

From the Pastor's Desk..... 21 June 2015

The ancients valued water as a potent symbol of life, but they also saw the primordial waters as a symbol of chaos. This is what is highlighted in today's readings. In the Book of Job we have set before us vivid imagery of this chaos depicted in whirlwinds and dark threatening clouds. But God reminds Job that He is mightier than these forces. He is the creator God who has brought order out of chaos. This theme is amplified in the Gospel where Jesus calms the fury of the sea. Jesus' command of the elements is revelatory of his divinity – he is master of the universe, sovereign Lord. In other words, all the forces of chaos are no match for the Lord of Life.

Chaos seemingly abounds in our world. We only have to take note of the terrible violence and instability of so many nations. Chaos can also seemingly abound in our own lives at times. This is more the reason to renew our faith in the One who can drive out fear and give us a peace that the world cannot give. Certainly menacing storms will continually beset us in one way or another, but in Jesus we have discovered the One who is our deliverance.



Speaking of creation, we have been gifted with the latest encyclical of Pope Francis: LAUDATO SI' ("on the care of our common home"). This is a message for our times; an authoritative teaching on our moral obligations as human beings to care for one another and our planet. It is available on the Vatican website: www.vatican.va

Peace & Blessings
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