

**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

JUNE 20, 2021

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for June 27th 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

God's love is overflowing and so God created an abundance of life. Death came into the world, not through God, but through the devil's hand.

2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

The community of Christians has enjoyed the generosity of Jesus and they should reflect this in the mercy they show others. But in helping others, they should not ignore their own needs.

Mark 5:21-43

During his ministry, Jesus is surrounded by people all the time. But he turns to those in greatest need. His miracles are signs of God's mercy available to us all.

WEEKDAY MASSES June 22 - 25

Tues: **NO MASS TODAY – Fr is out of town**

Wed: **NO MASS TODAY – Fr. is out of town**

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Gerry Waltz & +Jake Kram & Michael Muhs

Fri: 10:30 am **Osnabrock** +Don & Evelyn Charbonneau & +Oscar & Edna Marcotte
(No Public is Allowed)

WEEKEND MASSES June 26 - 27

Sat: **5:00 pm St. Edward's - Nekoma** People of the Parishes

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Stacey & Ruth Chaput

Reader: Holly Lyons

EMHC: Holly Lyons

Sun: **8:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Living & Deceased Members of Richard &

Reader: Gary Metzger Evelyn Schill Family

EMHC: Bill Brooks

Musicians: Bob & Cantor

St. Michael's – Wales **NO MASS AT WALES TODAY**

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +Gayle & Cory Slama

Reader: George Podhradsky

EMHC: Dennis Schill

Musicians: Bob & Cantor

Fellowship Hall Host: Duane & Bev Otto

Fr. Michael Hickin's cell phone: 701-891-1238

Website for St. Alphonsus Parish – <http://www.stalphonsuslangdon.com/>

**Confessions: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays after Mass or
by appointment**

Weekly Reflection for June 13, 2021: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$2,166.00
Intentional Givers	\$2,758.67
Plate	\$350.00
Children	\$13.00
Total	\$5,287.67

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Throughout his earthly ministry, the true greatness of Christ and his mission eludes the disciples. On this occasion we are told that there are other boats on the sea, with him or with the boat – the Greek admits either translation. When Christ shows his power he does it in a way that saves all the boats. What he does not do is save just the boat that the disciples are in. This great calm which he brings about is for the sake of all who must take ship and risk their lives on the great sea of life, that is to say, all humanity.

This great calm will not come upon the world until human history is done. When this will be is not given to us to know. What we can trust is that the ship of the Church will make its way through storms until that end comes. The journey may be hard, and much may be lost on the way, but the ship will not be lost.

Taken from The Living Word

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The he asked them, ‘Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?’” – MARK 4:40
Do you really trust God? Is God your first choice or last resort? Is your faith something you just do on Sunday or do you live the Gospel message every day of the week? Many of us know about God. How many of us have a personal relationship with Him? Start now, open your heart to receive our Lord. Talk and listen to Him throughout the day, in all circumstances.

Trinity Youth Camp - Summer will soon be here and so will Trinity Youth Camp. "Who Do You Say That I am?" is our theme and we invite you to join us as we explore how our words and actions can show others who Christ is today. Register now for a great Catholic camping experience at one of three locations throughout the state! More information and registration can be found on our NEW website: trinityyouthcampnd.com

Dates and Locations for 2021:

July 14-18 Pelican Lake | Bottineau, ND

July 28-August 1 Pelican Lake | Bottineau, ND

World Youth Day - World Youth Day Info Session - Every three years, the Catholic youth of the world (ages 16-35) come together for one incredible week as one body, one faith, one voice. World Youth Day 2023 (WYD) will be held in beautiful Lisbon, Portugal's capital and largest city. Pilgrims will come to celebrate with one another, deepen their faith, hear from the Pope himself, and be inspired. Dates are yet to be announced but the Diocese of Fargo has already begun planning a WYD pilgrimage! Join us for a fun, one-hour virtual info session where you'll hear from diocesan leaders, get a rundown of the trip itinerary by our pilgrimage leader, Verso Ministries, and learn why YOU should plan to sign up for this trip of a lifetime! Past pilgrim, Kristina Lahr, will also be on hand to share her experience of attending WYD. The WYD Info Session will take place on Tuesday, June 22, at 7:00 p.m. CT via Zoom. To attend (or access the recording at a later date), please register at <https://bit.ly/3ya3CVI>. We hope to see you there!

SAYINGS FOR FATHERS TO LIVE BY

1. "Remember that one day your child will follow your example instead of your advice."
2. "Live so that when your children think of fairness and integrity, they think of you." – H. Jackson Brown
3. "A child identifies his parents with God, whether they want that role or not." – James Dobson
4. "We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing." – George Bernard Shaw
5. "What higher form of respect and love can you demonstrate than to put yourself aside and give nothing but a few minutes of your attention?" – Chris Ewing
6. "The best thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother." – John Wooden
7. "A truly rich man is one whose children run into his arms when his hands are empty." – Ziad K. Abdelnour
8. "I would rather be on my farm than be emperor of the world." George Washington—who did not have any children. Despite that fact, there were always children at Mount Vernon. They raised Martha's two children from a previous marriage, as well as her four grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. But then, wasn't there that *other* family he fathered? We call him the father of our Nation.

DAD – A SON'S FIRST HERO – A DAUGHTER'S FIRST LOVE
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR DADS!!

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

OFFICE HOURS: The week starting June 21st Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00am – 12:00pm

ABSENT PASTOR - June 21-25, I will be attending a conference of the Association of U.S. Catholic Priests in Minneapolis. Fr. McDermott will be here for Thursday, June 24 and Friday, June 25 Masses. Tuesday & Wednesday of that week we'll have to cancel our daily Masses. Sorry about that.

LESSONS FROM THE WILDERNESS - At the end of today's Gospel, we hear of the disciples' amazement that even the winds and the sea obey Jesus.

How often do we consider our relationship with Mother Nature in Christian terms?

In our weekly recitation of the Nicene Creed (A.D. 325), we say, "Through him all things were made." Jesus Christ, "one with the Father, God from God, Light from Light," before becoming a human being in the womb of Mary, was already mysteriously at work setting the forces of Nature in motion.

"The New Testament reveals that God created everything by the eternal Word, his beloved Son. In him 'all things were created, in heaven and on earth... all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together' (Col 1:16-17)" -CCC 291.

The Scriptures also bear witness to Creation as a collaborative effort. Wisdom declares, "The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works. I was formed long ago, at the very beginning, when the world came to be.... Before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I came to birth, before he made the world or its fields.... I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep. I was constantly by his side as his *amon*" [1] artisan; 2) trustworthy friend; 3) nursling] (Proverbs 8).

This collaboration between Wisdom and the Word in Creation foreshadows the collaborative efforts of Jesus and Mary in Redemption. The World and the Church are sister realities emerging from the Father's eternal Love. Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si* (2015) highlights the beauty and responsibilities of this fundamental truth.

Now, if all that exists is through Christ and for Christ, how might that change our approach to the birds and the bees and the flowers and the trees, lakes, fields, crops, cattle, etc.?

In ages past, the work of subduing the earth naturally spawned a good and earthy spirituality. St. Benedict, one of the fathers of monasticism, generated a way of life that turned turning the soil into praise of the Creator. *Ora et labora* is the Benedictine motto: *pray and work*. St. Francis of Assisi saw God's creatures as family, calling out to *brother sun* and *sister moon*, etc.

In Ireland, living in the wild was termed *the green martyrdom*. Spend a night in the Pembina Gorge with nothing but the clothes on your back and you'll quickly get the point.

One of the reasons that taming the wilderness is 'work' and 'martyrdom' is that Mother Nature is on a journey, a very long one—from chaos to order. Jesus called this 'order' the Kingdom. Last week, he spoke about it growing from a tiny seed. Other parables highlight the threats the seed must endure.

In today's Gospel, the Calming of the Storm, we see what the tradition calls *physical evil*: "A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat."

Two more paragraphs from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* shed some light on this subject:

"If God the Father almighty, the Creator of the ordered and good world, cares for all his creatures, why does evil exist? To this question, as pressing as it is unavoidable and as painful as it is mysterious, no quick answer will suffice. Only Christian faith as a whole constitutes the answer to this question: the goodness of creation, the drama of sin and the patient love of God who comes to meet man by his covenants, the redemptive Incarnation of his Son, his gift of the Spirit, his gathering of the Church, the power of the sacraments and his call to a blessed life to which free creatures are invited to consent in advance, but from which, by a terrible mystery, they can also turn away in advance. There is not a single aspect of the Christian message that is not in part an answer to the question of evil.

"But why did God not create a world so perfect that no evil could exist in it? With infinite power God could always create something better. But with infinite Wisdom and goodness God freely willed to create a world '**in a state of journeying**' towards its ultimate perfection. In God's plan this process of becoming involves the appearance of certain beings and the disappearance of others, the existence of the more perfect alongside the less perfect, both constructive and destructive forces of nature. With physical good there exists also physical evil as long as creation has not reached perfection" (309-310).

Creation is our place of pilgrimage. It is fraught with dangers. Things go awry. Life is hard. But Jesus Christ is there. "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?'"

In Wisdom and the Word, every step of your journey is close to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Ours is truly an earthy spirituality, one that requires bravery in the face of storms and generous limbs ready to shoulder the work of allowing the Kingdom to grow little by little.