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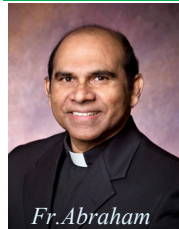


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Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time – June 22 & 23, 2024



Fr. Abraham

Have Strong Faith in the Power of God

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The first reading of this Sunday tells us God's response to Job's complaints about the numerous storms in his life (Job 38: 1, 8-11). Like Job, 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.

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 complaints 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. 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 with others. They could also be poor results in our academics or business. The list is unending. 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.

Rosary Intention: "For all the members of our parish family"

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI
Pastor

Parish Mission Statement We, the family of St. Bernard and Ascension, united through Baptism, redeemed by Christ's death and resurrection, and strengthened by his Word and Eucharist, are called to follow him by nurturing a rich sacramental and spiritual life, supporting strong Catholic faith formation and fostering fellowship and community.



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BRARDS' PARISHES

Monday	June. 24		No Mass:
Tuesday	June. 25	ASC. ASC. ASC.	Adoration: 3pm-6pm Confession: 5:45-6:05pm Mass: 6:15pm
Wednesday	June. 26	ST. B. ST. B. ST. B.	Confession: 7:30-7:50am Mass: 8:00am Adoration: 2:00-6:00pm
Thursday	June. 27	ST. B. ASC.	Mass: 8:00am Prayers for Our Children: 5:00:-6:00pm
Friday	June. 28	ASC.	Mass: 8:00am
Saturday	June. 29	ASC. ASC.	Confession: 4:30-4:50pm Mass: 5:00pm
Sunday	June. 30	ASC. ST. B.	Mass: 8:00am Mass: 10:00am

What is going on in our Parishes and in the Community

We will be having a second collection next week-end, June 29th and 30th, for the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be as generous as you are able.

Dear Ascension Parishioners,
"From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others." - Pope Saint John Paul II
 This is an appeal to ask for your help in prayerfully considering helping open Adoration on Tuesdays at Ascension, with the goal of committing to 1 Tuesday per month. This would involve coming ahead of time to the 3 PM start-up, and exposing the Monstrance and possibly preparing the chalice and ciborium for the 6:15 Mass. Training will be provided. Please respond to the Parish office: busadmin@ascensionnva.org. For questions please call Rita Fahey, current adoration coordinator, at: 612-282-7030 or rfahy5210@gmail.com. Thank you for your prayerful consideration to help this long-standing devotion at Ascension Parish remain.

We also ask for your prayerful consideration to proclaim God's Word as a Mass reader at the Ascension weekday Masses at 6:15 PM on Tuesday, and 8:00 AM on Fridays. New voices are needed! Please send your response to the Ascension office at busadmin@ascensionnva.org. A schedule will be provided on the Ministry Scheduler Pro app. Thank you for your consideration

Religious Freedom Week 2024 takes place June 22-29. The Week begins with the Feast of Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More, ends with the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, and includes the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Resources will be made available to help the faithful **pray, reflect on, and take action** for religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad. They will be made available at uscgb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek.

Church of Ascension

Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 6/02/2024

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,986.79
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	1,503.00
Weekly E-Giving:	610.00
Collections Budget YTD:	152,326.29
Actual Collection YTD:	157,661.15
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	5,334.86
Capital Improvement Offering:	190.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	255.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	17,193.00

Sign up for electronic giving at ascensionnva.org
 Under Links -> E-giving. Or call the parish office for more Information: 952-467-3351.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Judy Curfman** whose funeral was at Ascension on June 13th. "Eternal rest be granted unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her."
 Please keep Judy's family in your prayers during this time.

Available now by Pre-Order only: Military Service Story of Leo Braunwarth. 1943-1943. Army Soldier- WW II – MIA- POW. Hometown Son and Parishioner 1923-2019. Norwood Young America. \$25 Prepaid. To order: Call or Text RoseMary Brown 612-770-0627.

Church of St. Bernard

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	2,913.47
Contributions 06-05 through 06-11-2024	2,836.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	200,953.23
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	28,693.64
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	330.00
Electronic Donations	100.00
Forward in Faith Total	430.00
Forward in Faith YTD	22,537.52

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,

Your Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Flora Lano**, sister of Beverly Effertz who passed away on Saturday, June 8th. Flora's funeral was on Tuesday, June 18th. May she rest in peace and may her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Please also pray for Flora's family

GLAD DAYS UPDATE-July 26, 27, & 28

We plan to have our ice cream booth during the festivities again this year. We will have our usual ice cream with toppings, garden produce, and baked/canned goods at the booth. On Friday night--during the hot dog meal--we will have a craft project for the kids. If you are a baker--consider donating, or contact Julie Kleindl if you can help in the booth. We have two hours shifts available on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. This event is sponsored by the St Bernard Catholic United Financial group. Contact Julie @ julie.kleindl@gamil.com or 952-807-3522

Mass Ministry Schedule—June 29–30

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Brian Willems	Cheryl Coyle	Doris Mielke
Servers	Payton Stender & Hailey Stender	Caleb Michels & Jayden Michels	Daniel Worm & Marshall Panning
Reader	Julie Gesinger	Cheryl Coyle	Patricia Quinn
Eucharistic Ministers	Curt Wilson	Steve Coyle	Andy Kleindl
Ushers	Tom Lano & Steve Schrupp	Tim George & Volunteer	Vern Elke & Bob Symanitz
Greeters	Dave & Colleen Donnay	Grace Cook	Julie Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Tim George & Steve Helget	

Mass Times Intentions

Day	Time	Location	Intention
Monday	June 24		No Mass
Tuesday	June 25 6:15 pm	Ascension	For an increase in religious life
Wednesday	June 26 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Elvira Winkler †
Thursday	June 27 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Martin J. Quinn †
Friday	June 28 8:00 am	Ascension	Dan Conser †
Saturday	June 29 5:00 pm	Ascension	Dick and Del Lano ††
Sunday	June 30 8:00 am	Ascension	Bill Hilgers †
Sunday	June 30 10:00 am	St. Bernard	Marcy Wickenhauser † & All Parishioners

Readings for the week of June 23, 2024

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41 **Monday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80 **Tuesday:** 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14 **Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40/Mt 7:15-20 **Thursday:** 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Mt 7:21-29 **Friday:** 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Mt 8:1-4 **Saturday: Vigil:** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 **Next Sunday:** Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 (2a)/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/ Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Bulletin copy is due by Thursdays @ NOON for the bulletin two weekends out;

St. Bernard copy must be emailed to: bulletin@st-bernard-cologne.org and pquinn55322@hotmail.com
Ascension copy must be emailed to: busadmin@ascensionny.org.
All inserts and weekend Mass announcements can be emailed or brought to the Parish office at St. Bernard or Ascension. **These are due Thursday of the weekend needed.**

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

Ascension: Tues. 5:45pm - 6:05pm

St. Bernard: Wed: 7:30am-7:50am

Saturday: 4:30pm—4:50pm

at parish hosting the Mass

By appointment with Father- Call 952-856-1050

Communion for Homebound

Ascension - Sue Tellers.....612-247-6881

St. Bernard - Barb Knorr.....952-484-9628

Anointing of the Sick

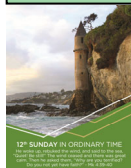
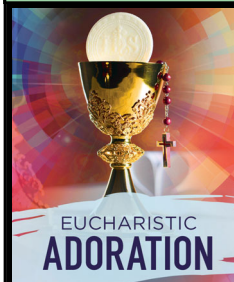
Call the parish office at any time.

Eucharistic Adoration Ascension

Every Tuesday
3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

St. Bernard

Every Wednesday
2:00 until 6:00 pm



June 23, 2024 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Right now, you and I are only worried about one of only two things: wind or water. Bear with me. This week we hear the account of the terrified disciples waking Jesus in a sea-storm. He chastises them for their lack of faith, and then, **“rebuking the wind, he said to the sea, ‘Quiet, be still!’”** He rebukes the wind and stills the water. In the Bible wind and water represent the two most fundamental poles of our experience of creation. Wind means heaven, spirit, that which gives identity, unity, order, light. Water stands for earth, variation, potential, that which can be drawn into identity, darkness, chaos.

Too much “wind” is when things get way too rigid, abstract and ideological — when we face oppressive leaders and tyrants, when we get addicted to our own way of doing things, when our attention is too narrowly focused on one thing. Too much “water” is excessive novelty, passivity, indifference, and chaos — when our attention is too broadly diffused on many things, when things seem to be crumbling without direction into the dark abyss. We know both terrifying experiences all too well.

The point of the miracle is that God in Christ is the One who brings final cosmic harmony between these two vital but threatening forces. He ultimately does so from the wood of the cross, when he breathes forth the wind of his spirit and pours forth the water from his side to establish a new creation, filled with harmonious peace. When the wind and water are out of control, trust him. — *Father John Muir*