

Sunday, June 23, 2024

The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1) Job 38:1, 8-11
- 2) 2 Corinthians 5:14-17
- 3) Mark 4:35-41

FOCUS: God's love for us is more powerful than any challenge we face.

The readings today reflect God's profound love for us, even in the face of turbulent times. When our faith is challenged or we are distraught, we must trust that God is with us always and have complete faith that his love is more powerful than the storms of our lives.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, the Lord speaks to Job *out of the storm* and reminds Job of the divine power that has protected him. In the second reading, Saint Paul reflects that the love of Christ has brought about a new way of life. In the Gospel, a violent storm comes up as Jesus and his disciples are in a boat. Jesus calms the storm and then asks the disciples, *Do you not yet have faith?*

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Trusting that God provides for what we truly need, we offer him our prayers.

- 1) For the Church and her work to bring healing to those in need, may God strengthen her in her mission, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For those without faith in Jesus, may our Savior's eternal love draw them to himself, with the grace to overcome doubt, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all who suffer from depression or anxiety, may God bring them comfort and respite, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For members of this worship community, may God strengthen our faith as we face trials and hardships, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For the faithful departed, may God's perpetual light shine upon them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Gracious Father, we come to you with confidence that you alone can answer our needs. We ask that you hear our prayers, through Christ our Lord.

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