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Sunday, June 20, 2021

Twelvth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow. Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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READING 1 - Jb 38:1, 8-11

The Lord addressed Job out of the storm and said: Who shut within doors the sea, when it burst forth from the womb; when I made the clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling bands? When I set limits for it and fastened the bar of its door, and said: Thus far shall you come but no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stilled!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31

R. Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

They who sailed the sea in ships, trading on the deep waters, These saw the works of the LORD and his wonders in the abyss.

R. Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

His command raised up a storm wind which tossed its waves on high.

They mounted up to heaven; they sank to the depths; their hearts melted away in their plight.

R. Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

They cried to the LORD in their distress; from their straits he rescued them, He hushed the storm to a gentle breeze, and the billows of the sea were stilled.

R. Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

They rejoiced that they were calmed, and he brought them to their desired haven. Let them give thanks to the LORD for his kindness and his wondrous deeds to the children of men.

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READING 2 - 2 Cor 5:14-17

Brothers and sisters: The love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore, all have died. He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Consequently, from now on we regard no one according to the flesh; even if we once knew Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know him so no longer. So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: A great prophet has risen in our midst, God has visited his people.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - Mark 4:35-41

On that day, as evening drew on, Jesus said to his disciples: "Let us cross to the other side." Leaving the crowd, they took Jesus with them in the boat just as he was. And other boats were with him. A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Just As I Am"

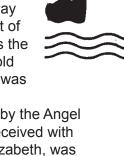
COMMUNION HYMN - "The Cry of the Poor"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Center of My Life"

St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST, June 24

The birthday of John the Baptist, six months before the birth of Jesus, has been celebrated on June 24 from the earliest days of the Church. Jesus himself called John, who prepared the way for him by his preaching, the greatest of men. A "voice in the desert," John, as the final prophet of the Old Testament, told the people of his time that their Lord was near.



The announcement of John's birth by the Angel Gabriel to Zachary, his father, was received with disbelief because Zachary's wife, Elizabeth, was beyond childbearing age. Yet the angel insisted, "You shall call his name John for he will be great before the Lord and filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb."

In the wastelands of Judea, people from all ranks of society - soldiers and priests, tax collectors and workers - came to hear John and their hearts were moved by his call to repent. Many were baptized by him in the River Jordan as a sign of their conversion; some remained to live with him as his disciples.

His denunciation of King Herod's immoral conduct shocked the king's court, and John eventually suffered death for speaking truth to the powerful.

Jesus began his own mission by being baptized by John. Recognizing the Son of God, whose "sandals he was not worthy to untie," John said, "He must increase, and I must decrease." John's life prepared for Jesus who was eternal life.

Early commentators never fail to note that after June 24, the feast of John the Baptist, the sun's light begins to decrease until December 25, the birth of Jesus, when the light of the sun increases again. 'Lord, may you increase your life within us!'

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice SWEET REST

God's love is like a harbor where our souls can find sweet rest from the struggle and the tension of life's fast and futile quest!

"Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the Lord has been good to you." —Psalm 116:7

Today ask the Lord to be your port of call, His love your destination and your harbor!

FATHER'S DAY is celebrated today! Did you know? Father's Day formally preceded Mother's Day by four years. Its beginning is credited to Mrs. John Bruce Dodd of Spokane, Washington. She along with her brothers and sisters, was raised by her father after her mother's death. At her suggestion, the Spokane Ministerial Association approved the proposal that the third Sunday in June be set aside for honoring fathers. It was first celebrated on June 19, 1910. "Happy Father's Day"!

Today's Father's Day Mass Intentions for: All Fathers, Living & Deceased

Take a moment out and pray...

† † † † † † *PRAYERS* † † † † † †

Health Needs: Lord God, Jesus, our Savior, Mary and all the Saints, we ask you to bring peace and your healing touch to those who are ill, afraid or worried. Amen.

Health Needs of: All who have the Coronavirus & Debbie Marciano, Beverly Hester, Gregory Klein, Jim Richards, Nancy Fernandez Petrozza, Sophia Kyriakakis, Billy Murphy, Helen de la Sota, Jeff Curtis, Ottavia Daquino, Linda Frysztacki, Daniella Vasquez, Bill & Ann Siebuhr, Blanca Vasquez, Iris Cafran, John Luis Vasquez, Eileen McChesney, Dennis Erb, Rosemary Rosen, Jay Lasker, Joe Glovack, Carla Calabrese, Janis Siebuhr, Debbie Granaldi, Joan Paczkoski, Dominick Ocello, Louise & Anthony Kuzniewski, Jorge Juan Vasquez, Jessica Arrubla, Elaine Bode, Elena Accomando Capuano, Emily Smith, Anita Paczkoski & for all those who care for the sick and disabled.

Requiem Intentions for faithfully departed:

Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.
