

# Dear Padre,

**Our parish used to be united. Now we have Filipino Catholics, Vietnamese Catholics, and Mexican Catholics, all with their own Masses and activities. Why can't we just be Catholic?**

The word *catholic* means "whole," "universal," "complete." To be Catholic, we must include everyone. I once served as a pastor of the only Catholic parish in a town of 20,000 people, more than half of whom were Catholic. The seventeen Baptist churches included a First Southern with services only in English, a First Baptist with services only in English, a First Baptist with services only in Spanish, and a Southern Baptist with services only in Spanish.



The Catholic Church goes out of its way to make sure that never happens to us and that all people feel part of the Church. One way to make a person feel welcome is to offer Mass in his or her native language, which is why my parish offered Masses in Spanish and Vietnamese as well as in English.

It wasn't just about language or nationality. We had Sunday-evening Mass to accommodate the many people who worked Sunday mornings. And we also had events that brought the entire parish together. The result was that we had six weekend Masses rather than six different communities.

It's difficult to form one Church. It's difficult to be Catholic. But for 2,000 years we've found it to be worth it. Culturally diverse faith communities acknowledge our differences; more importantly, we celebrate our Catholic wholeness through this diversity!

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Do not be afraid of migrants. Migrants are those who always bring us richness....Today there is the temptation to build a culture of walls, to raise walls, walls in the heart, walls on the land....And those who raise a wall, who build a wall, will end up a slave within the walls he has built, without horizons.*

DIALOGUE WITH TEACHERS AND STUDENTS, APRIL 6, 2019

## Calendar

**Monday**  
JUNE 21  
St. Aloysius Gonzaga,  
Religious  
Gn 12:1-9 • Mt 7:1-5

**Tuesday**  
JUNE 22  
Weekday  
Gn 13:2, 5-18  
Mt 7:6, 12-14

**Wednesday**  
JUNE 23  
Weekday  
Gn 15:1-12, 17-18  
Mt 7:15-20

**Thursday**  
JUNE 24  
Nativity of  
St. John the Baptist  
Is 49:1-6  
Acts 13:22-26  
Lk 1:57-66, 80

**Friday**  
JUNE 25  
Weekday  
Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22  
Mt 8:1-4

**Saturday**  
JUNE 26  
Weekday  
Gn 18:1-15 • Mt 8:5-17

**Sunday**  
JUNE 27  
Thirteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24  
2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15  
Mk 5:21-43 or  
5:21-24, 35b-43

**Know Someone  
Overly Anxious About Sin?**  
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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 20, 2021

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Jb 38:1, 8-11

2 Cor 5:14-17

Mk 4:35-41

## A Real Force of Nature

One of the forces of nature that we have been unable to control is unruly water. We are actually helpless when caught between torrents of rain from above and surging water from below. It is no wonder the ancestors of ancient Israel who lived between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers characterized cosmic evil as tumultuous water that only the great creator-God could control. This is the scene described in the reading from Job. This water is not destroyed; it is only harnessed. We will have to wait for the end of time for such water to be abolished. ("The sea was no more," Revelation 21:1.) This divine power over water is praised in the psalm response as well.

Belief in God's absolute power over chaotic water and cosmic evil lies behind the story of Jesus calming the sea. This story doesn't simply recount a display of Jesus' extraordinary command over the forces of nature. It is certainly that, but it is actually much more. It stands to reason that, if only the great creator-God can exercise control over this fearsome watery threat, and if Jesus can effortlessly exercise control over such water, then Jesus is somehow this great creator-God. In today's Gospel, the audacious disciples, who initially were frightened by the ferocity of the squall, were astounded by Jesus' authority over the storm. They declared, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" (Mark 4:41).

It is clear from this story that Jesus is the real force of nature.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## FOR Reflection

- Spend some time thinking about how Jesus has protected you from harm.
- Pray for the grace to trust in God.



*He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm.*

MARK 4:39



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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, June 21 8:00 a.m. Charles & Eileen Hoff+**  
**Tuesday, June 22 8:00 a.m. Bernard Frakes+**  
**Thursday, June 24 8:00 a.m. Harold Smith+**  
**Friday, June 25 12:15 p.m. Private Intention (K.B.)**  
**Saturday, June 26 4:00p.m. Ron Gorges+**  
**Sunday, June 27 9:00 a.m. Carter Brown**

June 19, 4:00 p.m. Tom Bachman  
 June 20, 9:00 a.m. Mike Broeckelman  
 June 26, 4:00 p.m. Gwen Waechter  
 June 27, 9:00 a.m. Fred Jones  
 July 3, 4:00 p.m. Debbie Frederick  
 July 4, 9:00 a.m. Julie Kaps  
 July 10, 4:00 p.m. Karen Burden  
 July 11. 9:00 a.m. K of C  
 July 17, 4:00 p.m. Gwen Waechter  
 July 18, 9:00 a.m. Alvin Bergkamp  
 July 24, 4:00 p.m. Tom Bachman  
 July 25, 9:00 a.m. Fred Jones

**Reconciliation:** Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. every Friday from 4:15—4:50 p.m. or by appointment.  
**Baptism:** Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.  
**Marriage:** Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.  
**Anointing of the Sick:** Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

**12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— JUNE 20, 2021**



**Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith? (Mark 4:35-41)**

Do you ever worry that the world is a little out of control? I started hearing people talk that way a little over a year ago as we were confronted with some pretty unsettling things --- particularly the onset of a virus about which we knew nothing, and the outbreak of widespread unrest on our nation’s streets. Either one of these events by itself would have caused many of us to be worried --- but both at the same time was particularly troubling. Add to that the economic turmoil that ensued and well, you know what it was like and what you felt and what dominated your thoughts for quite a long time. Will we ever get through this pandemic? Will the riots and looting ever stop? Will the jobs that were lost come back, or are they lost forever? These are the things I heard time and time again. Was the world falling apart? Like Jesus ‘disciples in today’s gospel we ask the Lord, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” Now let us listen to his answer, “Do you not yet have faith?”

We know how the story turned out. Jesus stepped in and made things better, calmed the storm --- took what was chaotic and frightening and transformed it into something much different --- something full of calm, and peace, and safety.

Or do we hope and trust and have faith that every single thing in this world can be made better, and that no hurt or wrong or injustice or danger need remain that way? Today is simply that --- today. Tomorrow can be whatever God wants it to be and whatever we are willing to do our part to help bring about.

My friends, when our faith is truly alive within us we will never consider anything to be the “new normal”. Rather, each day is an opportunity --- an opportunity to work with God to calm the storms around us and within us, helping bring about a peace that only God can give.

Fr. Peter Tran

**COLLECTION** for June 13, 2021: Envelopes: \$515.00; Loose: \$122.00; Votive candles: \$47.52; Online Giving: \$1455.75. Total \$2092.75; +Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under (+331.58)

*Thank you so much to your faithful stewards for supporting our parish, diocese, and worldwide Church.*

**THANK YOU** We would like to thank Lisa Gannett for accepting the position of our parish DRE—an important role for the education of faith to our children. May the Loving God, the source of all wisdom pour down many blessing upon you, Lisa and your family. Thank you!

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY** Happy Father's Day to all fathers! May the Loving God, through the intercession of the St. Joseph, pour down many blessings upon all fathers today and everyday.

“God our Father, in your wisdom and love you have created us and called us your own. Bless our fathers, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. In moments of joy, rejoice with them. In times of struggle, give them your courage and perseverance. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them always with a spirit of profound respect. May the example and prayer of St. Joseph inspire them to live their vocation with courage. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

**CONGRATULATIONS** We would like to extend our congratulations to our newly Baptized, Xavier Arian Leyva-Vazquez, son of Dayana Vazquez, who was baptized on June 12. Welcome to God's family in the Church! May our Loving God continue to pour down His abundant blessings upon Xavier Arian Leyva- Vazquez and his family.

**RUMMAGE SALE** The Rummage Sale this year is to be on August 7th. We would like to start collecting items. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact any of the following:

Jana Jenkinson	290-5201	Janet Rooney	640-1946	Tressa Power	260-6247
Jane Sullivan	355-5118	Carolyn Robertson	290-5569	Gwen Waechter	272-1030

**BUDGET SHOP REMINDER** our church is scheduled to work at the budget shop every four weeks. We always appreciate all your help. We will be working on June 5 and 8, July 6 and 31st, August 3, 28th, and 31st and on September 25 and 27th. Please put these dates on your calendar. Your children can qualify for a very good scholarship from the Budget shop by volunteering 12 hours a year. So encourage them to work also. Thank you.

**VOCATION VIEW** “*Why are you terrified? Why are you lacking in faith?*” If God is calling you, don't let fear stop you. (Mark 4:35-41)

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT** St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that Christ died “so that those who live might live no longer for themselves.”

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK** (by St. Basil of Caesarea) Steer the ship of my life, Lord, to your quiet harbor, where I can be safe from the storms of sin and conflict. Show me the course I should take. Renew in me the gift of discernment, so that I can see the direction I should go. And give me the strength and the courage to choose the right course, even when the sea is rough and the waves are high, knowing that by enduring hardship and danger in your name I shall find comfort and peace. Amen

**UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - (Mark 4;26-34)**

**Symbolic sea** At the time of Jesus the sea symbolized the chaos or emptiness that preceded creation. The sea was a dangerous and sometimes deadly realm: boats sank and people died during fierce storms, just as they do today. Passages in the Old Testament portray God subduing the sea and rescuing people who are drowning, as in our psalm for today (see also Exodus 15, Psalm 77:17-21, and Jonah 2).

**To sleep or not to sleep** As Jesus' disciples try to secure the boat against the fierce, unexpected storm, Jesus dozes. Although they're doing what any experienced fishermen would do, Mark contrasts their fearful activity with Jesus' own inaction: Jesus is so sure that God will protect them that he keeps sleeping.

**Confronting evil** Jesus earlier revealed his power over evil and sickness. When he cast a demon out of a man (1:23-27), he spoke almost the same words that he speaks here to the storm. In both cases Jesus rebukes the forces of evil and conquers them easily and instantly. In this case, Jesus has saved the disciples, who thought they were perishing, from death (v.38).

**The identity of Jesus** Despite the power over evil that Jesus had earlier shown his disciples, they either didn't believe or didn't realize that he could save them from this particular threat. They don't yet understand Jesus as we do today. Jesus exercises the power of God himself, not only the power to heal and cast out demons, but a power that stands over all creation.

**The beginning of wisdom** In Proverbs 1:7 we hear that fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. Fear means reverence and awe for God. Reverence for God or putting God first in our lives is the wisest and most just way to live. When the disciples react to the calming of the storm with great awe, they show that they have begun – though only begun – to have the wisdom that comes from putting their faith in God's Son. ([www.oursundayreadings](http://www.oursundayreadings))

**UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST READING** (Job 38:1,8-11)

**Who is Job?** In the first few chapters of this book Job loses everything, even his health. The conventional wisdom was that Job must deserve his suffering. Job's friends insist on his guilt as Job vigorously defends his innocence. Job says at one point that he wants to take his case to court so that God will have to explain why he's suffering.

**Out of the storm** Only in the final chapters of the book does God enter the discussion. God speaks from a storm or whirlwind. In the ancient world storms represented powerful gods (like the Canaanite god, Baal) because storms are uncontrollable and forceful, though they also bring life-giving rain.

**Continue the conversation** Job thinks that God has either failed to act justly or doesn't have the power to do so. God's rhetorical questions, which extend beyond this passage, point out that not only does he have control over all creation but he uses his power to protect and sustain all forms of life. God's response humbles Job, who has no power over forces like the sea and doesn't even understand how creation works. God humbles Job, but he doesn't ignore him. God doesn't declare that Job sinned, nor does he say that Job is wrong to vent his anger and confusion. Instead, God invites Job to acknowledge his limited perspective and to strive for greater wisdom. By seeking greater understanding, Job can avoid false conclusions about himself and God – unlike his friends. ([www.oursundayreadings](http://www.oursundayreadings))

## QUESTION AND ANSWER



### **Question:**

Is saying “Oh my God!” when reacting to a situation or story taking the name of the Lord in vain? — Janet

### **Answer:**

While the phrase “Oh, my God” could be a prayer, it is not usually meant in this way in the situation you describe. More commonly it uses the divine name as a mere expression of surprise or exasperation. This is not a reverent or prayerful use of God’s name in most circumstances. The word “vain” means empty, and in that case the phrase you cite would usually seem to qualify as using God’s name in vain. However, in assigning culpability (blameworthiness), it is good to remember that some have developed a bad habit of using this expression. As such, they usually commit the sin in weakness rather than malice — that is, not intending to show disrespect to God. It should further be recalled that the Second Commandment, “You shall not use the name of the Lord in vain,” has for its first meaning that we should never use God’s name to swear falsely or curse others. Irreverence of God’s name through casual use, such as you cite, is an extended meaning of the commandment. Therefore, we see that violations of the Second Commandment do admit some degree of seriousness. It is far more serious a sin to use God’s name to swear falsely than to inadvertently use it to express surprise. Still, one ought to avoid such vain or empty uses. One way to help break a bad habit that may have developed is to say aloud whenever they slip, “Oh, I mean to say, ‘May the Name of the Lord be praised!’” This makes reparation and also helps break the habit. (From Catholic And Curious: Your Questions Answered—Monsignor Charles Pope)

## **TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME HEAL THE HUMAN FAMILY**

Fathers are an unpredictable lot. Some are lovingly remembered as protective and dependable captains who sailed their families to calmer waters through every domestic storm. Others may be lamented as the source of many a squall themselves. We pray this day for both kinds of fathers: those who stayed and those who abandoned ship, the faithful and the faithless, the tender and the tyrant. The church teaches that our world can’t be whole until our families are healed. This Father’s Day, we pray especially for those who volunteer as benevolent father figures for children in need of one. (Prepare the Word)

## **DÉCIMO SEGUNDO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO SANAR A LA FAMILIA HUMANA**

Los padres son un grupo imprevisible. A algunos se los recuerda con cariño como capitanes protectores y confiables que llevaron a sus familias a aguas más tranquilas a través de todas las tormentas domésticas. Otros pueden ser lamentados como la fuente de muchas borrascas. En este día rezamos por ambos tipos de padres: los que se quedaron y los que abandonaron el barco, los fieles y los infieles, los tiernos y los tiranos. La Iglesia enseña que nuestro mundo no puede estar completo hasta que nuestras familias estén sanadas. En este Día del Padre, rezamos especialmente por aquellos que se ofrecen como figuras paternas benévolas para los niños que lo necesitan.