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## ✠ Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

*June 23, 2024*

**THE FORERUNNER TO THE TRUTH:** On 24 June, the liturgy invites us to celebrate the Solemnity of the Birth of St John the Baptist, whose life was totally directed to Christ, as was that of Mary, Christ's Mother.

John the Baptist was the forerunner, the "voice" sent to proclaim the Incarnate Word. Thus, commemorating his birth actually means celebrating Christ, the fulfilment of the promises of all the prophets, among whom the greatest was the Baptist, called to "prepare the way" for the Messiah (see Mt 11: 9-10). All the Gospels introduce the narrative of Jesus' public life with the account of his baptism by John in the River Jordan. St Luke frames the Baptist's entrance on the scene in a solemn historical setting.

As an authentic prophet, John bore witness to the truth without compromise. He denounced transgressions of God's commandments, even when it was the powerful who were responsible for them. Thus, when he accused Herod and Herodias of adultery, he paid with his life, sealing with martyrdom his service to Christ who is Truth in person.

Let us invoke his intercession, together with that of Mary Most Holy, so that also in our day the Church will remain ever faithful to Christ and courageously witness to his truth and his love for all. ~ Pope Benedict, June 24, 2007

## Twelfth Week of Ordinary Time

June 24 – 29

- Tuesday** 9:00 a.m. (*with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions*)  
+ Gary Cannon, Andrew Brotton, Stanley Luckasavitch  
*by David & Julia Cannon*
- Friday** 9:00 a.m. + Rose Coulas *by Ben & Helen Burchat*

## + Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

June 30, 2024

- Saturday** 4:00 p.m. + Apollonia Dombroskie *by Rosemarie Recoskie & Family*
- Sunday** 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

### Liturgical Appointments

#### June 29

#### June 30

#### Readings

*Karen Yakabuski*

*Beverly Glofcheskie*

#### Communion

*Maxine Smaglinski*

*Terry Recoskie*

#### Offertory

*Barry Dombroskie*

*Jason Dombroskie*

*Richard Luckasavitch*

*Jamie Prince*

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in sacristy.  
Weekdays – before weekday Masses in sacristy or by appointment during office hours.

### IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- that the Lord Jesus would anoint Fr. Michael Brehl with the gift of the Holy Spirit as he prepares to shepherd our diocese.
- for parishioners and friends who are sick, especially: *Carmel Rumleskie*
- for those who have died, especially: *Margaret Thuemen; Martin Byrnes; Margaret Kauffeldt.*

### ROMAN CALENDAR:

- Monday** - The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
- Thursday** - Blesseds Nykyta Budka & Vasyl Velychkowsky, bishops, martyrs and St. Cyril of Alexandria, bishop, doctor
- Friday** - St. Irenaeus, bishop, martyr
- Saturday** - St. Peter and Paul, apostles

**TODAY'S GOSPEL** is about the calming of the storm, which was presented with a brief but incisive passage from the Book of Job, in which God reveals himself as the Lord of the sea. Jesus rebukes the wind and orders the sea to be calm, he speaks to it as if it were identified with the power of the devil. In fact, according to what the First Reading and Psalm 107[106] tell us, in the Bible the sea is considered a threatening, chaotic and potentially destructive element which God the Creator alone can dominate, govern and calm.

Yet, there is another force a positive force that moves the world, capable of transforming and renewing creatures: the power of "Christ's love" (2 Cor 5: 14) as St Paul calls it in his Second Letter to the Corinthians not, therefore essentially a cosmic force, but rather divine, transcendent. It also acts on the cosmos but, in itself, Christ's love is "another" power and the Lord manifested this transcendent otherness in his Pasch, in the "holiness" of the "way" he chose to free us from the dominion of evil, as happened for the Exodus when he brought the Jews out of Egypt through the waters of the Red Sea. "Your way, O God, is holy", the Psalmist exclaims, "Your way was through the sea/ your path through the great waters" (Ps 77[76]: 13, 19). In the Paschal Mystery, Jesus passed through the abyss of death, because in this way God wanted to renew the universe through the death and Resurrection of his Son, who "died for all", that all might live "for him who for their sake died and was raised" (2 Cor 5: 15), and not live for their own sake alone.

The solemn gesture of calming the stormy sea was a clear sign of Christ's lordship over negative powers and induces one to think of his divinity: "Who then is this", his own Disciples asked fearfully, "that even wind and sea obey him?" (Mk 4: 41). Their faith is not yet firm, it is being formed; it is a mingling of fear and trust; on the other hand, Jesus' confident abandonment to the Father is total and pure. This is why he could sleep during the storm, completely safe in God's arms. The time would come, however, when Jesus too would feel fear and anguish, when his hour came, he was to feel the full burden of humanity's sins upon him, like a wave at high tide about to break over him. That was indeed to be a terrible tempest, not cosmic but spiritual. It was to be the final, extreme assault of evil against the Son of God.

Yet, in that hour Jesus did not doubt in the power of God the Father or in his closeness, even though he had to experience to the full the distance of hatred from love, of falsehood from the truth, of sin from grace. He experienced this drama in himself with excruciating pain, especially in Gethsemane, before his arrest, and then throughout his Passion until his death on the Cross. In that hour, Jesus on the one hand was one with the Father, fully abandoned *to* him; on the other, since he showed solidarity to sinners, he was as it were separated and felt abandoned *by* him. ~ *Pope Benedict, June 21, 2009*

## **LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:**

Total: \$3,216.55 (Envelopes: \$2,407.00; Loose: \$99.55; Visitors: \$310.00; Seminary: \$280.00; E-transfer: \$160.00) [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./90; 10:30 a.m./81]

**CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN:** Preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in our parish is in accordance with diocesan policy which encourages a process of individualized family faith formation. Families who wish to have their children begin preparing for these sacraments are invited to speak to Fr. Burchat after Sunday Mass. Parents will also be invited to return to the practice of the faith with regular Mass attendance. The parish provides resources and catechetical assistance.

**WE HAVE A BISHOP!** Pope Francis has named the 10<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Pembroke: Rev. Michael Brehl, C.S.s.R. His episcopal ordination will take place at the Cathedral of St. Columbkille on Thursday, August 15, 2024, the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, at 10:00 a.m. More details on the bulletin board.

**PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS FOR THE DIOCESE OF PEMBROKE:** Reverend George Ryan Holly, diocesan administrator, announced a number of appointments on June 7, 2024, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. They are posted on the bulletin board.

**EVENINGS OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER:** Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole parish hall.

**SCRIPTURE STUDY** of the Gospel of Mark is taking a break for the summer and will resume in September continuing with Mark chapter 10 on forming disciples.

**ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD:** Reverend Mr. Lukas Časta will receive Sacred Ordination to the Priesthood on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, **Saturday, June 29, 2024**, at the Cathedral of St. Columbkille at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

**THE SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES:** Would you be interested in discerning a secular (lay) vocation? Are you spiritually attracted to St. Therese of Lisieux or St. Teresa of Avila? Our group (not a prayer group) meets monthly at St. Andrew Parish in Killaloe. For more information call Patricia at 613-756-2267

**DIOCESAN WEEKLY BULLETIN:** There are various diocesan events scheduled for youth and young adults at <https://pembrokedioocese.com/weekly-bulletin/> Be sure to check it out!