

**Spiritually Speaking**

**Quiet now, be calm**

By Fr. Thankachan Joseph SDB, St. Patrick Church  
From a serial feast celebration mood, the church is back to the 12<sup>th</sup> ordinary Sunday of the year. The 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year is an invitation to enjoy the peace and quietness the Lord Jesus provides to all of us. There is hardly a single day in life in which one worry or another does not affect us, either in our own life or in the lives of people dear to us. The list of trials in life is a long one, such as: sickness, anxiety about the necessities of life, loss of material goods, dissension within the family, unjust persecution, public calamities, etc. We all encounter storms of different kinds of these sorts during the course of our lives. Every storm severely tests our faith in God. Though we turn to God in the midst of the storm at the same time we often doubt him. Today's gospel reading shows us that Christ presents with his disciples in the midst of every storm that they face in their lives. He is also present with us too in our storms that we battle with.



Fr. Thankachan Joseph

Troubles, tests, worry, sufferings are parts of human life and it's a mystery too. Today's first reading from the Book of Job (38: 1, 8-1) contains the story of a wealthy and pious person, Job. His life was all of a sudden turned upside down by tragedy: his sons and daughters died, his possessions vanished, and to top it all, a repugnant skin disease covered his body from head to foot. Job complains to God: "Is it right that honest person like him should be afflicted by so much suffering?" Three friends, and later a fourth one, try to convince Job that he cannot be innocent as he claims to be, or else, God would not have punished him the way He has done. The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind. God is the one who governs His creation and set the boundaries for the operation of nature. He is in total control of all things such as the suns rising and day and night. There is a sense of order in nature that is related to God's knowledge and wisdom.

The second reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians (5:14-17) is a reminder that we are no longer everyone who lives in Christ is a new creation. St Paul reminds us all once again that Christ died for us all in order that we may relive in him who redeem us through His blood.

The episode of the storm in lake, narrated in today's Gospel of Mark (4:35-41) should help us discover God's plans of love for us in every trial and His readiness to help. Last year while the world was facing the pandemic Holy Father Pope Francis in fact used this particular passage to impart courage and hope to the people of Europe and America as the pandemic was taking away many lives in the world to Trust in Him, "Why are you so frightened? Have you still no faith?" (v. 40). These particular words of Christ call for real trust in the Lord.

Trust in God: This is the message of the Gospel. On that day, what saved the disciples from shipwreck was the fact of taking Jesus in the boat, before beginning the crossing. This is also for us the best guarantee against the storms of life: to take Jesus with us. The means to take Jesus in the boat of one's life and of one's family in faith, prayer and observance of the commandments.

When a storm is unleashed in the sea, at least in the past, seamen used to pour oil on the waves to calm them. On the waves of fear and anxiety we must put trust in God.

The story of Jesus calming the Sea of Galilee is also an eye-opener for all of us that unfortunately storms that rage within us cannot be cured by ourselves. It takes the power of God's love, as revealed in Jesus Christ. He is our only hope of stilling the tempest that can harm our souls and cripple our lives. That's what the disciples learned this day on the Sea of Galilee. They thought the danger lie outside the boat. They would soon learn the real danger lie within the boat, within their own hearts. In a word, they lacked faith. And without faith their lives were at risk to the storms which would inevitably come. So, what can we learn from this boat ride in the storm? 1. Storms Come Suddenly. 2. Storms Can Make You Lose Direction. 3. Our Fear of the Storm Has the Power to Paralyze. When we come across with these sorts of storms in lives let's we need to pay attention to the words of Christ "Quiet now! Be calm" and place and trust in Lord Jesus and wake him up for his help and protection.

**Robert Allen (Robby) Ulam**

Robert Allen (Robby) Ulam, 46, passed away at his home in Crook County on June 6, 2021. Robby was born July 26, 1974, in Redmond, OR to parents Pete Ulam and Bobbi (Wainwright) Gordon. He grew up in Redmond and lived most of his life in the Redmond area. Circumstances took him to Arizona for a while, but he returned to Oregon several years ago.



Robert Allen (Robby) Ulam

Robby was married to Rachel Harvey Ulam, and they later divorced. While living in Arizona, he met and married Karyn Zimmer Ulam. He loved being a dad to his kids and was very proud of all of them and their accomplishments.

Robby loved anything related to cars, enjoying racing with his dad the most. He was even called Grandpa Race Car by his grandkids. He was a mechanic by trade and was always bringing home more cars and pickups to fix up, but his Chevy square body pickup was the most important thing he owned.

He is survived by his parents, Pete and Louise Ulam, Redmond, OR and Bobbi and Wayne Gordon, Lexington, OR; sisters and

brothers, Tammy (David) Rystedt, Mick (Tammi) Morkert, Dean (Amber) Morkert and Misty Morkert; children, Robert (Jessica) Borden, Shelby Ulam, Tatiyana Ulam, Cecila Ulam, Calloway Ulam, Kaysen Ulam, Jeremy Zimmer and Anabelle Zimmer; grandchildren, Rylee Rai and Mattix Borden; nieces and nephews, Kelsey Rickart, Ty-Lea and McKennon Williams, Harley Rystedt, Raven, Micky, Drew, Mathew, Jasmine and Kayla Morkert; great-nieces, Brynn, Olivia and Emma Rickart; many aunts, uncles, cousins and his racing family and friends.

Robert was preceded in death by his grandparents, Pete and Marvel Ulam, Albert and Mary Ellen Wainwright and his daughter, Shalae Rae Ulam.

A celebration of life will be held at the Terrebbonne Grange on July 24 at 11 a.m. A potluck lunch will follow at the grange. A private family event will be held near Gray Butte later that day.

Whispering Pines Funeral Home in Prineville, Oregon is in care of arrangements.

**James "Jamie" L. Kincaid**

Jamie Kincaid was born July 23, 1963, in Pendleton, OR to Ralph E. Sr. and Patti Kincaid. He passed away May 22, 2021.

He lived his first 11 years in Lone, OR. In 1974 the family moved to Silverton, OR where Jamie continued to live until his passing. He attended Silverton area schools and graduated from Silverton High School in 1982.

In his younger years Jamie worked many years at Redman Homes in Silverton where he met his wife Heidi and was gradually promoted to a supervisory position. For the past 26 years he was the Production Manager at Palm Harbor Homes in Millersburg, OR.

Jamie loved the outdoors and was an avid fisherman, hunter and boater. His family and friends enjoyed numerous fishing and hunting trips with him. He was a huge Beavers fan- Go Beavers. Everyone would all chant, "O.S.U." with him at many in home Beaver game parties. He was also a Cowboys fan and

loved the Portland Trailblazers. He was highly active in all his youngest son Jace's sporting activities and always cheered for the Silverton Foxes.

"Jamie loved life. He was an amazing husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle and friend. He never hesitated to end a conversation with 'love you.' Jamie was known for his incredible mind, quick wit, and compassionate heart. He was a great conversationalist. Jamie was loved by so many near and far and will be missed immensely."

Jamie is survived by wife, Heidi; sons, Joshua (Melissa) and Jace; daughter, Crystin (Nathan); mother, Patti Kincaid; mother-in-law, Tracy Leikem; granddaughters, Caitlyn and Catherine; grandson, Rohan; sisters, Katherine (John) Allen and Vicki Jo Buchheit; brothers, Bud (Jenny) Kincaid, John Kincaid; sister-in-law, Trilby Beyer and numerous nieces, nephews and very dear friends who all loved him dearly.

He is preceded in death by his father, Ralph Sr.;

**Maxine R. Linnell**

Maxine R. Linnell, 93, Hermiston, passed away June 4, 2021, surrounded by family. Maxine was born to William and Violet Zastrow in Owatonna, Minnesota February 4, 1928. When she was a young child the family moved west to Walla Walla, WA before settling in Gilliam County, OR on the John Day River at the mouth of Rock Creek. She attended elementary school at the Rock Creek School and graduated from Arlington High School.



Maxine R. Linnell

She met Donald Linnell after he returned home from serving in the army and they were married June 4, 1947, in The Dalles. They made their home and raised their family on a wheat and cattle ranch in Four Mile Canyon in Gilliam and Morrow counties. Maxine was a 4-H horse club leader for many years in Morrow County and, as a member of the 4-H Leaders group, helped design and build the Snack Shack at the fairgrounds.

In 1955 Maxine and Don built and began operating the Nugget Motel in Boardman. They replaced the motel in 1965 when the construction of the John Day dam forced much of the city of Boardman to move out of the path of the rising Columbia River. The motel business took them to Pendleton in 1988 before they settled outside Hermiston in 1995.

Don and Maxine enjoyed traveling, including father-in-law, Bob Leikem, and brother-in-law, Matt Beyer.

May we forever get comfort from hearing your voice in your "Birthday Song" you so diligently sent to your loved ones on our birthdays. Always in our hearts-never forgotten. Rest in Peace our Sweet Jamie "We Love You."

A celebration of life will be held Sunday August 1 from 1-3 p.m. at Vanderbeck Valley Farm, 37791 S Highway 213, Mount Angel, OR.

trips to Europe, Australia and New Zealand. They also enjoyed spending time at their cabin near Tollgate – snow-mobiling in the winter and ATVs in the summer with family and friends. Maxine and Don attended as many of their grandchildren's activities as possible from ball games to cattle shows. Maxine was a proud and loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She loved being Granny and you did not have to be related by blood to be considered one of hers. Maxine loved a good conversation with anyone and was full of questions, reflecting her deep care and interest in others. "She will be missed by all who knew her."

She is survived by sister, Joyce Palm of Wenatchee; sons, Rodney (Bonnie) of Hermiston, Brock (Marie) of Hermiston and daughter Marci (Eric) Thorsen of Yacolt, WA as well as grandchildren, Rodney Linnell Jr, Brenda Kittelson, Phoebe Reed, JW Lundell, Patrick Linnell, Brady Linnell and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald in 1999; her parents, William and Violet; her sister, Audrey and brothers, Stanley, Melvin and William.

Memorial contributions may be made to Vange John Memorial Hospice Education Program, 645 W Orchard Hermiston, OR 97838.

All family and friends are welcome to a celebration of Maxine's life on July 9h at noon at the home of Brock and Marie Linnell at 79984 Powerline Rd., Hermiston. Lunch will be catered. A private graveside service will be held at the Hermiston Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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