

## 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Job 38.1-4, 8-11, 2 Cor. 5.14-17, Mk. 4,35-41)

**THEME: Do not die in fear, rise with Faith and call on Jesus**

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, in our gospel narrative today we are presented with the story of our Lord Jesus, his disciples and the dangerous wind storm. As they were on their boats to cross over to the other side of sea, Jesus was asleep on the cushion. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat so hard on their boats that the disciples were afraid, they thought that their boats were going to sink and that they would be drowned. They cried out of fear, and awoke our Lord Jesus from sleep and pleaded with him to save them. Jesus woke up and rebuked the wind and asked the sea to be calm and everything obeyed and the sea was peaceful and calm again. Jesus then admonished his disciples for their lack of Faith.

This act of the disciples, is a call for emulation for us all. Just like the disciples of Jesus were faced with the dangerous storm and waves, it is the same with each and every one of us. The same also with our respective families. These storms can come to us in various ways. It can come as a sickness in the family, lack of peace in the family, marriage problems, financial challenges, many deaths in the family, etc.

Whenever we begin to experience these storms or waves in our lives or families, let us always, like the disciples realize that Jesus is always there to save us. Do not die in silence, rise up with Faith and through prayers call on the Redeemer to come to your aid. Ask our Lord Jesus to calm these storms in your life or in your family.

Let us not be afraid again, for our Lord Jesus is with us always and his power to save us is absolute, "that even the wind and the sea obey him." May we always wake Jesus up, with our prayers and songs of praise. And our lives shall be peaceful and calm again.