

Parish Bulletin

Župni Vjesnik

June 21, 2015 - 21. lipnja 2015.

Happy Father's Day
Sretan Dan Očeva



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Hrvatska katolička župa sv. Jeronima

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Mass schedule • Raspored misa

Saturday • Subota

5:30 p.m. English

Sunday • Nedjelja

7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. English

11 a.m. Hrvatski

Weekdays • Kroz tjedan

7:30 a.m. English

Posjeti bolesnicima – uvijek

Sick calls – at any time

Krštenja – po dogovoru

Baptisms – by appointment

Ispovijedi – pola sata prije mise

Confessions – before Masses

Vjenčanja – najaviti 6 mjeseci ranije

Weddings – arrange 6 months in
advance

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Hrvatski katolički radio Chicago

Subotom: 12 - 12:30 sati
na 750 AM

Croatian Catholic Radio Chicago

Saturday: noon - 12:30 p.m.
on 750 AM

Monday, June 22 - Ponedjeljak, 22. Lipnja

St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop, Saints John Fisher, Bishop
and Thomas Moore, Martyrs
Sv. Paulinus, John Fisher, biskupi i Thomas Moore, mučenici

7:30 a.m.

† Morgan Strand *Jan Zekich*
† Bert Friello *Nick and Catherine Perisin*

Tuesday, June 23 - Utorak, 23. lipnja**7:30 a.m.**

† Sam DeFrancisco *Daughter*
† Gloria Pace *Mary and Debbie*

Wednesday, June 24 - Srijeda, 24. Lipnja

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Rođenje sv. Ivana Krstitelja

7:30 a.m.

† Josie Hanson *Brian and Michelle*
† Jennie Salerno *Daughter*

Thursday, June 25 - Četvrtak, 25. lipnja**7:30 a.m.**

† John Edgeworth *Duško*
Intentions of Blessed Mother *D.*

7 – 9 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration – *Euharistijsko klanjanje*

Friday, June 26 - Petak, 26. lipnja**7:30 a.m.**

†† William and Mary Catizone *Childran and Grandchildren*
Na nakanu *Vicko Glunčić*

Saturday, June 27 - Subota, 27. lipnja**7:30 a.m.**

† Julia Frigan *Cathy and Andrew*
Na čast sv. Ivi *Marko i Ivka Zeba*

5:30 p.m.

† Margaret Marcello *Pace family*
† Brian William Kenny *The Bazan family*
† Carol Segvich *The Kish family*
† Rose Marie West *Mary Fratto*
† Mary Wagner *Stretch and Eleanor and family*
† Joseph Worth *Theresa and Louie Nagy*
† Michael Marano *Rich and Jan Ferro*
† Salvatore Mastracova *Mr. and Mrs. Matt Babich*

Sunday, June 28 - Nedjelja, 28. lipnja**13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

13. NEDJELJA KROZ GODINU

7:30 a.m.

† Ann Contino *Anthony and Phillys Contino*
† Gene Dengler Sr. *Children*
†† Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine and Jozo Čondić *Duško*

9:30 a.m.

† Pasquale Cimaglia *Joe and El Grzetich and family*
† Dominic Camtione *Giggie*
† Mary Wagner *Rose Marie Senese*
† Michael Marano Sr. *Mark Gusich and family*
†† Andrija and Stefanija Gusich *Walter Gusich*
Na nakanu *Jagoda Čorić*

11 a.m.

† Kata Morsaljević *Kata Žigni i obitelj*
† Mare Žgela *Kata Žigni i obitelj*
† Sofija Pastuović *John i Marija Kosić*
† Luka Markotić *Zoran Bradvica*
† Nevenka Mulc *Frank i Luanne Munizzi*
† Vinka Bradarić *Mijo i Zdenka Barun*
† Josip Pejin *sin Bruno*
† Petar Tokić *Stipe Tokić i obitelj*
† fra Nikola Jureta, OFM Conv *Paško i Iva Jakelja*
† Marija Špehar *Ante i Brigitta Sivrić*
† Jela Lovrić *Josip Krišto i obitelj*
† Charles Lord *obitelj Drobinić*
† Ivo Milin *Nelica i obitelj*
† Mate Cokarić *Nelica i obitelj*
† Marijan Jukić *Nevenka Badrov*
† Milan Bagarić *Mijo i Zdenka Barun*
† Vinka Buljubašić *Nick i Catherine Perisin*
† Lenka Barbarić *obitelj Šimić*
†† Vjeko i Ivo Gregor *Obitelj*
†† Alojz i Brankica Šalković *Darko Grgić i obitelj*
†† Anđa i Ivan Miletić *Ilija i Ružica Miletić*
†† Zvonko i Ivan Gović *Vesna Gović i obitelj*
†† iz obitelji Kamber *Jadre Rogić i obitelj*
†† iz obitelji Čondić *Duško*
†† iz obitelji Golub *obitelj Tomić*
Na čast bl. Alojzija Stepinca *Bože Guvo*
Za duše u čistilištu *obitelj Šimić*

LECTORS – ČITAČI

5:30 p.m. – Brian Kenny
7:30 a.m. – Chris Pesce; 9:30 a.m. – Sonia Antolec
11:00 a.m. – Mario Pehar, Nikolina Mađer, Josip Novak

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

IZVANREDNI POSLUŽITELJI SV. PRIČESTI

5:30 p.m. – Jan Ferro; 7:30 a.m. – Ellen O'Donnell
9:30 a.m. – MaryBeth Insalaco; 11:00 a.m. – Ivanka Paraga

ALTAR SERVERS - MINISTRANTI

5:30 p.m. – Jasmine Esparza, Kylee Kuzniar, Lucas Mizera
7:30 a.m. – Matt and Molly McCormick
9:30 a.m. – Francesca Bertucci, Angelina Caruso, John Zekich
11:00 a.m. – Lorin Draženović, Darko Grgić Jr., Frano Kraljević, Martin Galić, Marija Kraljević



Isus utišava oluju



Za svetopisamsko razumijevanje ovog događaja bitno je imati na umu da su ljudi Starog Istoka - ne samo Židovi - more smatrali simbolom prvotnog nereda i sjedištem zlih sila. Iz pitanja kojim izvještaj završava vidimo da Marko po ovom događaju želi upozoriti na pravi identitet Isusa. Prorok iz Nazareta mora biti izvanredni Božji opunomoćenik, kad utišava oluju na moru čineći tako ono što može učiniti jedini Bog.

U okolnosti da Isus spava "na uzglavku" (jastuk na kojem su obično sjedili veslači) Marko još jednom pokazuje da je Isus paradoksalni Mesija: potreban mu je san nakon napornog dana. U ovom snu "na krmi", koja je krajnji kut zadnjeg dijela lađe. Učenici bude Isusa pitanjem: "Učitelju, zar ne mariš što ginemo?" Markova formulacija pokazuje duhovnu nezrelost Dvanaestorice u toku Isusova ministerija. Oni još trebaju doživjeti veliki petak i uskrsno jutro da bi mogli naviještati Isusa kao Gospodara svega i Spasitelja svih ljudi.

Isus izravno govori vjetru i moru: "Utihni! Umukni!" Skoro istim riječima naređuje on nečistom duhu da šuti, kad ga je iz opsjednutog bolesnika počeo zvati Svecem Božjim. Marko i Matej ističu da je nastala na Isusovu zapovijed "velika utiha". To znači da je učinak bio potpun: vjetar i more zaista su se pokorili Isusu koji je time Dvanaestorici i drugim putnicima uprisutnio Boga kao gospodara prirode. Isus predbacuje učenicima što nemaju vjere. Ovdje pod vjerom treba razumijevati osobni oslon i pouzdanje u Isusa. To je vjera svagdanjeg hoda za Isusom i s Isusom koji jedini nudi pravu životnu sigurnost.

Učenici na kraju pitaju: "Tko je ovaj da mu se i vjetar i more pokoravaju?" Time uključno ispovijedaju pravi identitet Isusov: takvo čudo može učiniti netko tko je više. od proroka i pobožna čovjeka, netko tko je Bogu ravan.

The Storm on the Sea

Let us look at the story that is often called "The storm on the sea". As we look at the characters in this story we keep before us the question, "What does this story say to me as a disciple of the Christ?"

The first character is the storm. Storms evoke chaos which was the condition of the world prior to creation. The Jews understood God Creator as one who brings order to chaos.

Jesus sleeps. Sleeping peacefully is an image of perfect trust. To sleep peacefully in a storm is to show extraordinary trust. As Jesus sleeps the disciples care for him. This is probably a picture of the future for the group. With Jesus with them, *but not with them*, the disciples must take on the mission of Jesus.

The boat is swamped. How often we use this metaphor to describe how we feel in our taking up of the mission of Jesus. We are bogged down, overwhelmed, and at times dispirited, at this moment we cry out, "We are going to drown!"

It is a fact that we are most reminded of the presence of God when we are nearly drowned. But we do not need to be ashamed, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, the resource less, the worn out, they are of the kingdom."

Jesus now speaks to his other servants, the wind and the sea. In the language used by masters towards their dogs, he calls them to heel and immediately they fall at his voice. Creation is part of the household of God. The section from Job is a reminder of God as author of creation. God speaks from the storm. God has listened to Job's endless questions and decides its time Job answered a few. There is some thing whimsical about this, God protesting about what God has to put up with. There is also an important message for us as well as for Job. How often do we question ourselves? Our motives? Our demands? Or do we as God says, "Obscure the divine plan with words of ignorance."

Maybe we can be presumptuous in imagining that we know more than God, even making suggestions as to how God should handle situations. No wonder Jesus prayer is, "Your will be done."

Paul in Corinthians reminds us of our loving, benevolent God when he begins Chapter five with the reminder that as we have a home here so there will always be a home for us.

This is our trust learned from Jesus. And so this secure love impels us, thrusts us forward, through the uncertainty of the deaths we endure for Jesus' sake, Knowing that the path through death has been created for us. Each time we struggle through death we emerge a new creation, not judging the will of God with human standards, but accepting in faith a new order. Through Jesus we become the holiness of God.

P.S.

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR PARISHIONERS AND ST. JEROME
GRADUATES DOING WELL IN HIGH SCHOOL**

Queen of Peace High School

High Honor Roll
Izabela Paraga

De La Salle Institute

Honor Roll Term 4
Arcieri Dominique Maria
Arredia Joseph Anthony
Arredia Natalie Maria
Billows Angela Damico
Castillo III Maximino
Cianflone Kayla Nicole
Gazzi Joseph Gene
Gurgone Sam Anthony
Lisenby Nicholas Henry
Luce Matthew Joseph
Luce James Anthony
Monrial Damien J
Nowacki Bernadette Mary
Platt Timothy Michael
Rubio Michael Anthony
Ruffolo Nicholas
Sego Kristina
Sego Marija
Sperando Andrew Perisin
Segmiller Jordan E

ST JEROME PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

We are currently holding open registration for Preschool. If your child is 3 or 4 and you would like to enroll your child for our 2015-16 preschool program, please, call School Office (312-842-7668) for more info.

MEDJUGORJE ANNIVERSARY

On Thursday June 25, we will mark the 34th Anniversary of Medjugorje Apparitions. The Rosary starts at 6:30 p.m. The speaker at the Mass will be deacon Alex C. Jones, who will also tell us his great conversion story in the School Hall afterwards.



Deacon Jones was born in 1941, and married to Donna Camille, and they have three grown sons: Joseph, Benjamin, and Marc, eleven lovely grandchildren, and two great-grandsons. He graduated from Wayne State University in 1965 with a Bachelor's Degree in Art Education, and received a MAPS Degree (Masters in Pastoral Studies) from Sacred Heart Major Seminary in 2007. In March of 1998, while reading the apostolic fathers and subsequent church history in preparation for a Wednesday evening bible study, I discovered the Church to be charismatic/liturgical, hierarchical, and Eucharistic-centered. In light of that discovery, him and Donna began a two-year journey into the Catholic Church that culminated in fifty-four members of his previous

congregation, including fourteen members of his own family, entering the Catholic Church. They entered R.C.I.A. at St. Suzanne Catholic Community on September 10, 2000, and were welcomed into the Catholic Church through confirmation during Easter Vigil on April 14, 2001.

He was ordained a Permanent Deacon in the Archdiocese of Detroit on October 1, 2005.

**PICNICS AND FESTIVALS AT CHICAGO
CROATIAN PARISHES**

- **Today, June 21**, BL. ALOJZIJE STEPINAC CROATIAN CATHOLIC MISSION will have their annual picnic on Bunker Hill Park in Niles, IL (Touhy, Devon and Caldwell Ave.). Croatian Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. There will be plenty of food, drinks and fun.

- **Next Sunday**, June 28, SACRED HEART CROATIAN PARISH will have their annual parish festival on church grounds at 2864 E. 96th Street. In the morning after all the Masses, there will be coffee and homemade baked goods in the Hall. By 10:30 a.m. there will be BBQ Lamb, pork and chicken. In the afternoon there will be American, Croatian and Mexican delicious food, and cold drinks. There will also be a lot of games, booths, raffles, games for all and Moon Walk for kids. A band will be playing for entertainment and dancing.

ROSARY EVENINGS IN GERARD'S GARDEN

Praying of the Rosary for the Souls in Purgatory in Gerard Fratto's garden, located at 2716 S. Princeton, every Wednesday will start on June 17th at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to come and pray rosary together

FEAST OF VELIKA GOPSA APPROACHES

NOVENA STARTS ON THURSDAY AUGUST 6TH

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY - VELIKA GOPSA - WILL BE CELEBRATED FOR THE 109TH TIME. We invite all parishioners and friends to join us in honoring Our Lady with our devotions, prayers, procession, liturgical celebrations and festivities. Archbishop Blaise Cupich will preside the High Mass after the procession

Welcome to all who return year after year, as well as those who will come for the first time.

The raffle tickets will soon be mailed. They are \$100, as they were years before.

The first early bird prize will be drawn **July 19th**, and second, **August 2nd**. They will be **\$1,000** each. The first prize to be drawn August 15 will be **\$ 20,000**, second prize **\$ 5,000**, and 3rd to 7th prizes will be **\$ 1,000 each**. The two early bird winner's stubs will go back to the drum for the August 15 drawing.

PIKNICI NAŠIH ŽUPA

Danas, 21. lipnja poslije sv. mise, održava se tradicionalni godišnji piknik župe Bl. Alojzija Stepinca, u parku na Caldwell i Touhy u Skokie.

Godišnji piknik župe Srca Isusova održat će se u slijedeću nedjelju, 28. lipnja. Očekuje nas obilje hrane, pića, sport, lutrija i zabava. Svi ste dobro došli.

PROSLAVA OBLJETNICE GOSPINIH UKAZANJA U MEĐUGORJU

U četvrtak 25. lipnja slavimo 34. obljetnicu Gospih ukazanja u Međugorju. Večernji molitveni program započinje u 6:30 sati navečer s molitvom krunice. U 7 sati slavimo sv. Misu, na kojoj će propovijedati đakon Alex C. Jones. Nakon sv. Mise bit će kava i kolači u velikoj dvorani, gdje ćete moći čuti njegovu zanimljivu priču obraćenja, kako je cijela njegova obitelj i crkvena zajednica prešla na katoličku vjeru.

SRIJEDOM - MOLITVA KRUNICE S NAŠIM ČASNIM SESTRAMA NA DREXELU

Želite li moliti krunicu? Želite li produbljivati svoju vjeru i meditirati o otajstvima Isusova života? Pridružite se našim časnim sestrama i molitvenoj grupi koji se okupljaju svake srijede u kapelici sv. Ante na Drexelu. Molitva traje od 7 do 7:45 sati navečer

MLADIFEST 2015

Mladifest - susret hrvatske katoličke mladeži Ka-nade i SAD-a će biti od 3. do 5. srpnja u Norvalu, ON. Voditelj: don Damir Stojić, studentski kapelan u Zagrebu. Sudjeluju mladi od 16 do 30 godina starosti. Dolaze i gosti iz Hrvatske, Kanade i SAD-a. Iz Chicaga

polazimo u petak ujutro a vraćamo se u nedjelju navečer. Za prijavu i više informacija pogledajte na: norvalmladifest.com.

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT
TJEDNI NOVČANI IZVJEŠTAJ**

May 14	Envelopes (178)	\$ 3,610
	Loose Donations	\$ 225
	TOTAL	\$ 3,835

(average gift \$ 20.28)

U SUSRET GOSPI

Približava se još jedna proslava Marijina Uznesenja - Velike Gospe u našoj župi, koja više od stoljeća časti Mariju svečanom procesijom, sv. misom i proslavom na kojoj mnogi susretnu prijatelje koje ne vide tije-kom godine. Naš je hrvatski narod častio Mariju u svim dijelovima naše domovine, a ovdje u Chicagu na poseban način častimo kopiju slike Čudotvorne Gospe Sinjske, Majke od Milosti, koju su gotovo prije stotinu godina darovali braća Bradarich.

RAČUNAMO NA VAŠU POMOĆ: Tijekom godina ova župa je poznata po primjermom odazivu mnogih u pripremi i uspješnoj proslavi. Mi, vaši svećenici franjevci, očekujemo vašu podršku i ove godine. Unaprijed vam srdačno zahvaljujemo na tome.

Devetnica počinje 6. kolovoza sa sv. misama u 7 sati navečer, koje će i ove godine predvoditi različiti gosti svećenici. Krunica svaku večer počinje u 6:30 navečer.

BOGATA LUTRIJA: U pošti, koja će doći početkom srpnja naći ćete i po dvije karte za našu bogatu lutriju čija je prva nagrada \$20,000. Druga nagrada je \$5,000, te još tri nagrade po \$1000. Bit će dva ranija izvlačenja po \$1000, koje ćemo izvlačiti u nedjelje 20. srpnja i 3. kolovoza. Ove "Early bird" karte bit će vraćene u bubanj za izvlačenje velike nagrade 15. kolovoza. Cijena karte je \$100. Molimo vas da kupite ili prodate ove karte. Ako niste u stanju da to učinite, vratite ih u naš župni ured. Dobitak od proslave Velike Gospe i ove lutrije uvelike pomaže našu župu i našu katoličku školu. Hvala sudjelovanju

300. OBLJETNICA SLAVNE POBJEDE POD SINJEM UZ GOSPIN ZAGOVOR (1715.-2015.)

U subotu 15. kolovoza slavi se 300. obljetnica pobjede nad turskom vojskom pod Sinjem uz čudotvornu Gospinu pomoć. Fra Petar Klapež, gvardijan i upravitelj svetišta Gospe Sinjske, poziva nas na sudjelovanje u toj velikoj proslavi. Ukoliko planirate biti u Hrvatskoj i Sinju za Veliku Gospu, molimo, javite nam se u župni ured da bismo organizirali službenu delegaciju iz naše župe.

"Već tri stotine godina Sinj i Cetinska krajina ponosi se tim Božjim darom", piše dalje gvardijan Klapež i ističe: "Zato su svi Cetinjani, a posebno mi fratri kao nosioci ove 300. obljetnice, pred Bogom i Gospom odgovorni da ovaj dar Neba na što dostojniji način proslavimo, u svakidašnjem životu svjedočimo i prenesemo ga na diku i ponos slijedećim pokoljenjima. Cetinske krajine i cijele Domovine Hrvatske".

Finding Yourself in Rembrandt's Painting

Let's meditate on *The Storm on the Sea of Galilee*. An interesting thing about the painting is that in addition to the twelve disciples who accompanied Jesus in the boat there is a *thirteenth person* sailing in the boat. *Who is that?*

Rembrandt is known to have painted himself somewhere in his paintings. He's setting an example for us to find ourselves in the Gospel, bringing to God our stress and our sin, our hurts and our hopes. In Rembrandt's painting each of the people with Jesus in the boat has their own reaction to the storm. It's something like the different roles that people play in a family, church, or other group. Which person do you most identify with?

On Top

The man in the bow of the ship is on top, riding the huge wave. He's a leader and a professional fisherman who is focused on his work earnestly trimming the front sail. Perhaps it's an adventure for him. Or maybe he's just working hard at his job.

Fixing the Problem

Three of the men (probably experienced fisherman also) are at the mast working frantically to fix the main sail. The gale winds have ripped it and snapped the metal wire so that the boom is disconnected from the mast.

Barely Hanging On!

The huge wave is pounding the man on the left in the middle and he is hanging on to a guy wire for dear life!

Afraid

Most of the crew seem afraid, but especially the man on the right side of the boat. He is crouched over and looking with dread at the enormous wave that is swamping the boat. We can almost feel him trembling with anxiety.

Sick

On the lower left in back is a distressed man with his hand on his forehead and leaning over the side of the boat. It seems he's about to throw up.

Angry at God

Two disciples appear angry at Jesus for sleeping in their storm. One shakes him awake and the other raises his voice, "Teacher! Don't you care if we drown!"

Quiet and Alone

On the lower left of the boat is a man in white that is easy to miss. His back is faced to us. He's sitting still and alone. He seems to be separated from the frightening storm and the chaos going on around him in the boat. There seems to be a shadowy figure that he's looking at. Is he having a vision? Is it an angel?

Lost

A man in a blue shirt on the left side of the boat



near the back is standing and holding onto a guy wire. His other hand is on his forehead as he stares blankly out at the dark sea. Maybe he's flooded with emotion and shut down. It almost seems he is looking to us. He's close to Jesus but he's not looking at him.

Worshipping the Lord

No one is looking at Jesus, except the two angry disciples and the disciple kneeling at Jesus' feet. Only the kneeling disciple is looking at Jesus with trust and reverence. Rembrandt has painted a halo on this disciple's head to signify his faith in the Lord Jesus in the midst of the terrible storm.

At the Helm

There is one more person in the boat with Jesus. In the stern, at the very back, is the disciple at the helm, holding the tiller. He must be another experienced fisherman because he's in charge of the boat. Perhaps this is Peter. He's certainly a leader, like a lot of the pastors I work with — *like me!* He is responsible to guide the boat's course and instruct the crew on what they need to do.

Maybe his hands are tightly gripping the tiller because he's been straining to keep control of the boat? Maybe now he's just holding the tiller because he sees his friend kneeling and his attention has been drawn to Christ the Lord?

Pray About Your Storm

Now, bring your storm into the Gospel story. Some storms that we experience, like this one on the Sea of Galilee are dangerous. Other are storms of stress or not knowing what to do. Your storm might be a difficulty in your family, work, or ministry. Or something personal that you're struggling with. How are you dealing with your personal storm? Which character in Rembrandt's painting do you identify with? Pray quietly about this...*

Look at Jesus

Look closely at Jesus. Freezing rain is pelting down on him, waves are swamping the boat, winds are whipping against him and tossing the

boat around violently. Yet, *Jesus is sleeping!* Surely he is not unaware of the dangerous storm. Nor is he faking to be asleep. He must be napping. *Certainly, he is at peace.*

How could Jesus be so relaxed when he and his disciples were in such great danger? Jesus said he only did what he saw the Father doing and that always he was submitted to him.

Jesus wasn't just in the boat — *he was in his Abba's arms.* He wasn't just in the storm — *he was in the Kingdom of God.* He was at peace in the storm because he trusted his Father to care for them — no matter what happened. This is the hidden miracle in this Gos-

pel story and it's why after Jesus calmed the storm he said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid?"

On the surface it's a *ridiculously funny question!*

The disciples must have looked at each other incredulously afterwards, "Let's see. Why were we so afraid? Oh, it was the storm that nearly drowned us all at sea! Then it was realizing that we were sitting next to the Son of God with power over nature!"

Jesus was being sincere. If they learned to live with him and the Father in the Kingdom of the Heavens then they wouldn't be afraid — even in a terrible storm. Jesus was so relaxed that God's peace permeated his body. It was this peace in his body that he spoke into the storm.

In Rembrandt's painting it seems that *Jesus is looking to the opening in the heavens and the light that is breaking through.* Most everyone else in the boat is either looking at the storm or at what they're trying to do to secure themselves. Jesus is the only person on the boat who sees the source of light in the heavens.

Notice, that the light of God is not just coming from the heavens *it's also glowing from Jesus's body!* Jesus is the Christ and the Son of God! He is the Light of the World and the Prince of Peace! The disciple kneeling at Jesus' feet sees Jesus' light! Perhaps the disciple at the tiller is also drawn to Jesus' light.

By the way, did you see the symbol of the cross of Christ right in the middle of Rembrandt's painting?

Listen to God

Listen for what God wants to say to you.

What is the Lord's *personal invitation* for you in the midst of your storm? Pray quietly about this...