

The Work of the People
The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

On this Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time we hear of the experience of Job in his suffering. Job challenged God about that most disturbing question: why do the just suffer? God did not respond directly, but rather pointed out the vast difference between humanity and divinity. If we cannot control the sea, how can we question or comprehend the designs of God?

As we continue Paul's Second Letter to the Church in Corinth, Paul says, "The love of Christ impels us..." This reading invites us to ask how our experience and love of God compel us to live, no longer for ourselves, but for Christ.

Job wondered where God was in his suffering. In Mark's Gospel today the disciples are shocked that Jesus slept during the storm. In both cases, the ones in danger were disappointed that God didn't act as they wished. Put in very blunt terms the readings ask us to consider whether we look to God to be our servant and rescuer or our teacher and Lord.

The reflection this Sunday is from Sr. Miriam Pollard, OCSO, a Sister of Santa Rita Abbey in Sonoita, Arizona.

I love the line,
"Lord, don't you care?"
because it is so typical of our reactions.
Yes, there is a God, but what is he like?
Mark is trying to tell us, and like as not, we can't hear.
The sound of the inner wind is deafening us.
"Lord, don't you care?"
We may have to wait out the prayer,
wait out the days or weeks,
without coming to the quietude
we feel we ought to be able to have.
"Lord, don't you care?"
And that is all we have to offer him.
So wait there. Offer it.
Don't thrash and gnash your teeth wanting to be
other than
the weak and self-interested little disciple in the
boat.

The worst aspect of a nervous upheaval—guilt,
anger, despair, and whatever else is messing up
the deeps of our personalities—
is trying to counter desperation with desperation.
"I have to be good.

I have to be the opposite of what I feel:
serene, accepting, and peaceful.
I have to trust."

Maybe the kind of trust the Lord is asking for is
precisely my putting up with the experience of
knowing
that I am fiercely pulling at his jacket to wake him
up
and make him into the God I want to be able to
please.

It's a hard kind of prayer.
But it acknowledges surrender to the ministra-
tions of a sea
I cannot understand.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gen. 12:1-9/Mt. 7:1-5
Tuesday: Gen. 13:2, 5-18/Mt. 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18/Mt. 7:15-20
Thursday: Is. 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk. 1:57-66, 80
Friday: Gen. 17:1, 5, 9-10, 15-22
Saturday: Gen. 18:1, 15/ Mt. 8:5-17
Sunday: Wis. 1:13-15; 2:23-24/2 Cor. 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk. 5:21-43

THE PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On June 29th, the Church will celebrate the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, the two Apostles who shed their blood for Christ in Rome. The Peter's Pence Collection occurs yearly on the Sunday closest to the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, as a sign that Catholics around the world are joined together in support of the charitable work of the Holy Father, the Successor St. Peter. This year Peter's Pence Collection will be taken in our parishes on the weekend of June 26th and 27th.

The Peter's Pence Collection helps our Holy Father, Pope Francis, the successor of St. Peter, respond to some of the most urgent needs of people throughout the world, including relief to victims of natural disasters such as earthquakes and floods. Peter's Pence also helps our Holy Father support seminaries and religious houses, orphanages, and medical facilities in developing nations, as well as many other charitable works.

Donations and prayers by the individual faithful or entire local churches raise awareness that all the baptized are called to spiritually and materially sustain the work of evangelization and, at the same time, to help the poor in whatever way possible. By doing so, they build up the Church so that it will continue to minister to all for generations to come.

Your prayers and contributions will allow this important work to continue. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

WORSHIP

Monday, June 21
 8:00 am + Vincent Novotny (PNA Lodge 1540)
 Tuesday, June 22
 8:00 am + NO MASS
 Wednesday, June 23
 8:00 am + NO MASS
 Thursday, June 24
 8:00 am + NO MASS
 Friday, June 25
 8:00 am + Robert M. Adams (Family)
 Saturday, June 26
 4:30 pm + Bonnie Gerlosky (Ginger & Dick Kester)
 Sunday, June 27
 8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION
 Living & Deceased Parishioners
 9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
 Jane Olszewska (Richard & Christine Bidwell)
 12:30 pm + LATIN MASS AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
 For the Meade & Julia Morrison Families
 (Joyce Lyons)

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Tuesday, June 22
 After Mass - St. Anthony Novena
 Saturday, June 26
 3:30 - 4:15 pm - Confession
 Sunday, June 27
 Before Mass - Confession - ST. BERNADETTE MISSION
 After Mass - Confession - ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
 LATIN MASS - the last Sunday of the month

MARRIAGE MOMENT.

June 20 is Father's Day in the USA. Wives, your husband is not your father, but your father probably set a tone for how you regard men. If it was a healthy model, thank your father. If it wasn't, don't live in the past, change it.

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
 COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE**

On Saturday, June 26 from 8 am - 4 pm St. Anthony of Padua will be holding their community garage sale in the Parish Center. Sale items include men and women clothes, books, coats, children clothes, kitchenware, furniture, toys, etc. You can take advantage of this huge sale while helping support our church.

CONGRATULATIONS 2021 H.S. GRADS

Isaac Levis
 Robert Moats
 Andrea Walker

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Following the will of God is not always the most popular thing to do according to some peers. Even parents face this fact from time to time. What is popular is not always what is right; and what is right, is not always popular. Elizabeth and Zechariah got it 'right', despite the pressure of neighbors. Do we?

A FATHERS DAY PRAYER

*"God our Father,
 We give you thanks and praise
 for fathers young and old.*

*We pray for young fathers,
 newly embracing their vocation;
 may they find courage and perseverance
 to balance work, family and faith
 in joy and sacrifice.*

*We pray for our own fathers around the world
 whose children are lost or suffering;
 may they know that the God of compassion
 walks with them in their sorrow.*

*We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor
 and guide us with fatherly love and advice.*

*We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers
 who are no longer with us
 but who live forever in our memory
 and nourish us with their love." Amen*

**ST. BERNADETTE MISSION
 STEWARDSHIP**

Offertory	\$467.00
Maintenance	100.00
Candles	11.00
TOTAL	\$578.00

Catholic Services Appeal
 Pledged: \$6,590 Paid: \$6,165

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
 STEWARDSHIP**

Offertory	\$798.00
Maintenance	237.00
Candles	14.00
Peters Pence	30.00
TOTAL	\$1,079.00

Catholic Services Appeal
 Pledged: \$26,145 Paid: \$21,059

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
