donations of nonperishable items by the doors of the church.

At the present time, these donations are needed more than ever.

### NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

NCYM meets in small groups throughout the week, view the Winter Schedule on the website using the link below for more details.

Website: <https://www.ncymspokane.com/>

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Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/ncymspokane/>

### MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH CAMP

The Office of Evangelization and Northside Catholic Youth Ministry are holding a retreat at Camp Shoshone this August 15-20 for middle school children. Cost is \$300, and scholarships are available. If you are interested, please contact JJ Nazarro at “jnazzaro@dioceseofspokane.org”

### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

NFP uses the physical signs placed by God within each woman's body to identify when pregnancy can occur. Monthly classes for three months. Tuition \$95.00 for the series. Classes are currently conducted virtually. Contact the Women's Health Center: 509-474-2400

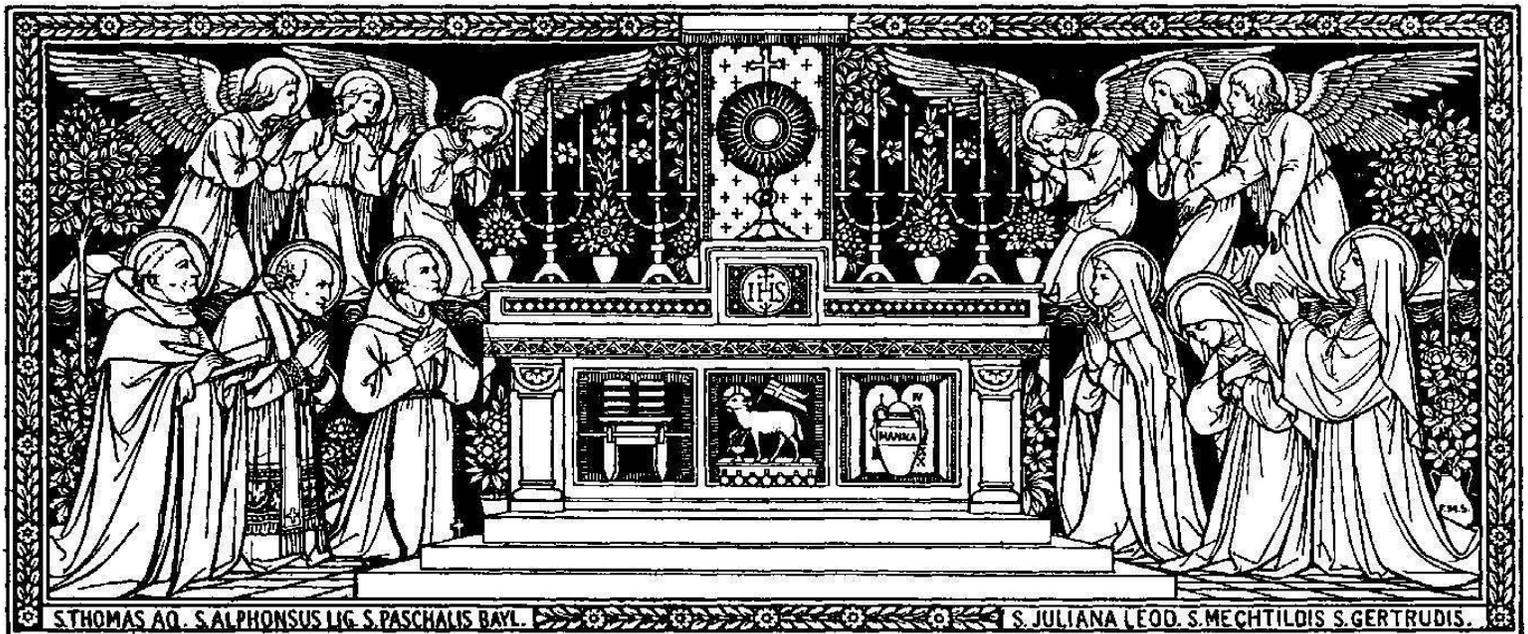
### OFFICE HOURS CHANGING

As the school year has wrapped up at St. Charles, our bookkeeper, Miles Ormsby, will be more available this summer. We appreciate your patience with our limited office availability this past year. While schedules may change due to his own educational obligations, Miles plans to be available on Mondays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

### GOING AWAY PARTY

On Saturday, June 26th at 5pm, the parish will be holding a going away party for Fr. Gaines on the lawn. If you are interested in providing food and drinks, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094eaba72da7fd0-frgaines>

My apologies for the long link, and, of course, feel free to bring anything you may like.

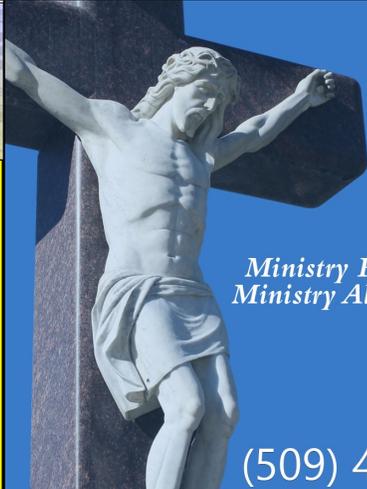




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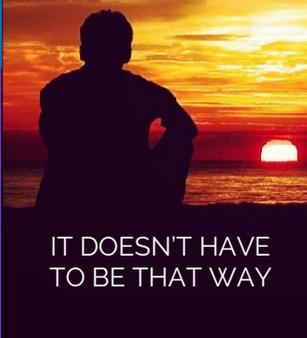
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