



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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?"
- Mk 4:39-40

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Twelve Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God's patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity's reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can't be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are



continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention.

Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It's unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey.

That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into unchartered waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"?

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. June 19	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Mary & Ray Whalen (Teresa & Colin Walters)
Sun. June 20	9:30am	✠ Marion Mullin (Teresa & Colin Walters)
	11:00am	✠ Anthony Filbert (Lynda Filbert)
		✠ Legay & Guest Families (Rebeiro Family)
	12:30pm	Missa Pro Populo
Mon. June 21	9:30am	MASS CANCELLED
Tues. June 22	9:30am	✠ Frank Grennan (Racz Family)
	7-8pm	HOLY HOUR & Confessions
Wed. June 23	9:30am	✠ Frank Grennan (Andre & Therese Czychun)
Thurs. June 24	9:30am	Intentions of Sean Walters (Teresa & Colin Walters)
Fri. June 25	9:30am	✠ Joseph Racz (Racz Family)
Sat. June 26	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Ralph Biancaniello & Gerard Gosselin (Vince Addario)
Sun. June 27	9:30am	Intentions of Tara & John DiMartile (Teresa & Colin Walters)
	11:00am	✠ Noel, Raymond, Francis, Anthony & Patrick Guest (Rebeiro Family)
	12:30pm	Missa Pro Populo

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.

Offertory

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Roadmap to Reopen Step 1

On June 7th, the government of Ontario announced that the province will enter into Step One of its Roadmap to Reopen at 12:01 am on Friday, June 11, 2021. Indoor religious services, rites or ceremonies, including wedding services and funeral services, will be permitted at **15 per cent capacity of the particular room.**

Reservations are required for the weekend Masses only. Call or email the office to reserve spaces. If you plan to attend during the week, please sign in and provide a contact number. The new Mass schedule, as well as Holy Hours and Confessions, is posted on the website, the front church door and in the bulletin. **Face coverings are mandatory.**