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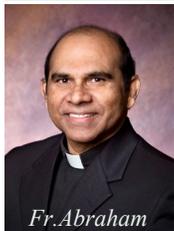


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## Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time June 20, 2021



Fr. Abraham

### Trust in the Saving Presence of God

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Many of us know how frightening a storm can be with wind and water raging around us. Storms are part of human experiences. There is no life without a storm. And this storm can take various dimensions in our lives. In today's first reading, we hear of God's response to Job's complaints about the numerous and almost continuous storms in his life (Job 38: 1, 8-11). Like Job in the first reading, the disciples began to panic in the face of challenges and called out in fear: "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" (Mk 4, 38). Jesus rebuked the wind and commanding the sea to be still. All we need do as Jesus pointed out, is to trust and have faith in the power of God to save us.

We face a lot of storms in our lives. At times, they can become so strong that our human strength can no longer support us. At such moments fear and complains might take over the central stage of our life. Even in some cases, we might lose our faith in God, thinking that he has abandoned us or that he does not exist. These storms come in different forms. They could be: problems in marriage and family life, lack of a good job, poor finance, or a prolonged sickness that has defiled all treatments. They could also be the inability to find or maintain a good and stable relationship or, falling out with people all the time. They could also be poor results in our academics or business. The list is unending, but these represent the realities we face every day. The truth is that, there is no assurance that our lives would be completely free of storms. However, the good news is that, there is an assurance that Christ is with us to help us. Jesus has come into the world to calm the storms of our lives and bring about peace in our troubled situations.

God who creates all things controls everything. There is no situation that is so chaotic that God cannot calm and create something surprisingly good out of it. It was when Job realized that God triumph over all sufferings that he overcame his own sufferings (Job 38:11). It was when the disciples cried out for help, Jesus stilled the storm (Mk 4:39). Our Lord intervened because he assured us: "Call on me on the day of distress, I will rescue you" (Ps 50: 15). We are not alone. The Lord is always with us. We have to be aware of his presence in our lives and rely on the supreme power of God. Let us cry out to God, as the Apostles did, in our stormy moments.

As we cry out, we need to keep our trust fixed on God. God is never in a hurry but he is always on time. God always delivers those who put their trust in him and even when he is seemingly silent, he is doing something for our good. As we renew our trust in the Lord this day, may our faith never fail us. And may the Lord calm every storm ragging in our lives.

**Father's Day:** This weekend we celebrate and pray for the men who continue to reflect the divine qualities of fatherhood as they lovingly nourish and maintain a family. Fathers are a blessing, and we thank them for blessing us with lives of dedication, endurance and love. On this Father's Day we pray for our dads, whether they are near or far away, living or deceased. It is not easy being a faithful and loving father. St. Joseph, earthly father of Jesus, is the model of fatherhood. His faith and obedience to God inspired his devotion for his family. The significance of St. Joseph's presence in Jesus' life reminds us how important fathers are in our lives. Father's Day is also a day to remember, acknowledge and appreciate the love and providence of our Heavenly Father. Let the earthly fathers draw strength from their Heavenly Father. **Happy Father's Day.**

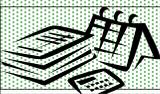
Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI  
Pastor

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**for the bulletin two weekends out;**  
**St. Bernard** copy must be emailed to:  
 bulletin@st-bernard-cologne.org and  
 pqinn55322@hotmail.com

**Ascension** copy must be emailed to:  
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**All inserts and weekend Mass announcements** can be emailed or a paper copy brought to the Parish office at St. Bernard or Ascension.



**CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES**

**All events cancelled until further notice.**

"The cross, the primary symbol of our faith, invites us to see grace where there is pain; to see resurrection where there is death." *Henri Nouwen*

**Peter's Pence Collection—June 26-27**

Be a sign of mercy, especially during this time of worldwide pandemic crisis when so many continue to suffer, and support the works of the Holy Father which include humanitarian aid and health assistance to the most needy. Your financial gifts also support Pope Francis in his many activities of guiding the Church to bring comfort of the Word of God everywhere. Please consider a sign of love and mercy and contribute to Peter's Pence on June 27. Thank you!

**Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute — School of Discipleship**

**Tuesdays, June 22-August 3 and Saturday, September 25** at St. Vincent de Paul, Brooklyn Park or via **Livestream.**

Taught by Jeff Cavins, this course is open to all adults and teaches the basics of discipleship, how to share your faith with confidence, and how to cultivate a deeper life of prayer. In this 7-week course, students become "activated disciples" and embark on a guided 40-day discipleship challenge to help put what they learn into practice. The course culminates with an interactive seminar with Dr. Mary Healy. The cost for the course, materials, and seminar is \$125. Sign up with a friend and get a discount! For more information visit [semssp/ci](http://semssp/ci).

**Happy Father's Day** to all of our Fathers, Grandfathers, Step-fathers and any other type of Fathers we experience in our families. May God bless all of you for the leadership and love that you provide your families.



**Spiritual Resources!**

**TV:** Diocese of St. Cloud: Sun., 11 AM. on KSTCTV/45;—Diocese of Winona-Rochester: Sun., 11:30 AM. on Fox 9+;— Our Lady of Grace, Edina: Sun., Noon on Fox 9+ (Dish/Direct 29, Comcast 10/807; Over Air 9.2);—EWTN: 7:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM.

**Radio:** Relevant Radio 1330am: Weekdays and Sun. at noon, and at 9 a.m. — EWTN: ewtn.com/radio/listen-live

**Please pray the Rosary daily for our nation, our world, an end to Abortion and an end to the Coronavirus and all its variants.**

The following is a list of a few TV and Radio stations that air the Rosary.

**TV:**EWTN: 6:30am, After the TV Mass at Approximately 8:00am.; 2:30pm.; 8:30pm.

—Catholic TV Network: 2:00 am; 9:00am; 5:30pm Nuvera Nu Tel Cable TV Ch. 21

**Radio:** Revelant Radio 1330am: 7:00pm. "Family Rosary across America"

**Prayers are requested** for the repose of the soul of Ronald Hilgers, son of Helen Hilgers and sister of Sandy Bengtson, who passed away on Wednesday, June 9th. Ron's funeral was on Wednesday, June 16th. Pray also for peace and comfort for Ron's family. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**Hallelujah!! The Mass Dispensation has been LIFTED.**

We were notified by the Archdiocese on June 3rd that the dispensation for attending Sunday Masses will be lifted. "Now, as the pandemic subsides, and public gathering restrictions and safety protocols are lifted, it is time to gather as the Body of Christ once again. Therefore, the bishops and diocesan administrators of the Minnesota Catholic Conference have decided to reinstate the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation beginning the weekend of July 3-4, 2021."

To view the full letter, go to [archspm.org/covid19/](http://archspm.org/covid19/)

Jesus tells us, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20). You should have received a letter from our parish's leadership welcoming everyone back and outlining some changes to Mass times and schedules.

**The new Weekend Mass times beginning July 1st will be as follows:**

- Saturday (1st and 3rd) 5:00pm at St. Bernard**
- Saturday (2nd, 4th and if a 5th) 5:00pm at Ascension**
- Sunday 8:00 am at Ascension**
- Sunday 10:00 am at St. Bernard**

**Word of Life** "Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the *irreplaceable* role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God's gift of new life!

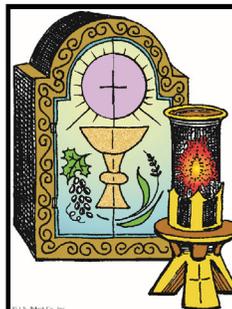
Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux  
 "Fathers' Irreplaceable Role in Welcoming Life"

## Mass Ministry Schedule - June 26-27, 2021

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sat. 8:00 pm	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Sherry Witte	Suspended until further notice	Suspended until further notice	Doris Mielke
Servers	JMT Member			
Reader	JMT Member			Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	JMT Member			Volunteer
Ushers	JMT Member			Volunteer
Greeters	Suspended until further notice			Suspended until further notice
Homebound Ministers	Sue Tellers & Volunteer			Barb Knorr & Volunteers

### Mass Times/Intentions

Monday	June 21	No Mass	
Tuesday	June 22 <b>6:15 pm</b>	Ascension	Susan Knott †
Wednesday	June 23 <b>8:00 am</b>	St. Bernard	Earl Peters †
Thursday	June 24 <b>8:00 am</b>	St. Bernard	Elvira Winkler †
Friday	June 25 <b>6:15 pm</b>	Ascension	Brian Bluemke
Saturday	June 26 <b>5:00 pm</b>	Ascension	Living and Deceased Members of Clara & Albert Wickenhauser Family
Sunday	June 27 <b>10:00 am</b>	St. Bernard	Dennis † & Bernice † Wick- enhauser & All Parishioners



### Eucharistic Adoration

Ascension  
Every Tuesday & Friday  
3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

St. Bernard  
Every Wednesday  
2:00 pm until 7:00 pm

### SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms:** By appointment.

#### Marriage Arrangements

The couple should contact the priest as soon as they become engaged. They must meet with the priest twice before setting a marriage date. These two meetings need to be completed 6 months before the proposed date.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

By appointment with Father.  
Call 952-856-1050

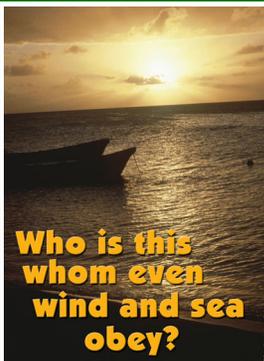
#### Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS June 21- June 27, 2021

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-5  
**Tuesday:** Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14  
**Wednesday:** Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mt 7:15-20  
**Thursday:** Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6ab, 15ab, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17  
**Thursday Day:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80  
**Friday:** Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4  
**Saturday:** Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17  
**Sunday:** Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]



### St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,207.83
<b>Contributions 06-01 through 06-08-21</b>	<b>3,059.92</b>
Total Actual Collection YTD	182,268.71
<b>YTD 12-31 Collection Over (Under) Budget</b>	<b>8,392.21</b>
<b>Forward in Faith</b>	
Envelope Income	25.00
Electronic Donations	165.50
<b>Forward in Faith Total</b>	<b>190.50</b>
<b>Forward in Faith YTD</b>	<b>33,634.62</b>

**Did you know** you can have your contributions automatically deducted from your checking or savings account?  
 For more information call the parish office 952-466-2031, or visit [www.st-bernard-cologne.org](http://www.st-bernard-cologne.org)

### Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 6/6/2021

<b>Weekly Operating Budget:</b>	\$ 3,115.38
<b>Contributions:</b>	1,032.00
<b>E-Giving:</b>	270.00
<b>Weekly Budget YTD:</b>	152,653.62
<b>Actual Collection YTD:</b>	140,608.30
<b>CUF-KC December Match:</b>	7,500.00
<b>Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:</b>	(4,545.32)
<b>Capital Improvement Offering:</b>	90.00
<b>Capital Improvement-E-Giving:</b>	45.00
<b>Capital Improvement YTD:</b>	8,900.00

Sign up for electronic giving at [ascensionnva.org](http://ascensionnva.org)  
 Under Links -> E-giving. Or call the parish office for more information: 952-467-3351.