



The Storm on the Sea of Galilee, 1633 oil-on-canvas painting by Rembrandt van Rijn (adapted)

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 23, 2024

Weekend Masses: Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 PM Sunday
8:30, 11:00 AM and 5:30* PM ***Moves to 7:00 PM June 30**
Reconciliation: Friday: 9:15 AM & Saturday: 3:00-4:00 PM
or by Appointment (Call Main Office)
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration - See pg 2

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'Peace! Be still!'

The account of Jesus calming the storm. It is a fabulous story both full of little eye-witness details, and yet at the same time impossible to read without feeling its symbolic significance. Unlike Matthew, Mark does not bridge the literal story to its symbolic reading, but the story is so vivid he can leave that to us!

Although there is a clear link at the beginning of this story with the teaching in parables that has gone before ('On that day...') our chapter divisions hinder rather than help us here. This is the beginning of a quite long section, between the teaching of chapter 4 and the next section of teaching in chapter 7, when Jesus is at the centre of a series of dramatic and dynamic miracle stories. This section includes six of Jesus' best-known miracles in the gospels: the calming of the storm; the deliverance of the Gerasene demoniac; the raising of Jairus' daughter; the healing of the woman with an issue of blood; the feeding of the 5,000; and Jesus walking on the water.

Together, these stories depict Jesus as dynamic and powerful, the agent of God's miraculous power.

Because Galilee lies in quite a deep depression surrounded by hills, the weather can change quickly, and storms can arise out of the blue (as it were). The evidence of the 'Jesus boat' at Nof Ginosar shows that typical fishing vessels of the time were quite low-sided, as they would need to be to haul fish aboard, and so would be vulnerable to a sudden storm and the waves it produced.

We should also note that first century Jews had a deep distrust of the sea and water, since (in the Old Testament) it was the abode of untamed monsters, and (symbolically e.g. in Dan 7) the source of powers arising who were deeply opposed to God and his people.

Like the master storyteller that he is, Mark defers the information that Jesus has fallen asleep till after the mention of the storm (Luke 8.23 reverses the order and eliminates the narrative tension here) and so heightens the contrast between the panic-stricken disciples in fear of death, and Jesus calmly asleep in the stern, on a cushion.

Much has been made of Jesus' command 'Peace! Be still!' and the idea that Jesus speaks peace to the world around arising from the peace that he has within himself. But we should note that the term here is not the usual one for peace (eirene) but the verb *siopao* meaning to be silent. The miracle here is not simply that the storm stops blowing, but that the waves immediately became calm, when naturally this would take some time.

There is a wonderful irony in Jesus' rebuke to the disciples and their subsequent response. He challenges their lack of faith in him—and the result is that they still have neither faith nor understanding. And having been terrified by the storm, they are even more terrified by the calm and the one who has the power to bring it about. We will again see, in the deliverance of the demoniac, a similar response from the gentiles, who see the calm in the man and plead with Jesus to leave. We might hate storms, but at least we they have the comfort of familiarity.



It is hard to miss the parallels with the story of Jonah. In both cases, the boat in a storm is about to disintegrate; the sailors are terrified ('feared with a great fear' Jonah 1.10, Mark 4.41); Jonah, like Jesus, is asleep despite the storm; the one sleeping is awoken since they are all about to perish (compare Jonah 1.6 and Mark 4.38); there is a sudden calm and all are amazed at what God has done. The difference, of course, is that the storm is Jonah's fault, and it is Jesus who exercises the power of God over the forces of nature. There is only one possible implied answer to the disciples' almost rhetorical question, 'Who is this, that even the wind and waves obey him?'

Source: <https://www.psephizo.com/biblical-studies/jesus-calms-the-storm-in-mark-4/>

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Weekly Readings

June 23 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-26, 28-31; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

June 24 Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

June 25 Tuesday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14

June 26 Wednesday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20

June 27 Thursday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 7:21-29

June 28 Memorial of Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-6; Mt 8:1-4

June 29 Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

June 30 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43

Parish Calendar

Sunday June 23

8:30 am - 9:30 am
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Mass (live-streamed)
Mass
Library Open
Mass
Library Open
Apologetics Meeting

**Fr. Ed White's
Farewell and 19th
Ordination
Anniversary
Reception after all
Sunday Masses**

Monday June 24

9:00 am - 10:30 am
10:00 am - 11:45 am
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
6:30 pm - 7:15 pm
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Darling Dusters
Food Pantry (drive by only)
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Evening Prayer
Mass (live-streamed)
St Vincent de Paul Meeting

Tuesday June 25

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
6:00 pm - 6:30 pm
6:30 pm - 7:15 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet
Evening Prayer
Terrific Tuesday Dinner
Mass (live-streamed)

Wednesday June 26

8:00 am - 12:00 pm
10:00 am - 10:45 am
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
4:00 pm - 5:45 pm
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
6:30 pm - 7:15 pm
7:15 pm - 7:45 pm
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Campus Crew
Rosary Group
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Food Pantry (drive by only)
Evening Prayer
Mass (live-streamed)
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena
Sacred Story
Adoration & Reconciliation

Thursday June 27

8:30 am - 9:30 am
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
7:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Mass (live-streamed)
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Evening Prayer
Precious Blood of Jesus Devotion

Friday June 28

6:30 am - 7:30 am
8:30 am - 9:30 am
9:00 am - 10:00 am
10:00 am - 11:45 am
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Men's Prayer/Reflection (Doors open at 6:15)
Mass (live-streamed)
Sacrament of reconciliation
Food Pantry (Drive by only)
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Evening Prayer

Saturday June 29

6:30 am - 7:30 am
7:30 am - 8:30 am
8:30 am - 9:15 am
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Saturday Morning Holy Hour
Exodus 90
Mass (live-streamed)
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Vigil Mass



Annual Catholic Appeal 2024

Thank you to all who have participated! Over the last few months, we have received gifts of **\$117,605 towards our goal of \$184,300**. Through the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, your generous gifts support the needs of our faith family with the centralized services supporting our parish staff, formation, outreach ministries, and support for Deacons and Seminarians. Your gift makes an impact. **If the parish does not meet our goal, we are billed to make up the difference**, which can affect our ability to fund our programs and ministries. For those of you who have not yet contributed, there is still time. You can donate using the QR code, fill out a pew envelope, or go online to archseattle.org/GiveACA.



Adoration Invitation - At St. Stephens we enjoy Perpetual Adoration of Jesus in the chapel/church. That means Jesus is exposed in the Monstrance 24 hours 7 days (except during scheduled Masses). At this



time we find ourselves with open hours needing to be filled by committed adorers. Is Jesus calling you to Come and Adore Him? Here are the hours in need of filling:

Tuesday at 3:00 am
Thursday at 12:00 am
Thursday at 1:00 am

To sign up visit <https://ststephenslife.com/eucharistic-adoration> or contact coordinator Bernie 206-427-6085 or Tina 206-715-8462.

Weekly Collections				
	June 4- June 10, 2024	May 28- June 3, 2024	FY To date July 1, 2023-May. 31, 2024	
Collections-actual	14,118	17,369	1,065,358	
Collections-Budget	19,831	14,297	930,084	
Variance	(5,713)	3,072	135,274	
*EFT-Actual	8,919	12,281	453,388	
*EFT-Budget	9,586	10,368	440,614	
Variance	(667)	1,913	12,774	
Total Collections	(6,380)	4,985	148,048	
Variance				

Outreach Collections				
Outreach				
Assistance	521	967	35497	
Food Pantry	341	990	52856	

New Fiscal Year began 7/01/2023

*EFT= Electronic Funds Transfer (Online Collections)

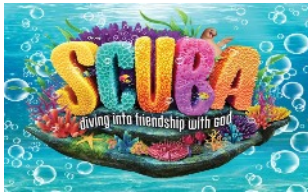
Faith Formation Programs

Children and Families (K-5th Grade) This year, we provide onsite classes, family learning & activities, family Mass, and at-home learning. On-site classes are once/month on Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm. We're also adding community nights for families (all parish) on Friday nights!

If you're interested in **First Sacraments (Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist)**, follow the link to our web-page. The program will be the same as above, plus more! There are prerequisites for First Sacraments and you will use a different registration form. (Our website will guide you.) To learn more and register, visit: <https://ststephenslife.com/elementary-programs>



Baptism Classes In-person classes to prepare for Infant Baptism are now available. Pre-registration is required to attend. Class size will be limited, and you must have proof of pre-registration to be admitted. Please, only 2 parents, baby, 2 godparents (5 total) per family. Pre-register by calling (253) 480-7106 or emailing Ellen Golden at egolden@ststephenslife.com.



SAVE THE DATE: This Year Bible Camp will be July 22-26! Our theme will be: **Scuba** – taking kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God! We'll have a great week of Bible Stories, Songs, Games, and Inspiration! We are planning for 9:00 am – Noon, Monday through Friday. We will have limited space this year so register quickly! **See the flyer on the next page!!!**



ST ANTHONY SCHOOL

St Anthony School Now Enrolling: St. Anthony School - Are you interested in your child receiving a mission-based, community-focused Catholic education? For nearly 100 years, St. Anthony School has educated the whole child to better the world and serve others. We have spots available in all grades for this upcoming school year, 2024-2025. Please visit our website at www.sasr.org or email Jean Dang at dang@sasr.org to set up a school tour or to learn more info.



Respect Life June 24th marks the two-year anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, which overturned Roe v. Wade. As we approach this anniversary, we continue to thank God that states can once again protect the lives of pre-born children in law. Since the Dobbs decision, many states have enacted strong legal protections for pre-born children. Tragically, other states have drastically expanded abortion access, such as Kansas, Michigan, and Ohio, due in part to deceptive campaigns and advertising. Other states continue to pursue extreme, pro-abortion policies. This fall, as many as 10 states will have abortion referenda on their ballots, enabling voters to enshrine abortion and override existing pro-life safeguards in the process. At this critical moment, whether we reside in states with pro-life or pro-abortion policies, we are presented with opportunities and responsibilities to continue building a culture that welcomes, celebrates, and protects human life. Our prayers are essential to maintaining policies that protect life, where they exist, and preventing the spread of policies that lead to more abortions. Let us draw close to Christ's Sacred Heart and sincerely ask how he is calling us to use our unique gifts for the cause of life.



Spiritual Adoption Please remember to pray for the baby that you have spiritually adopted. A message from your baby: *Thank you for praying for me. I'm bigger and stronger now. I am about 6 inches long and I weigh 4 ounces. When mommy goes to the doctor, she can even listen to my heartbeat. I hope that one day I will run and play with my friends like you.*

Farewell Gift for Fr. Ed White

A private effort has been organized for a farewell gift to Fr. Ed White. Checks and Cash are accepted. Please make checks out to: Fr. Ed White (only)—NOT to the Church. Please add to your check memo the word: Gift. Important! **Please DO NOT place your gift in the Collection Basket or give it to the Church Office or Staff.**

Deadline for gift: Sunday, June 23 Give your Farewell Gift to one of our Gift Team Members. They are available for any questions: Jill Eaton (Saturday, 5:00 p.m.); Lori Ibale (Sunday 8:30 a.m./Daily Mass); John DeMarre (Sunday 8:30 a.m.); China Krismer (Sunday 11:00 a.m.); Ann Corbett (Sunday 5:30 p.m.)



**Thank You
Fr. Ed!**



VACATION BIBLE CAMP!

July 22-26

9:00 am – Noon, Monday through Friday

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!!

Kids will dive into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God! We'll have a great week of Bible Stories, Songs, Games, and Inspiration! Visit <https://ststephenslife.com/vbc-registration>

9:00 am – Noon, Monday through Friday

We have limited space this year so register right away!

Adults and Teens – Join us for this awesome week! We have many volunteer spots available, but those will fill quickly. Contact Shannon at Sbattles@st.stephenslife.com



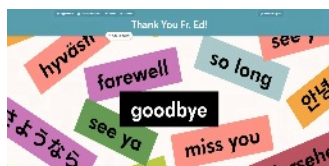
June 23 - Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time: In the Gospel today, Jesus calms the sea and then asks the disciples "Why are you lacking in faith." In our life's journey, we also must learn to believe in God's presence and to trust in his care. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. Please consider joining the St. Vincent DePaul ministry.



St. Stephen's Food Pantry

Thank you for your support of the Food Pantry! We are appreciative of your donations and with your continued support, we will keep striving to meet the basic needs of the most vulnerable in our community. Please check the list in the Narthex for the pantry's most needed items currently.

The Gabriel Project is in need of diapers and wipes for their young Moms. They especially need sizes 4, 5, and 6 as well as unscented wipes. You may leave them at the Food Pantry Baskets in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support for our Moms who chose life!



Send Fr Ed a Farewell/Thank You Message Online!

Want to say a few words of encouragement and gratitude to our outgoing pastor? Click the image above to post those nice words to Fr Ed on the online app *Kudoboard*.

Become
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A MARRIAGE MOVEMENT

Witness to Love Marriage Movement

"Share your witness- become a mentor couple! St. Stephen's invites you to share your marriage witness with our Parish's engaged couples. Witness to Love is not just another marriage prep program. It is a renewal movement centered around fostering community involvement that bears fruit for the entire parish community. It is a unique virtue-based system that:

1. Prepares couples for a sacramental marriage, AND...
2. Fosters their transition into a welcoming community of faith before and after they are married.

A mentor couple is not expected to be a Theologian, Counselor, or Spiritual Director to the engaged couples they accompany. You are simply to provide authentic witness to the vocation of marriage. Imperfections are to be expected! To learn more about **Witness to Love**, visit their site: About Us | Catholic Marriage Catechumenate | Witness to Love

There will be a Mentor Couple "Come and See" information night on July 29, 6:00-7:00pm in St. Stephen the Martyr Classroom Wing. To RSVP visit <https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1365/responses/new>



Encounter School Summer Intensive August 2-3

Experience the first four quarters of the encounter School of ministry in just 2 days! Drawing from the richness of our Catholic heritage, we seek to teach, equip and activate disciples to demonstrate the love of God through the power of the holy spirit in their sphere of influence. Number one identity and transformation number two hearing God's voice and the prophetic gifts of the holy Spirit number three power and healing number four inner healing and freedom encounterschool.org/Seattle

Parish Information

New to St. Stephen's? Welcome! Learn more about our vibrant community by visiting our web site at www.ststephenslife.com. Registration forms are online or may be obtained from the ushers and put in the collection basket or mailed in. **Bulletin Notices:** The **content deadline is 12:00 PM on the Friday** a week before the weekend you wish it to appear (8 days in advance). Notices about parish events or items of interest to the parish are welcome, however posting cannot be guaranteed. Email notices to: ourbulletin@gmail.com.

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Marriage: Couples seeking Marriage must contact the church 9 months before their wedding date. Some preparation and Parish Registration are required before a date can be set. Contact See contact information above to reach a Staff person for Marriage or Baptism.

Annulments: (for those who are civilly divorced). For compassionate and confidential answers to your questions, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Anne Merklin, 253-480-7108 (ext. 126), AMerklin@ststephenslife.com.

Baptism: Preparation and Parish Registration are required for both Parents and Godparents/Sponsors. Baptisms are held monthly. Contact the Faith Formation Office for details (253-631-6175).

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) For adults desiring to become Catholic, including those needing baptism. Contact Anne Merklin 253-631-1940 ext 126. sstmassociate@gmail.com

Praying For Sick

Erlinda David, Canlas Ingraham, Angel M. Piol, Suzie Stonecipher, Buddy Day, Jeff Tobin

Please note we are revising the list of those who are ill and in need of prayers. Names will be posted for 3 weeks unless we receive further notification. If you or a loved one would like to be included in the bulletin listing please contact Betty Mencke at 253-631-1940.

Recent Deaths

Conrado Redila, Peter Olson, Charito Rubis Galindo

Names will be posted for 3 months.

Serving in the Military

Captain Philip Clay, LT Luke Carpenter (deployed), Jack Cullers US, Zenaida Roth, Joey Buslon Poland, PFC 2 Anthony Vogeler, Poland.

To add names to the box, please email ourbulletin@gmail.com, or contact Betty Mencke, 253-631-1940.

To contact the Prayer Chain, please see Teresa Wright, at 425-255 0301 or teresa2pray@gmail.com



Rachel's Corner: Hope and Healing After Abortion The Lord sets prisoners free; the Lord gives sight to the blind. The Lord raises up those who are bowed down. - Psalm 146: 7-8. When thoughts come to your mind regarding the day you were involved in an abortion decision, do they make you feel blind to hope, entrapped in regret and burdened with shame? Call for a compassionate, confidential conversation, and be free again. **Registering now for our Virtual Healing Series.** English: (206) 920-6413 / Español: (206)-450-7814

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