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## WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

### TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

### SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration  
6:00 pm Mass

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am  
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

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### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP - JUNE 15 & 16, 2024

<b>Donation</b>	\$4,949.00
<b>Donation Online</b>	\$887.00
<b>Maintenance Fund</b>	\$10.00
<b>Debt Reduction</b>	\$0
<b>Total Donation</b>	<b>\$5,846.00</b>



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS  
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

#### The Perfect Storm

I am writing this on a Saturday morning. Saturdays are my writing days, when my husband takes over the kids and the house and I disappear into the office with an enormous cup of coffee and noise-canceling headphones. Saturdays are sacred — if work can be called sacred.

But Saturday morning is also the only time I'm able to consistently get to confession. Every other time the sacrament is offered in my area during the week, I seem to have unavoidable commitments — but on Saturday morning, all I have is work, and how can I let work come before a sacrament, as much as I might secretly want to?

I've spent a good deal of time being bitter about this, because it's just not convenient, having to carve out time from work to run to the other side of town, especially when I get there and there's a line. I sit there in the sanctuary, waiting my turn, checking the clock, stewing, fretting. Obsessing over forgetting one of my sins. Thinking of how much work I have when I get home.

Saturday mornings: *a perfect storm*, I sometimes call it in my head.

I forge ahead, though. I've never gotten up and dashed back to my desk. I make it into the confessional and I stammer out my pathetic little list and receive absolution. Then I go before the tabernacle to perform my penance.

It's while I am kneeling there that it happens. Always. God awakens, and he cries into the depths of my heart: "Quiet! Be still! Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?"

After teaching all day by the shore of the sea, Jesus asks his disciples to remove him from the crowds. He wants to escape the noise, the clamor, the disquiet. But the clamor follows him, because the world is full of it. Storms crop up wherever we go.

Jesus sleeps through the storm, because he understands what the disciples do not: the storms of the world cannot hurt us. They are only so much noise.

"Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" — Mark 4:41

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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## Storms of life

We have just heard the gospel recounting how Jesus and his disciples were on a boat going across the lake. Suddenly a huge storm came, waves rushed into the boat until it was about to sink. That made the disciples panic, even though they were long-time fishermen and had a lot of experience at sea: "Teacher, we are about to die and don't you care?" The natural human reaction to difficult challenges is to complain. In everyday life, surely each of us has similar situations happening to us or to our families. When a relative or ourselves is seriously ill or dies, when we are laid off, when we have a car accident, or when our family is insecure: husband and wife are separated and divorced, children are disobedient, especially when we prayed with all our heart but God remained silent and did not answer. We probably complain more or less about God like the disciples.

That's just in the lives of individuals and families. If we look around the world, there are many more problems: the war between Russia and Ukraine that has been going on for more than 2 years still shows no signs of ending, the war between Israel and the Hamas army became more and more aggressive, causing many people to die, be injured, and be left homeless, without electricity, water, and other necessary needs. We and many people around the world still pray to God for help and intervention, but it seems that God is still sleeping, still silent. That makes many people think: does God exist? If so, why doesn't God help? Does God love and care about people? Why do people have to suffer so much in this world?

According to Buddhist teachings, people believe that suffering is caused by the law of "cause and effect". Sow the wind shall reap the storm. If you are gentle, you will find goodness. They believe that if someone suffers or is in trouble, it is because they have done evil things in the past, so now they must suffer retribution. Is that completely true? We know that there are people who "live well and still encounter evil", and there are people who live evil lives and do evil but still make a living and their careers flourish like kites in the wind. The most typical example is Jesus. He was innocent, lived a gentle and humble life throughout his life, but still died unjustly, tragically, and humiliatingly on the cross. Another case was the man who was blind from birth. The disciples asked the Lord: Who sinned that this man was born blind, him or his parents? Jesus affirmed: It was neither he nor his parents who sinned. But the reason for this is so that people can see God's work revealed in him. We, Catholics, do not believe in the law of cause and effect.

The surprising thing is that when the disciples woke up the Lord, they thought that the Lord would speak words of comfort and encouragement, but on the contrary, after the Lord commanded the storm to be quiet, the Lord reprimanded them: "Why? Are you guys so scared? Do you not have faith?" The Lord was right to reprimand the disciples, because they had followed Him for a while and witnessed many miracles that the Lord had performed: healing all diseases, multiplying loaves and fish, turning water into wine, drives out demons, even raises the dead, let alone the storms at sea. Jesus has authority over everything in heaven and on earth, because He is the Son of God and God. When Jesus came to earth, He did not explain why there was a trial of suffering, but He became human to suffer and die with us humans, so that He conquered death and turn suffering into a means to save us. Whoever wants to follow me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. May God help us to always believe in God's love and power when we face trials and suffering, and never open our mouths to blame God. Amen.

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Thus far shall you come but no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stilled! (Jb 38:11)

### Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting. (Ps 107)  
Or: Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

So whoever is in Christ is a new creation:  
the old things have passed away;  
behold, new things have come. (2 Cor 5:17)

### Gospel:

They were filled with great awe and said to one another,  
"Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" (Mk 4:41)

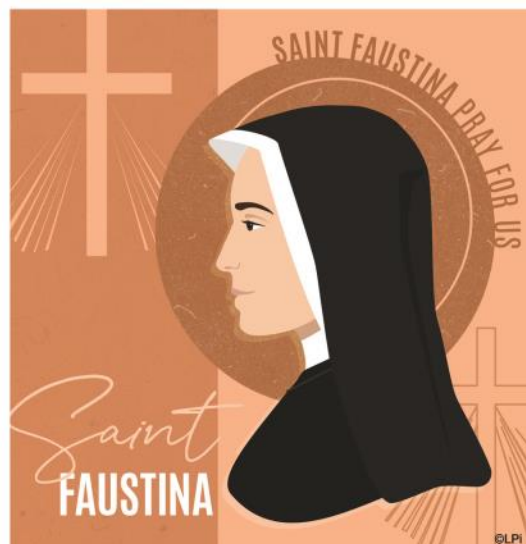
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

So often when we are weathering the storm, it feels like God is asleep — but we never even tried to wake Him up! Bring God your fears, your doubts, your uncertainties. He will show you that He steers the ship, and even the wind and the seas obey.

## Observances for the week of June 23, 2024

- Sunday:** 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** The Nativity of St. John the Baptist  
**Thursday:** St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
**Friday:** Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr  
**Saturday:** Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles  
**Next Sunday:** 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Saint of the week

St. Faustina was a Polish sister of Our Lady of Mercy. Her miraculous experiences and writings about her revelations of God's Divine Mercy sparked a worldwide Catholic movement refocusing the faithful on the Mercy of God and how to share that mercy with their neighbors.

## Prayer for Inner Peace

Jesus,  
Speak your command of "Quiet!  
Be still!" into the dark recesses of  
my mind — my fears, concerns,  
and anxieties. Be with me, at  
every moment, no matter the  
storm.  
Fix my eyes upon you.  
Amen.