

Dear Padre,

Our parish used to be united. Now we have Filipino Catholics, Vietnamese Catholics, and Mexican Catholics, all with their own Masses and activities. Why can't we just be Catholic?

The word *catholic* means "whole," "universal," "complete." To be Catholic, we must include everyone. I once served as a pastor of the only Catholic parish in a town of 20,000 people, more than half of whom were Catholic. The seventeen Baptist churches included a First Southern with services only in English, a First Baptist with services only in English, a First Baptist with services only in Spanish, and a Southern Baptist with services only in Spanish.



The Catholic Church goes out of its way to make sure that never happens to us and that all people feel part of the Church. One way to make a person feel welcome is to offer Mass in his or her native language, which is why my parish offered Masses in Spanish and Vietnamese as well as in English.

It wasn't just about language or nationality. We had Sunday-evening Mass to accommodate the many people who worked Sunday mornings. And we also had events that brought the entire parish together. The result was that we had six weekend Masses rather than six different communities.

It's difficult to form one Church. It's difficult to be Catholic. But for 2,000 years we've found it to be worth it. Culturally diverse faith communities acknowledge our differences; more importantly, we celebrate our Catholic wholeness through this diversity!

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Do not be afraid of migrants. Migrants are those who always bring us richness....Today there is the temptation to build a culture of walls, to raise walls, walls in the heart, walls on the land....And those who raise a wall, who build a wall, will end up a slave within the walls he has built, without horizons.

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Calendar

Monday
JUNE 21
St. Aloysius Gonzaga,
Religious
Gn 12:1-9 • Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday
JUNE 22
Weekday
Gn 13:2, 5-18
Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday
JUNE 23
Weekday
Gn 15:1-12, 17-18
Mt 7:15-20

Thursday
JUNE 24
Nativity of
St. John the Baptist
Is 49:1-6
Acts 13:22-26
Lk 1:57-66, 80

Friday
JUNE 25
Weekday
Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22
Mt 8:1-4

Saturday
JUNE 26
Weekday
Gn 18:1-15 • Mt 8:5-17

Sunday
JUNE 27
Thirteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24
2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15
Mk 5:21-43 or
5:21-24, 35b-43

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Overly Anxious About Sin?**
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Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 20, 2021
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Jb 38:1, 8-11
2 Cor 5:14-17
Mk 4:35-41

A Real Force of Nature

One of the forces of nature that we have been unable to control is unruly water. We are actually helpless when caught between torrents of rain from above and surging water from below. It is no wonder the ancestors of ancient Israel who lived between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers characterized cosmic evil as tumultuous water that only the great creator-God could control. This is the scene described in the reading from Job. This water is not destroyed; it is only harnessed. We will have to wait for the end of time for such water to be abolished. ("The sea was no more," Revelation 21:1.) This divine power over water is praised in the psalm response as well.

Belief in God's absolute power over chaotic water and cosmic evil lies behind the story of Jesus calming the sea. This story doesn't simply recount a display of Jesus' extraordinary command over the forces of nature. It is certainly that, but it is actually much more. It stands to reason that, if only the great creator-God can exercise control over this fearsome watery threat, and if Jesus can effortlessly exercise control over such water, then Jesus is somehow this great creator-God. In today's Gospel, the audacious disciples, who initially were frightened by the ferocity of the squall, were astounded by Jesus' authority over the storm. They declared, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" (Mark 4:41).

It is clear from this story that Jesus is the real force of nature.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- * Spend some time thinking about how Jesus has protected you from harm.
- * Pray for the grace to trust in God.



*He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!"
The wind ceased and there was great calm.*

MARK 4:39



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Dear Sisters, Brothers and Children in Jesus Christ,

Today's gospel: "He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. {40} He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" {41} And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" (Mark 4:39-41)

Who then is this? Who indeed! Who but God! Who else commands the wind and the sea? That is the key point of the Mark's telling this story. Whatever you make of it in human terms, Mark is telling us that here is an incarnation of God the creator. There is much that can be learned from reflection upon this challenging miracle story, some of which we will come to shortly, but first the main point of the evangelist in passing it on: it is about who Jesus was, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

If we consider some parallel stories from the life of Jesus and the Old Testament we can see clearly how in the minds of the apostles, as they shared such things with others later in early church, it was not matter of Jesus being very clever or magical or even powerful, although their first response was one of fear. It was a question of faith in God. It was not a demonstration of strange occult powers designed to impress and frighten, as a lesser man might, although just as when they saw him walking on the water, it had that effect for *they were filled with great awe* (or fear Mark 4:41)

Fr. Rayappa (Roy) Pasala will not be able to reach here by July 1st, 2021 to take charge as your new pastor. Kindly pray that he may be able to reach you soon. After the next weekend masses (on June 27), I will be moving to Sidney NE to assume responsibility as the pastor at St. Patrick's Sidney NE, and St. Joseph's Kimball NE. Please pray for me too.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Fr. C. P. Varghese
Pastor

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Date	Day	Time	Place	Intention
06/21	Monday	No Mass Today		
06/22	Tuesday	6.00 PM	Bridgeport	Gloria Lamer
06/23	Wednesday	No Mass Today		
06/24	Thursday	6.00 PM	Dalton	Wellbeing of Grand kids of RJ & Kate Waite
06/25	Friday	12.00 PM	Bayard	Tony & Sarah Marquez
06/26	Saturday	5.30 PM	Dalton	Norman Peterson
06/27	Sunday	8.00 AM	Bayard	Cecilia Huerta
06/27	Sunday	10.30 AM	Bridgeport	People of God

ALL SOULS
617 P STREET
BRIDGEPORT NE 69336

Parish Council Meeting
On Sunday, June 20,
2021
At 4.00 PM

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$435.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$791.25
SUBTOTAL	\$1226.25
MASS STIPEND	\$100.00
COMMUNICATIONS	\$10.00
TOTAL	\$1336.25
BUILDING FUND	\$788.00
HEAT/AC	\$50.00
APPEAL GOAL	\$6,046.00
DONATIONS	\$3,615.00
BALANCE	\$2,431.00

- Prayer line requests may be made to Carolyn-262-0453 or Teresa-262-0439.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.



SACRED HEART
1003 AVE B
BAYARD NE 69334

Parish Council Meeting
On Monday, June 21,
2021
At 6.00 PM

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$195.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$51.00
SUBTOTAL	\$246.00
MASS STIPEND	
COMMUNICATIONS	\$15.00
TOTAL	\$261.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL GOAL	\$4,907.00
DONATIONS	\$3,015.00
BALANCE	\$1,892.00

- Prayer line requests may be made to Paula-586-2992.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.
- **There will be a farewell reception for Fr. CP after the 8:00 mass on Sunday, the 27th.**



SAINT MARY'S
718 FRANCIS ST
DALTON NE 69131

Parish Council Meeting
On Wednesday, June
23, 2021
At 6.00 PM

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$405.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$39.20
SUBTOTAL	\$444.20
MASS STIPEND	
TOTAL	\$444.20
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL GOAL	\$6,136.00
DONATIONS	\$6,439.00
BALANCE	(\$303.00)

- Prayer line requests may be made to DeAnn-249-1735.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.

