

Reflection of today Gospel
Mark 4:35-41



First Reading *Job 38:1,8-11*
Responsorial *Psalms 107:23-24,25-26,28-29,30-31*
Second Reading *2 Corinthians 5:14-17*

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. 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. www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/Sunday-connection

Mass Intentions for the Week

"I'm going to prepare a place for you"
"For this momentary afflictions is causing an eternal weight of glory"

Sunday, June 23, 2024,
All members of Center of Jesus The Lord
Sterling Brazile (Loving Memory)
Perry Torregano (Loving Memory)
Donald Bourgeois (Loving Memory)
John Vignes (Loving Memory)
Rosalie Robichaux (Blessing)
Christian Bauer (Healing)

Tuesday, June 25, 2024
Donald Bourgeois (Loving Memory)

Hurricane season begins June 1, 2024. Prayers of the Faithful: "That through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor we will be spared damage to life and property during the hurricane season."

Next Weeks Reading

Sunday, June 30, 2024
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle B
First Reading *Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24*
Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 30:2,4,5-6,11,12,13*
Second Reading *2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15*
Gospel Reading *Mark 5:21-43*

After several months of conversation and discernment, the newly formed parish communities of the Archdiocese of New Orleans are prepared to publicly announce their new parish names. This comes after announcements were made in October of last year that 11 parishes from across the metro area would be merging into five new parishes. All changes are effective July 1 of this year.

The following is a listing of the new parishes:

St. John Paul II – St. Bonaventure in Avondale and Our Lady of the Angels in Waggaman are merging to become St. John Paul II at the site of the current Our Lady of Angels in Waggaman. Fr. Vincent Phan will serve as the first pastor of the new parish.

St. Michael the Archangel – St. Gertrude in Des Allemands and St. John the Baptist in Paradis are merging to become St. Michael the Archangel at the site of St. John the Baptist in Paradis. Fr. Lance Campo will serve as the first pastor of the new parish.

Mary, Help of Christians – In keeping with the Salesian tradition, St. John Bosco in Marrero and St. Rosalie in Harvey will merge to become Mary, Help of Christians. The new congregation will continue to worship at both sites until November. St. Rosalie Church will become the permanent worship site. Salesian Father Mark Hyde, who currently serves as pastor of both parishes, will serve as the first pastor of the new parish.

St. Josephine Bakhita – St. Mary of the Angels and Our Lady Star of the Sea both in New Orleans will merge to become St. Josephine Bakhita Parish at the site of St. Mary of the Angels. Fr. Francis Kamau, FMH will serve as the first pastor of the new parish.

St. Martin de Porres – St. James Major, St. Gabriel the Archangel, and Transfiguration of the Lord all in the Gentilly neighborhood of New Orleans will merge to become St. Martin de Porres Parish at the site of the current Transfiguration of the Lord. Fr. Francis Offia will serve as the first pastor of the new parish.

Center of Jesus Upcoming Events

Thursday, July 4th
Independence Day

Saturday, July 6
Eucharistic Adoration and mass 10am-12pm

"Be in the presence of the Lord"

Saturday, October 5
Life In the Spirit Seminar



-Continue from closing of churches and merging of parishes: Also of note, St. Hubert Parish in Garyville is merging into St. Peter and will remain St. Peter Parish. Fr. Ray Hymel will serve as the next pastor of the parish. Additionally, the parish of St. Theresa of Avila is being divided and merged into the neighboring parishes of St. Patrick on Camp St. and St. Alphonsus in the Lower Garden District. Fr. Garrett O'Brien will remain the pastor at St. Patrick. Fr. Chung Tran, CSSR will remain the pastor of St. Alphonsus.

Diocese Announcements:

[Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration](#) will be held on [Sunday, June 23, 2024](#) at 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church, Metairie books by visiting [divinemercyparish.org/sabbath](#)

[ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY CONCERT WITH SARAH JANE MCMAHON, SUNDAY, JUNE 30](#) Sarah Jane McMahon, an acclaimed soprano soloist, will headline "Songs and Letters from World War II," a Fourth of July Concert on Sunday, June 30, 2024, at 3:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier Church, 444 Metairie Rd., Metairie, LA. The KCs will serve free hot dogs from 1:15 – 2:30 pm in the air-conditioned gym.

[VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VA VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES](#) The National Veterans Wheelchair games, co-presented by the Department of Veteran Affairs and the Paralyzed Veterans of America will host the 43rd National Veterans Wheelchair Games in New Orleans from July 23-30, 2024 at various venues across the metro area and are in need of volunteers. Register at <https://wheelchairgames.org/community/volunteer/> m.

The [Peter's Pence collection](#) is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church. "The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See." The collection will be taken up in our archdiocese on the weekend of [June 29-30, 2024](#).

["EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD" EXHIBITION JULY 20-21](#) As the National Eucharist Congress takes place in Indianapolis, St. Francis Xavier Church in Metairie will host a "Eucharistic Miracles of the World" Exhibition on Saturday - Sunday, July 20-21, 2024 in St. Joseph Hall on the Church Campus, 444 Metairie Road. Exhibition times are 12 n - 6 pm on Saturday and 9 am – 2 pm on Sunday. The exhibition features extensive photographs and historical descriptions of major

**PRAY THE ROSARY
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL ROSARY GROUP
EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:00 PM IN THE CHURCH**



*"There are no strangers here,
only friends we have not
yet MET"*



*Pray the Chaplet of
Divine Mercy with us
Sunday 9:45am
before Mass at 9:45
AM*



Medjugorje Message: May 25, 2024

"Dear children! In this time of grace, I am calling you to prayer with the heart. Little children, create prayer groups where you will encourage each other to the good and grow in joy. Little children, you are still far away. That is why continue to convert anew and choose the way of holiness and hope so that God may give you peace in abundance. Thank you for having responded to my call. "

Center of Jesus the Lord at Our Lady of Good Counsel



June 23, 2024 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

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MISSION STATEMENT

Center of Jesus the Lord at Our Lady of Good Counsel is a joy filled, loving Charismatic Catholic Community where all are WELCOME! We are active in service to others, living the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

THE CENTER'S WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY Praise and Worship: 10:00 AM; Eucharistic Celebration 10:15 AM;

Healing Prayer after Mass; Fellowship follows in dining hall

TUESDAY Praise and Worship 10:30 AM; Eucharistic Celebration 11:00 AM;

following Mass all are welcomed to join in lunch and fellowship (1307 Louisiana Avenue)

MONTHLY SATURDAY Eucharistic Adoration 10am with Healing Prayer at 11AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation before Sunday & Tuesday masses or call Center to schedule an appointment with Father Lance Campo or Father Anthony Inam