

12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

1st. READING (Job 38,1.8-11)

Then Yahweh answered Job out of the storm: Who shut the sea behind closed doors when it burst forth from the womb, when I made the clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling clothes; when I set its limits with doors and bars in place, when I said, "You will not go beyond these bounds; here is where your proud waves must halt?"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 107)

Those who went to the sea in ships,
merchants on the mighty waters,
saw the marvels of the Lord,
his wonderful deeds in the deep.

For he spoke and stirred up a storm whipping up
the waves of the sea.
Flung upward and plunged to the depths,
they lost courage in the ordeal;

Then they cried to the Lord in anguish,
and he rescued them from their distress.
He stilled the storm to a gentle breeze
and hushed the billows to silent waves.

How glad they were!
He brought them safe and sound
to the port where they were bound.
Let them thank the Lord for his love
and wondrous deeds for humans.

2nd. READING (2Cor 5,14-17)

Indeed the love of Christ holds us and we realize that if he died for all, all have died. He died for all so that those who live may live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and rose again for them. And so from now on, we do not regard anyone from a human point of view; and even if we once knew Christ personally, we should now regard him in another way. For that same reason, the one who is in Christ is a new creature. For him the old things have passed away; a new world has come.

GOSPEL (Mk 4,35-41)

On that same day when evening had come, Jesus said to them, "Let's go across to the other side." So they left the crowd and took him away in the boat he had been sitting in, and other boats set out with him. Then a storm gathered and it began to blow a gale. The waves spilled over into the boat so that it was soon filled with water. And Jesus was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. They woke him up and said, "Master, don't you care if we sink?" As Jesus awoke, he rebuked the wind and ordered the sea, "Quiet now! Be still!" The wind dropped and there was a great calm. Then Jesus said to them, "Why are you so frightened? Do you still have no faith?" But they were terrified and they said to one another, "Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him!"