

**Deacon Tony's June 20, 2021 Homily  
for Father's Day  
12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Happy Father's Day to the fathers in the congregation.

In our readings today it seems that God's children are caught up in stormy weather.

The GOOD NEWS is that God is there to see them through the bad storms

Fathers should find our readings especially fitting for men, who if they are sincerely trying to raise strong Catholic children and being the leaders of their households, in order to understand God's major role in the storms that occur.

We all know the struggle that Job went through. How he was blessed with good fortune in every way only to lose everything as a test of his faith in God. It seems that the recording of this first meeting between God and Job includes God assuring Job that he is more than capable of handling this great storm in his life.

That God had set the limits of the land and sea and that the waves will be still.

In our Gospel Jesus calms the storm that the Apostles found themselves in, by a simple command. QUIET! BE STILL! And the wind and the storm obeyed.

I got a kick out the question that Jesus posed to his Apostles:

WHY ARE YOU TERRIFIED? Jesus expected his Apostles to have faith in Him to protect them.

Paul writes to the Corinthians about the relationship they have with Jesus.

That the love of Christ convicts us that Jesus died once for all, so that we no longer live for ourselves but for Him who freed us. Paul goes on to say that whoever is in this relationship, is a NEW CREATION. He has been born anew.

When we became fathers, we promised to raise our children in the faith in Christ.

This is not an easy task, and it requires pray and help, from God, to calm the storms that seem to prevail when we teach our children to no longer live for themselves but to live for Jesus. Don't be terrified, the Holy Spirit knows the way.

Tonight, after Mass, we will be installing our new officers for the

Knights of Columbus. These are dedicated men who have chosen to work together to make St Thomas More a better and loving community.

Not only do they get a lot of work done but they are a great example of fathers who put others ahead of themselves in order to build up God's kingdom on earth.