

Background on the Gospel Reading

As we continue in Ordinary Time, our reading today is taken from the Gospel of Mark, the primary Gospel reading in Lectionary Cycle B. Mark's Gospel presents a vivid portrait of Jesus, whose words and deeds show that he is the Son of God. Today's Gospel describes the end of a day of teaching in Jesus' ministry. Jesus taught the crowd in parables and then offered explanations of these parables to his disciples. Jesus then led his disciples away from the crowds and into the boats that they will use to cross the Sea of Galilee. The sea and its surrounding area are the settings for Jesus' teachings and miracles in this part of Mark's Gospel. Today's reading describes how Jesus calmed a storm at sea. It is the first of four miracles that are presented in sequence at this point in Mark's Gospel.

As is typical in Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are frightened by the sudden storm; they do little to inspire confidence in the reader. Mark notes the contrast between the disciples' terror and Jesus' peace. Jesus is sleeping, untroubled by what is going on around him. The disciples' words to Jesus are telling. They are familiar enough with Jesus to dare to wake him. Their words to him are words of reproach, questioning his care for them. A careful reader might wonder what the disciples expected Jesus to do. Are they more troubled by the storm or by Jesus' inattentiveness to their needs? How many of us have chided a family member or friend for not agreeing with our assessment of the severity of a situation?

Today's Gospel offers evidence of Jesus' power and authority as he calms the storm. In his day, power over nature was believed to be a sign of divinity—only God calms storms. Jesus' rebuke of the storm also echoes the rebuke he uses when he talks to and expels demons. In each situation, Jesus' power and authority is a sign of his divinity. Indeed, the disciples are left wondering about Jesus' identity at the conclusion of today's Gospel. They see before them a human being who acts with the authority and power of God. The disciples' uncertainty about Jesus' identity is a recurring theme in Mark's Gospel.

This Gospel is a metaphor for our lives. We are in the boat, the storms of life are raging around us, and like the disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned, or "sleeping." We hope that we will be as familiar with Jesus as his disciples. If we feel that Jesus is sleeping, are we comfortable enough to wake Jesus and present

him with our needs? Jesus does not chide his disciples for waking him. Instead he chides them for their lack of faith, for their lack of perspective. When we bring our worries to God in prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God's perspective.

Mass Intentions
June 24, 2024 – June 30, 2024

Tuesday, June 25, 2024 – **7:00 p.m.**
Intentions of Fr. Brian Quigley – Bill Barrett

Wednesday, June 26, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**
+ Ron Stroeder – Bill & Mary Alice Zister

Thursday, June 27, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**
+ Brian Reidel – Bill & Mary Alice Zister

Friday, June 28, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**
+ Ed Forwell – Betty Jane Forwell & Family

Saturday, June 29, 2024
9:00 a.m. – + Lucy Baker, in Memory of her 100th Birthday – Helene Meier
5:00 p.m. – + Leona and Sheldon Grobe – Peter Grobe

Sunday, June 30, 2024 – **10:00 a.m.**
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

June 24 – **Nativity of Saint John the Baptist – Patron of French Canadians**

June 25 – Rev. Joseph Durkacz

June 26 – Comboni Missionaries (M.C.C.J.)

June 27 – Rev. Tomy Chittinapilly

June 28 – Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.

June 29 – **Saints Peter & Paul**

June 30 – **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

| Stewardship Report – June 16th, 2024 | |
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| Sunday Offerings | \$ 2,692.25 |
| Votives..... | \$ 23.00 |
| Cura Pastorum..... | \$ 60.00 |

We are most appreciative of your ongoing prayerful and financial support for our parish, St. Teresa of Avila.

Donations to the parish can be made through the use of Sunday Offertory envelopes, Pre-Authorized Giving, E-Transfer, and CanadaHelps.

As we approach the summer season and families begin to make their vacation plans, please consider using e-transfer to continue your weekly donations while you are away.

If you require any further information, please contact the parish office.

Parish Announcements

Closing Mass of the Semester

Join us as we celebrate the closing Mass of the Semester with our students on Tuesday, June 25th, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome!

Sanctuary Cleaning Team

We are looking for volunteers to join our Sanctuary Cleaning team. Teams are made in pairs, and cleaning takes place on Fridays. To join, please contact the parish office or enter your name on the sign-up sheet in the church foyer. Please let us know which dates you are available.

Divine Mercy Chapel

We have two openings in the chapel for Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. Come and spend a quiet hour with Jesus. It is most gratifying and peaceful. Please contact Sandra Nakluski - 226-789-1259.

📷 New Parish Photo Directory – Join Us in Creating a Lasting Memory at St. Teresa of Avila!



Sign Up Today!

You can sign up for your photo session by contacting the parish office or at the sign-up table in the narthex of the church before and after Mass on weekends. Don't miss this opportunity to be included in our parish family album.

Dates to Remember

Photographers will be available on the following dates:

- June 24th - 26th from 2:30 PM to 8:30 PM
- July 5th from 2:30 PM to 8:30 PM
- July 6th from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Call for Committee Volunteers

Many hands make light work, and we need your help! If you are interested in contributing to this historic endeavor, come join the Parish Photo Directory Committee! For more details or to sign up, please contact the parish office or speak with Arinze at 548-333-2015.

Thank you for your participation and support. Let's come together to make the St. Teresa of Avila photo directory a beautiful reflection of our vibrant parish community!

Diocese Announcements

Young Adults Night - Saturday, July 6th – Hamilton

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), talk/tour in the church (7:30pm-7:45pm), social with food (7:45pm-8:15pm), praise night (8:15pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, July 6th at St. Catherine of Siena Church (620 Rymal Road East, Hamilton, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Diocesan Marian Days

The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, the Diocesan Marian Shrine, will be hosting the Diocesan Marian Days on the first Saturdays from June to October. The day begins at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at noon. The presiders for these days will be Fr. Ian Duffy (June 1), Bishop Wayne Lobsinger (July 6), Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki (August 3), Bishop Douglas Crosby (September 7) and Bishop Daniel Miehm (October 5). For more information, see the Diocesan website.

Faith After Graduation

The Office of Youth Ministry has produced a resource for those graduating grade 12. Please visit our webpage to access the brochure and the suggested resources to help you stay connected to the faith and your parish after graduating from your Catholic High School. <https://tinyurl.com/dohymresources>

Wisdom of the Saints

“Just as at sea those who are carried away from the direction of the harbour bring themselves back on course by a clear sign, such as a tall beacon light or a mountain peak coming into view, so Scripture may guide those adrift on the sea of life back into the harbour of the divine will.”

-- St. Gregory of Nyssa

“Peace is Associated with humility.”

-- St. Hildegard of Bingen

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention
June 2024

Please join Pope Francis in praying for migrants fleeing their homes during the month of June.