**Note: Please leave this on the ambo, thanks.**

**SUNDAY 23rd JUNE**

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**

**Introduction:**

Good morning / evening we welcome our parishioners and visitors to Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill/Schofields Parish.

As we confront the varied storms of life—troubles, disappointments, accidents, illnesses—God’s Word today invites us to renew and deepen our faith and trust. Jesus wants us to be more aware and convinced that he stays with us and guides us safely through the storms of life.

Our Mass will be celebrated today by

Please stand and join in singing the Entrance Hymn.

**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING**   **Jb 38:1. 8-11**

**A reading from the book of Job**

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors

when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb,

when I wrapped it in a robe of mist

and made black clouds its swaddling bands;

when I marked the bounds it was not to cross

and made it fast with a bolted gate?

Come thus far, I said, and no farther:

here your proud waves shall break.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 106:23-26. 28-31. R. v.1**

***(R.) Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.***

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships

to trade on the mighty waters.

These men have seen the Lord’s deeds,

the wonders he does in the deep. ***(R.)***

1. For he spoke; he summoned the gale,

tossing the waves of the sea

up to heaven and back into the deep;

their soul melted away in their distress. ***(R.)***

1. Then they cried to the Lord in their need

and he rescued them from their distress.

He stilled the storm to a whisper:

all the waves of the sea were hushed. (***R.)***

1. They rejoiced because of the calm

and he led them to the haven they desired.

Let them thank the Lord for his love,

the wonders he does for men. (***R.)***

**SECOND READING  2 Cor 5:14-17**

***A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians***

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

*The Word of the Lord.*

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL Mk 4:35-41**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Let us cross over to the other side.’ And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him.

Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep.

They woke him and said to him, ‘Master, do you not care? We are going down!’ And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, ‘Quiet now! Be calm!’ And the wind dropped, and all was calm again.

Then he said to them, ‘Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?’ They were filled with awe and said to one another, ‘Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.’

*The Gospel of the Lord*

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest:** Let us pray to God our Father that with his power we may weather the varied storms of life.

**Reader:** For the Church, the boat of Peter: that it may not lose heart when the storms of persecution and dissension threaten to sink it

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For our government and civil leaders: that they may spare no effort to bring peace to places where rebellion and armed conflict are destroying lives and homes.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For those who have consecrated themselves entirely to the Lord, that they may be united with their communities in their contemplation of the Lord and service of those in need

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For families beset by continual fighting and for homes threatened by the surging waves of unemployment and poverty: that they may find in Jesus the will to weather these storms,

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For our beloved departed especially those who died recently also those mentioned in our Parish bulletin, that the Lord may lead them safely home to heaven and thus fulfill their faith and hope

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader: Together we now pray the Prayer for the Parish Community.**

**All:** God, our Father, bless this parish Mary Immaculate so that we may love you more.

Help the parents to be good examples to the children and our youth to grow in love and strength as good Christians.

Encircle our families with your loving care. To the sick grant health, to the aged bring serenity and to those in sorrow joy.

May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily living.

**Priest:** Heavenly Father, amid the various storms of life, let us again hear the voice of your Son: “Peace, be still!” May we find peace in our hearts and with one another.

Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.