Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 23, 2024

MASSES ON THE LORD’S DAY
5:00 pm Sat (vigil)
8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 noon, 5:00 pm
Live Streaming
Sunday Mass at 10 am
Daily Mass at 8 am

WEEKDAY MASSES
7:00 am (Mon-Fri)
8:00 am (Mon-Sat)
12:05 pm (Mon-Fri)

OPEN WEEKDAYS
6:30 am – 5:00 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS
Evening Prayer
4:30 pm (Sat)

OPEN SATURDAY/SUNDAY
7:00 am – 6:30 pm

CONFESSIONS
7:30–8:00 am
(Monday through Friday)
3:30–4:50 pm (Sat)
9:00–9:50 am (Sun)
11:00–11:50 am (Sun)

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS
Following 8:00 am &
12:05 pm Mass (Tues)

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
3:30 pm–4:30 pm (Sat)
8:30 am–11:45 am
(Every First Friday)
WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski and the people of the Archdiocese of St. Louis welcome you and hope that your time in our Mother Church may be an opportunity to share our faith and joy in Jesus Christ.

Please enjoy the beauty of this building dedicated to the glory of God and built for the inspiration of all who enter. Public tours of the Cathedral led by volunteer guides are available most weekdays, call for availability.

All visitors who are not of the Catholic faith are welcome to join us in prayer, but not to receive Holy Communion. Reception of Holy Communion is a sign of unity of faith and full membership in the Catholic community. Together let us pray for the eventual unity of all believers.

If you desire to become a member of the Catholic Church or to become a member of the Cathedral Basilica Parish, please complete a registration card, available at the entrances the church.

All contributions to the Cathedral Basilica parish, ministries, and maintenance are sincerely appreciated.

CATHEDRAL CONCERTS
314.533.7662

TOURS
314.373.8205

Mass Intentions
Specific Mass intentions for each scheduled Mass listed regularly in this bulletin are made by individual request. Requests for Mass intentions may be directed to the rectory by calling 314-373-8202.

Cathedral Tours
Tours of our beautiful church are available during the week (pending other events). To book a tour, please visit our website to submit a “tour inquiry” form (https://cathedralstl.org/tour-info) or contact Susie Irons at 314-373-8205.

If you are interested in volunteering as a docent, please contact Susie siron@cathedralstl.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. June 23rd - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Rosemary Shaughnessy
10:00 a.m. Emily Roach
12:00 p.m. Arthur & Virginia Eultgen
5:00 p.m. Bill & Barbara Graham & Family

Mon. June 24th - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
7:00 a.m. Paul Leible
8:00 a.m. Charles E. Whitten
12:05 p.m. Special Intention

Tues. June 25th - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Maria Luisa Briceno
8:00 a.m. Virginia Matecki
12:05 p.m. Elisabeth Vanek

Wed. June 26th - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Arlen & Ellen Erdahl
8:00 a.m. Freeda Mary
12:05 p.m. Pamela Marie Menne

Thur. June 27th - St. Cyril of Alexandria
7:00 am. Lewis Smith
8:00 a.m. Marcella Leskanich
12:05 p.m. The Haugen Family

Fri. June 28th – St. Irenaeus
7:00 a.m. Robert Breier
8:00 a.m. Ernie Carman
12:05 p.m. Roberta Barfield

Sat. June 29th - Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles
8:00 p.m. Megan & Eldon Potts
5:00 p.m. Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis

Sun. June 30th - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Rosemary Shaughnessy
10:00 a.m. Phillip Spaniol
12:00 p.m. Kathleen Powers
5:00 p.m. Bill & Barbara Graham & Family
Dear Parishioners,

We had a great parish BBQ last Saturday evening, with a little over 150 parishioners in attendance. Many thanks to all who organized the event, volunteered, helped set up, and cleaned up. I am so grateful for the many people who attended and connected with parishioners whom they have seen at Mass but not met in person. The Cathedral Basilica Parish is a vibrant community, and thank you all for helping build and strengthen us as the Body of Christ.

After the passage on the parables, Mark continues by narrating four miracle stories, two of them put together in an ‘inclusion’, which we have in our Gospel this Sunday. The first is that the calming of the sea indicates the true identity of Jesus; he has the power of God himself. This question of Jesus’ identity is a major theme of Mark’s Gospel.

He speaks to the sea as if it were a living thing, an instrument of the devil, an evil thing. No wonder that the disciples are filled with awe. Their question contains its own answer: Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

The second message lies in the symbolism underlying the whole story. It is a story of the early Church. The boat represents a church community (our Church is a community of churches). The surrounding sea is the world. Jesus gets into the boat “just as he was”, that is, a man looking no different from his disciples. There were other boats too. That is, other church communities. Then a violent storm arises and waves threaten to swamp the boat and sink it. This is just what was happening to so many little communities surrounded by hostile elements bent on wiping out the Christian faith.

Where was Jesus during all this? Asleep! Not in the least worried. The disciples scolded him: Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing? Now his disciples are scolded: Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?

That is, why do they not trust in Jesus’ caring for them. Of course, the real calm is not so much in the sea as it is in their hearts when they realise that Jesus is not far away, he is not asleep or absent, but is with them all the time.

Let us pray for that inner peace that comes from knowing Jesus is always very close to us, no matter what may be going on in our lives.

Monsignor Henry Breier
Faith needs to be matter of both words and deeds

Jesus tells us how we should live with the Sermon on the Mount, backed up by His actions afterward.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

God’s revelation comes to us in words and deeds — not just one or the other.

Similarly, faith — our response to God — needs to be a matter of words and deeds, too.

Revelation

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us: “The divine plan of Revelation is realized simultaneously by deeds and words which are intrinsically bound up with each other and shed light on each other” (CCC 53).

This week’s Gospel readings walk us through one of the places where Jesus very deliberately turns from words to deeds. For three chapters (Matthew 5-7), the Sermon on the Mount gives us the words of Jesus. But immediately after He comes down from the mountain, we have three more chapters (Matthew 8-10) in which Jesus backs up His words with deeds.

The entire history of Israel shows this pattern as well. God makes promises to Abraham, and then history shows how they come true. God sends Moses to Pharaoh with both words and deeds. God sends the prophets with a message for Israel and deeds to show the message is from Him. The start of the Acts of the Apostles — which we read this week for the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul (June 29) — tells us the history of the early Church. And, no surprise, it tells us the words and the deeds of the apostles.

Words and deeds go together even on a human level! But God’s Revelation is a perfect example of words and deeds that are “intrinsically bound up with each other and shed light on each other.”

Faith

At the end of the Sermon on the Mount, right before He Himself turns from words to deeds, Jesus warns us that our faith needs to be expressed in words and deeds, too: “Not everyone who says to me ‘Lord, Lord’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven… everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand.”

St. Gregory of Nyssa applies that lesson to Christian life when he says, “The life of the Christian has three distinguishing aspects: deeds, words, and thought… we must make sure that all our thoughts, words and deeds are controlled by the divine ideal, the revelation of Christ. Each of us must examine his thoughts, words and deeds, to see whether they are directed toward Christ or away from him.”

As we prepare for the National Eucharistic Procession to pass through the Archdiocese of St. Louis on July 5-7, perhaps we might examine our consciences along these lines: Have my thoughts, words and deeds been directed toward and consistent with the life of Christ? What are the areas where I need to repent and ask for help?

We are never simply worthy to receive Christ in the Eucharist. But let’s prepare to receive Him more and more worthily. Like God’s revelation, may our faith be characterized by “deeds and words that are intrinsically bound up with each other and shed light on each other.”

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for June 22 & 23 and may be read in the print edition or at https://it.ly/35ejOXr
The Gospel of the Lord

On that day, as evening drew on, Jesus said to his disciples: “Let us cross to the other side.” Leaving the crowd, they took Jesus with them in the boat just as he was. And other boats were with him. A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Quiet! Be Still!” The wind ceased and there was a great calm. Then he asked them, “Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?” They were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this whom even the wind and sea obey?”

Mark 4:26-34

A Metaphor for Our Lives

In today’s Gospel reading from Mark, we hear that Jesus' disciples are frightened by the sudden storm; they do little to inspire confidence in the reader. Mark notes the contrast between the disciples' terror and Jesus' peace. Jesus is sleeping, untroubled by what is going on around him.

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.
Congratulations Reverend Eric Artz
Men of the Cathedral

The Men of the Cathedral invite you to join them for monthly Adoration and dinner. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 25th at 6 PM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Dinner and fellowship will follow in Boland Hall. All men are invited to attend.

The evening is a terrific way to thank God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us and to enjoy the friendship and fellowship of other Cathedral parishioners and guests who are also seeking religious fulfillment.

Please RSVP to Michael Weisbrod at michael.weisbrod@rcfstl.org or 314-918-2893 no later than Monday, June 24th. The suggested contribution for dinner is $20 per person at the door and includes dinner and beverages.
Weekly Thoughts on Giving

“The he asked them, ‘Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?’” – Mark 4:40

Do you really trust God? Is God your first choice or last resort? Is your faith something you just do on Sunday or do you live the Gospel message every day of the week? Many of us know about God. How many of us have a personal relationship with Him? Start now, open your heart to receive our Lord. Talk and listen to Him every day. Move your discipleship from head knowledge to heart knowledge.

What Catholics Believe

Join us at the Cathedral Basilica two Wednesdays a month, when Fr. Povis will present an in-depth theological reflection on the articles of the Apostles’ Creed.
- 6:30pm in Boland Hall
- 50 minute presentation followed by social
- Feel free to bring food and drink
- Designed for adults, but all are welcome!

Next Session

What Catholics Believe will resume in September.

Daily Readings for the Week...

The readings are included each week so that the parishioners who are unable to join us for daily Mass will be able to consider and pray them in union with the whole Church.

Readings for the Week
June 23, 2024 through June 30, 2024

Sunday: 95: Jb 38:1, 8-11 Ps 107:23-26, 28-31 2 Cor 5:14-17 Mk 4:35-41
Tuesday: 372: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 Ps 48:2-4, 10-11 Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: 373: 2 Kgs 22:8-13, 23:1-3 Ps 119:33-37, 40 Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: 374: 2 Kgs 24:8-17 Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9 Mt 7:21-29
Friday: 375: 2 Kgs 25:1-12 Ps 137:1-6 My 8:1-4 see 589: 2 Tm 2:22b-26 Jn 17:20-26

PRAY FOR THE SICK

It is our responsibility in the Lord to remember the sick, who are especially close to the Redeemer in their suffering.

Roxanne Ali
Doreen Kelly
Linda Baldwin
Barbara Beckemeyer
Edwin Ayala Padilla
David Washington
Dorothy Quinn
Mary Leah Kovarik
Janetta Williams
Aisha Mitchell
Guy Thomas
Kelvin Ayala Reyes
Nicole Pace
Resy Sanchez
Mary Anne Work
Betty Ytzaina
Sharon Kay Moore
Therese Terri Svehla
Deborah Lee
Margaret Aubermann
Infant Baptism

According to the mind of the Church, parents are obliged to see that infants are baptized within the first weeks after birth. As soon as possible after the birth, or even before it, parents should request the sacrament for their child and are to be properly instructed in preparation for it. Godparents are also encouraged to have baptismal preparation before the child is born.

If you are a registered parishioner who is or is about to become a parent or godparent, contact the parish office at 314-373-8202 to schedule a baptism.

A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

“O God our Creator… we ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.”

USCCB, “Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty”
Parish Information

Registration in Parish
To join our parish, please register online at https://cathedralstl.org/about-basilica/parish-life or call the rectory at 314-373-8202.

Online Giving is a secure and convenient web-based service to make your weekly or monthly contributions to Cathedral Parish from your computer, or laptop, or tablet. Simply access the Cathedral website (www.cathedralstl.org) and go to Parish Online Giving under the “GIVE” tab. Then follow the easy instructions to set up your secure account and authorize your contributions to be automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the date you specify.

Baptism of Infants
Parents requesting Baptism should be registered members of the parish. To schedule baptisms or register for baptismal preparation classes for parents or godparents, contact the rectory at 314-373-8202.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
For persons interested in becoming Catholic, contact the rectory at 314-373-8202.

Anointing of the Sick
Parishioners facing surgery or struggling with serious illness may request this sacrament by calling the rectory at 314-373-8202.

Vocations to Christian Marriage
Couples planning to marry at the Cathedral Basilica may contact Mary Ann Fox at 314-373-8208.

Vocations to Holy Orders and Consecrated Life
Those who feel called to this life are invited to call the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations.