

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 6th

4:00PM

Frank DiBiao Anniversary

Sunday, August 7th

8:30AM

Frank Miller 3rd anniversary

Requested by his family

11:30AM

Maximina Nunez

Pedro Romero 3 meses de fallecido
pedido por su esposa

Ramona Olivia Méndez

Gladys Alvarado

5:00PM

Frances O'Neil 8th anniversary

Requested by her family

Monday, August 8th

5:30PM

Robert D. Sullivan 21st Anniversary

requested by his family

Tuesday, August 9th

5:30PM

Special Intention

Requested by Ann Johnston

Thursday, August 11th

5:30PM

John T. McNally month's mind

Requested by his family

Friday, August 12th

5:30PM

Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, August 13th

9:00AM

Edward E. Belanger

Request of the Johnston family

4:00PM

John T. McNally Birthday remembrance

Requested by his family

Mass Intentions For next Sunday: 8:30AM Vincent & Helen Sullivan, 5:00PM Alice Theisen

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Offertory July 31st: \$4,279.00

THANK YOU!

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Parish capital Improvements

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next week's second collection is for Catholic Relief Services. This collection supports emergency relief, human development, and peace initiatives in 99 countries around the world, where nearly half the population lives on less than \$2 a day. The collection funds the ministries of five Catholic Church organizations: Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., Migration and Refugee Services, Social Development and world Peace, and The Holy Father's Relief Fund. For more information please visit www.usccb.org/crscollection.

AUGUST 15th

This year because August 15th falls on a Monday, it is not a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at the usual times.

PASTOR'S NOTES This week I am away in Maine with a group of priests, and a friend of ours who recently was ordained a bishop and now is serving in Indianapolis. The place in which we stay is located in southern ME and is close to the water (ocean) and is large and very comfortable. It is very relaxing; although I am not sure it is very exciting. I sometimes explain that if there were a reality television for this, we would not make a very good show. Briefly, every morning the cameras would show five or six priests sitting quietly, drinking coffee and reading a pile of newspapers, throughout the day, since most of us have to be careful with the sun, you would find us on the porch or under umbrellas reading quietly. Lunch is more of the same, with five priests eating sandwiches or leftovers and reading magazines. The afternoon is for dozing, a little golf or sightseeing. We head to the beach in the late afternoon to swim and walk on the beach. If we were a gang we would be called 5WG. (Five white guys). If it rains or gets cloudy we head to the seaport area of Portland which is a very interesting place as there is something to see or buy for everyone, from very expensive and very cheap new and used clothes to gadgets and new age crystals. (We are not a new-agey bunch, but it is interesting to consider that some people are really devoted to this practice.) There also is a good museum and some great restaurants. At night, we gather for prayer, an aperitif and then dinner. After the dishes are done, we head back to the books and everyone reads until it is time for bed. The rhythm of this is intended to be very relaxing. The most challenging decisions we make concern who is going to cook, what will we make for dinner and what are the best snack foods. There is also some drawing of straws to see who will do the shopping, but it is good natured and we trade back and forth based on who is cooking that day.

From time to time in the Gospels, Jesus invites his disciples to come away for a little while and rest and pray. It appears that they also took time to discuss what happened and what they did and were discovering as they were beginning their new found ministry. Jesus knew for himself and certainly applied it to his disciples that it is important to sit back and think about what they were doing and what it all means. This is a practice that the church has developed over time and is called Theological Reflection. It is a great practice in which anyone can engage and allows one to ask what happened, where did it happen, with whom and where was God or the Holy Spirit working in all of it? It is possible to organize groups to do this and during these two weeks we sit around and during our discussions do this in a very casual manner. All of us in our different ministries, from parochial vicars to pastors, professors and bishops share our experiences over the last year and hear others observe what we did and also what they think of it. It is an opportunity to reflect on what went well, what didn't and to hear from others about their different and like experiences. The exercise is a good one and although sometimes it is challenging to hear the observations of others, it is always helpful. I recognize that in everyone's busy life there is not always time for this type of reflection and sometimes the best we can do is to say, "Wow that happened, I am not sure what it means, but I hope to someday." I am also aware of how fortunate I am to be able to get away a little. I am grateful to Fathers Walsh and Felix and the professional and support staffs that are holding down the forts in my absence. *Peace, Father Murray*

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



But when he saw how (strong) the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"
-Mt 14:30-31

Readings for the Week of August 7, 2011

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21---19:1
Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray. The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in Chapter 8 of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost. Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with last week's Gospel about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry. Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God. Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS are being accepted at this time. If you are new to the parish and have school-age children Grades K - 10, now is the time to enroll them for classes which will begin in September. You may enroll your child by calling the RE Office at 978-372-8537 ext. 205.

MUSIC CAMP IS HERE AGAIN! Our THIRD Music Camp Day will take place on **Tuesday, August 16th from 9am-5pm** at St James Parish-lower church. Registration forms will be out in the church on the Information Racks in the vestibule of the church and on the welcoming table. Registration is \$15.00 PER child and includes snacks and drinks during the day, lunch and craft items and goodie bags for each child. At the end of music camp day, the children will put on a short performance of things they learned during the day. Registration is for grades 3 and up, however if an older sibling will be attending, we will accept a younger child. This year we have a fun field trip planned to a nearby church to see the inner workings of a pipe organ! Lots of other fun games, crafts and songs to learn will be part of the day. For more information stjamesmusic@hotmail.com or call 978.372.8537 x202.



Save the Date. On Sunday Sept 11th at 2:00pm, in the Upper Church, we will commemorate the 10th anniversary of "9-11" with a concert entitled **"We Must Never Forget/ Concert of Peace"** If you have any relatives or friends who perished on this day, I would love for you to contact me as we would like to include their names in the program and perhaps have family members participate in some way at this event. Contact: Cynthia Arsenault, Director of Music at 978.372.8537 x202 or email at stjamesmusic@hotmail.com

2011 Catholic Appeal – Offering Hope by Sharing God's Gifts

Thank you to all supporters of the 2011 Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised \$29,978 from 148 households, reaching 90.84 percent of our parish goal of \$33,000. If you have not yet pledged, please consider a gift today and help us meet our goal. Remember, our parish will receive 25 percent of all funds we raise above our goal. Please remember to make your pledge now even if you plan on fulfilling that pledge later in the year. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the Church to be mailed in, or for more information please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com or call 617-779-3700. Every gift matters. Thank you!

St. John The Baptist Mass Change: Please be advised that the Mass at 10:30 at St. John the Baptist Parish will be changed to 10:00 AM starting Sunday, September 4. The new mass schedule will be 4:00 PM Saturday, 8:30 and 10:00 AM Sunday.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING AND PROTECTING OUR COUNTRY.

AUGUST 7, 2011



We are bringing back a wonderful tradition from the past
and holding a Christmas Bazaar!

When: Saturday, December 3rd

Where: Saint James School

Time: 9 am to 6 pm

If you would like to reserve a space to sell your homemade items or products please call Margaret Marnon at 978-377-0043. Tables are available for \$25 each.

Mass Schedule August 6-7

4:00 PM St. John's Fr. Felix/Deacon Tom

4:00 PM St. James Fr. Walsh

7:00 PM St. James (Vietnamese) Fr. Murray

8:30 AM St. John's Fr. Walsh

8:30 AM St. James Fr. Felix

10:30 AM St. John the Baptist Fr. Leo

11:30 AM St. James Guest

5:00 PM Mass Fr. Walsh

Mass Schedule August 13-14

4:00 PM St. John's Fr. Walsh

4:00 PM St. James Fr. Murray

7:00 PM St. James (Vietnamese) Fr. Murray

8:30 AM St. John's Fr. Walsh/Deacon Tom

8:30 AM St. James Fr. Felix

10:30 AM St. John the Baptist Fr. Felix

11:30 AM St. James Fr. Murray/Deacon Nelson

5:00 PM Mass Fr. Leo



Need to make space in some closets?

Here's your chance!!

**The Youth Group of St. John the Baptist and
St. James parishes are hosting a Yard Sale!**

Saturday, September 17 from 7 AM – 2 PM

(Raindate September 24)

at St. John the Baptist

110 Lincoln Avenue

(across from Haverhill Stadium)

Spaces are available for \$10 each, double spaces \$20.

Bring your own tables to sell your treasures!

To reserve your space, contact the Youth Group at

SJBYouth@parishmail.com or call St. John's Rectory.

Tin Mừng: Mt 14, 22-33

Tin Mừng Chúa Giêsu Kitô theo Thánh Matthêu.

Khi dân chúng đã ăn no, lập tức Chúa Giêsu giục môn đệ trở xuống thuyền mà qua bờ bên kia trước, trong lúc Người giải tán dân chúng. Giải tán họ xong, Người lên núi cầu nguyện một mình. Đến chiều, Người vẫn ở đó một mình. Còn thuyền thì đã ra giữa biển, bị sóng đánh chập chờn vì ngược gió.

Canh tư đêm tối, Người đi trên mặt biển mà đến với các ông. Thấy Người đi trên mặt biển, các ông hoảng hồn mà nói rằng: "Ma kia!", và các ông sợ hãi kêu la lớn tiếng. Lập tức, Chúa Giêsu nói với các ông rằng: "Hãy yên tâm. Thầy đây, đừng sợ!" Phêrô thưa lại rằng: "Lạy Thầy, nếu quả là Thầy, thì xin truyền cho con đi trên mặt nước mà đến cùng Thầy". Chúa phán: "Hãy đến!" Phêrô xuống khỏi thuyền, bước đi trên mặt nước mà đến cùng Chúa Giêsu. Khi thấy gió mạnh, ông sợ hãi và sắp chìm xuống nên la lên rằng: "Lạy Thầy, xin cứu con!" Lập tức, Chúa Giêsu giơ tay nắm lấy ông mà nói: "Người hèn tin, tại sao mà nghi ngờ?" Khi cả hai đã lên thuyền thì gió liền yên lặng. Những người ở trong thuyền đến lạy Người mà rằng: "Thật, Thầy là Con Thiên Chúa". Đó là lời Chúa.

Suy Niệm CN. XIX. TN.

Trên trần gian này ai cũng muốn được hạnh phúc, còn hạnh phúc đời sau thì tùy ở mỗi người, có đức tin hay không. Sống trên đời, con người ai cũng muốn được an toàn may mắn, gặp những điều tốt đẹp... nên họ chúc nhau : *vạn sự như ý*. Thế nhưng những trang lịch sử của toàn thế giới, của các dân tộc và của riêng bao con người, đã cho thấy rằng các điều tốt đẹp trên nếu có đạt được thì rất giới hạn và mau qua. Ngay trong đời sống của các thánh hiền hay của những người có đức Kitô hiện diện cũng không có nghĩa là họ thoát khỏi những khó khăn không ngờ xảy đến. Tuy nhiên, nếu như xưa Đức Kitô ở bên cạnh các Tông đồ, giúp đỡ các ông thắng vượt những khó khăn trên mặt biển, thì sự hiện diện của Đức Kitô nơi chúng ta sẽ giúp chúng ta dễ dàng chấp nhận và vượt qua những khó khăn hằng ngày trong cuộc sống như vậy vì "*ngày nào có sự khó cho ngày ấy*". Chính trong các hoàn cảnh này, niềm tin của chúng ta mới phát triển và trưởng thành hơn.

Kinh nghiệm cho hay những người có đức tin hay những người chẳng có đức tin đều bị chi phối bởi những luật lệ thiên nhiên mà không ai chống lại được. Không thiếu gì những thiên tai do thiên nhiên đưa đến như bão lụt, động đất, hạn hán, sóng thần... hoặc do con người gây ra như chiến tranh, loạn lạc, hận thù chia rẽ, khủng bố, nghèo đói... Có rất nhiều người trên đời đã phải vật lộn với biết bao gian nan thử thách để mà sống. Có người đã vượt qua, có người bị đắm chìm, nên người ta đã gửi kinh nghiệm sống ấy vào câu tục ngữ : *Ba chìm bảy nổi chín lênh đênh* : nghĩa là số phận của con người, hoặc cuộc sống long đong gặp nhiều gian truân vất vả. *Lm Giuse Đinh lập Liễm*

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