



*Even the
Wind & Sea
Obey Him*

June 23, 2024

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and School

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Don't forget who is in your boat!

Change is always hard. We become comfortable with the familiar but as Pope Benedict said, **“God did not create us for comfort but for greatness!”** Throughout the scriptures when God speaks to people it involves movement. The journey of Abraham and Sarah, the call of Moses, or Mary going in haste to the hill country to see her cousin Elizabeth all involved movements of faith.

For four summers, during the height of the crack epidemic. I worked in the South Bronx. There was a large amount of drugs and violence in NYC at that time. People would ask my father what he thought of me working up there and he would always reply, “The safest place to be is the center of God's will”. It is hard for me to leave here after ten years. I have many memories of good times and challenges, of triumphs and failures. But my lasting impression will be of you and your families. The great privilege of a priest is to walk alongside of you on your spiritual journey. Your faithfulness on your journey has inspired me. I carry a certain amount of anxiety and uncertainty as I look at an office and rectory full of moving boxes but I remember the safest place to be is the center of God's will.

In today's gospel the disciples are in the midst of a literal storm. Despite being seasoned fishermen, they feel they are in danger of sinking and drowning. **“Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion.”** In our wave tossed life we may think Jesus is asleep! The Apostle cry out: **“Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing”** Our lives can be wave-tossed. We can often wonder where Jesus is when our lives are difficult: *a serious illness, a financial crisis, the death of a loved one.* Jesus where are you? We can ask the same question in our ordinary aspects of life: *raising a family, working on a marriage, caring for children, or working at a stressful job*

Have we forgotten who is in our boat? When we are crushed with fear or anxiety it is often because we are carrying our troubles by ourselves and forgetting that Jesus is with us. It is interesting to think of the Real Presence. In a few moments a miracle will occur on our altar and the bread and wine will become the body and blood of Christ. This is an infallible fact. Jesus Christ will be present body, blood, soul and divinity. But how present will we be? Do we realize that Jesus is present with us?

When we recognize that Jesus is in our boat there is peace. “He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Quiet! Be still!’” Jesus' act shows His power over nature. It recalls Moses at the Red Sea. He is the one who set the limits of the sea. Jesus will not allow us to sink! He is with us. But that doesn't mean that you will not go through some squalls in life. You may even get water in the boat. Your boat may even begin to sink.

Jesus is always there for us. May we stay close him, especially in the Holy Mass and in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **May we never forget that Jesus is with us in the boat of life's journey!**

-Fr. Tim McKeown

I am not good at goodbyes but I would like to have a chance to say farewell to you. The weekend of June 22 /23, I will have the Masses in Brunswick. I know it is summer and people are traveling so instead of having a single sendoff here are some moments to say goodbye. I hope one of them will fit your schedule.

-Saturday **June 22nd** *wine and cheese* in the Narthex after 5:00 PM mass.

-Sunday **June 23rd** *coffee and doughnuts* after the 830 mass in the Narthex.

-Sunday **June 23rd** after the 11:00 mass in Xavier hall- heavy *hors d'oeuvres*

-Sunday **June 23rd** after 6:00 pm Spanish Mass in Xavier Hall- *fiesta*

-Wednesday **June 26th** *ice cream social* after 7:00 PM mass in the Narthex.

Thanks to Nalleli Garcia Lee and all of the teen and adult volunteers that worked so hard to put on a great VBS this year! Our theme was SCUBA - diving into friendship with God. Our volunteers certainly brought our students closer to God. Thank you for your generous service!



First Friday, July 5th, Mass is at 8:00 a.m. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** in the church from 1:00 pm to 7:00 p.m. for silent prayer. Mass in English and Spanish at 7:00 p.m. O come, let us adore Him!

That Man is You! For more information contact Deacon Chris at csadowski@bellsouth.net

Our Young Catholics (18-35, single or married) meet each Friday night. Please contact Rob Sadowski for the schedule. Phone - (912)230-4863 or email robertsadowski@yahoo.com

Adult Bible Study Sundays in the St. Anne Room Meets between 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. Please come join us!

WHEN YOU PRAY

A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God

When you pray, do you ever feel restless and distracted?
Do you ever feel like you're not sure what to do in prayer?
Do you feel like God isn't close to you in prayer?

If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone! Join us for **When You Pray** a seven-week video series to help transform your prayer life. Each session will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Narthex with a potluck dinner, fellowship and video followed by discussion.

Dates for the sessions are: **June 27 & July 11**. If you have any questions, please call John LaNeve at 954-478-7943.

Scan the QR Code to see a trailer for the series by Ascension Press.



MASS INTENTIONS

June 22 - 30

Saturday, June 22

5:00 p.m. † Bill Flynn & † Donna Brewer

7:00 p.m. † David Glasser

(at Jekyll United Methodist Church)

Sunday, June 23

8:30 a.m. † Raymond Fetick

11:00 a.m. † Mary, Effie & Preston
Blanchard † & Helen Watkins

6:00 p.m. (Spanish) Sonia & Alfredo Lopez
(intentions)

Monday, June 24

Noon † Vicente Soler

Tuesday, June 25

Noon † Mary & Victor Wiesel

Wednesday, June 26

7 p.m. Our Parish Family

Thursday, June 27

8 a.m. Dorcas-Ehlman Families

Friday, June 28

8 a.m. † Dorothy Heinecke

Saturday, June 29

5:00 p.m. † John Lee

7:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

(at Jekyll United Methodist Church)

Sunday, June 30

8:30 a.m. † Ann Fetick

11:00 a.m. Nelia Lopez 90th Birthday

6:00 p.m. (Spanish) Sonia & Alfredo Lopez
(intentions)

Second Collections

June 30 - Peter's Pence
(not tax-deductible)

July 21 - Church in Africa

Please join the Knights of Columbus Sunday **July 14th** for the **Red Cross blood drive**. Thank You for giving your precious gift to save a life



ST. VINCENT de PAUL FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS

Cereal, Canned Chicken,
Canned Tuna, peanut
butter, jelly, premixed
peanut butter & jelly

If your baby or toddler is feeling restless, the **Narthex** is open with a **live video and audio feed**. There are about 25 seats available. There is also a room located at the back of the Church you can go to.

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