

SERVICE: " Domine, Salva nos... Lord, save us lest we perish!"

### Scriptures:

A- Matthew 8: 23

Jesus calms the storm

B- Matthew 14: 22

Jesus walks on the waters.. it is a Ghost !!!!

C- Don't be afraid of the storms.., It is I.

### REASON for this topic:

All week long, by many ways, reading, hearing, people speaking to me, etc., Our dear Lord, I believe, has been speaking to me to encourage and to free you and me from *fear* of the storms in life.

There are so many different types of storms.  
storms - disturbances - from nature , from people, from situations...name them.....

### FEAR:

to be afraid of some future danger, real or imaginative.  
Afraid - apprehension - expecting a harm - alarm -  
fear for one's life - the worst - panic - dread.

## THE GOSPEL STORY

Matthew 8: 23

### EXPLANATION:

1- Our Lord had been preaching and healing. He was very exhausted in his humanity.

2- Many kept coming to him.

3- Some came for curiosity – others came because they believed in him.

4- But Jesus this time knew that he had to be with the Father first and then back to the people.

He asked for a boat. It was a fishing area. Many boats there. He got into one. Let us go across to the other side.

5- That sea of Galilee was treacherous. 600 ft under the level - many mountains surrounded that sea – storms were a natural phenomenon

6- Jesus fell asleep as the waters smashed over and even into the boat.

7- The Apostles were helpless, and afraid.

8- They woke Jesus to help them

9- Why are you afraid? You of little faith ...No storm can harm them as Long as the Lord is there in their hearts and beings. His presence was the best guarantee.

10- Jesus rebuked the wind ( one of the healing methods Jesus used as I am accustomed to do... anger at the forces that disturb human life). Jesus used the power of COMMAND over the threat, over the fear.

11- Everyone of them marveled ( cf. St. Mark ) What manner of man is this among us. His love and care was always there.

### CONSIDERATION:

- 1- Thousands came to him from all over.
- 2- His power made them know Who He Was.
- 3- **The deeds and words were not enough, but how he made them feel - they were safe.**

4- **He felt for them.**

His words and his deeds made them trust him. They felt safe.

**But more than these, Jesus made them feel good about their worth!**

### Jesus at Work of Love and Healing:

Matthew 8:23 -27

He calmed the storm

- 1- First he kept silent. He seemed to be sleeping
- 2- The followers tried to do their human best alone
- 3- They were helpless in the presence of the storm
- 4- The storm was overwhelming for them

5- **THEY WENT TO THE LORD:**

**They in their need were not afraid to disturb him.**

A friend is not a burden, and they were his friends and he was theirs.

6- Jesus was always available. He was where the people were. God gave him the strength and the love. Love is the reason for living.. not for dying. Soldiers fight to live so as to return to their sweethearts, their homes, their loved ones.

7- They simply asked him to save them. They knew he could save them. They just knew he could and would.

### JESUS' APPROACH:

- 1- Jesus first identified their inner fear. "I am with You."
- 2- He put them at ease.
- 3- Then he attacked the storm... the cause of the Apostles' fears and their need.

### THEY WERE AMAZED:

Who do we have here among us? Who do we have here – this sort of man among us?

### JESUS apropos' to Us:

- 1- Jesus is always there
- 2- Jesus always hears our inner cries.
- 3- Jesus first deals with us before he attacks the treacherous storms.
- 4- THEN: he deals with the onslaughts
- 5- Then he shows his care
  - a- first internal healing

b- second external healing

Result: peace happiness, victory, problems under control  
Security – JOY ! i.e. GOD CARES !

## TWO STORIES:

### A- GOD NEVER REMOVES HIS SIGNS

Your problems can be solved with Christ

#### Story 1:

In Seattle, Washington – iced exhibit of prize fish –in a sporting goods store. There was there a vacation sign pamphlet saying: "take one, free." All pamphlets were taken, not one left.

A little poor lady came by and saw the sign. She unwrapped her newspaper and took a fish. She thereupon solved her dinner problem.

Just a simple matter of faith ( Revelations 22:17 )

**"Whosoever wills, let him take the water of life freely."**

#### STORY 2:

Little girl named Helen heard an evangelist preach to little boys and girls that day. She ran home and jumped into daddy's arms saying, "Daddy, I am Christian." Daddy asked her many questions to test her. But finally after she explained the whole day, dad asked but **how do you know for sure**. The little girl answered, **" Oh, daddy, Because Jesus said he would."** (faith is powerful in the Person of Jesus... not in the storms).