

June 27th - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 26

9:00am

Sunday, June 27

8:00am

10:00am † *Emilia Smith*

12:00pm

Monday, June 28

9:00am

Tuesday, June 29

9:00am *Dominic James Tomas (bdy)*

Wednesday, June 30

9:00am

Thursday, July 1

9:00am † *Dorothy Toy*

Friday, July 2

9:00am

Saturday, July 3

9:00am

From the Desk of the Pastor

Today's Gospel is about two women who are close to death. The Church is able to scroll through its wealth of revealed Good news, and bring out a matching passage from the Book of Wisdom to serve the need of presenting Jesus' power over death.

All of us have been touched by the dying and by death of someone. We may have taken care and reached out even if only to comfort them... The readings today will strengthen our hope and desire to eternal life.

The stories of two women: Jairus' daughter and the hemorrhaging woman are skillfully interwoven to deliver a richer portrait of Jesus.

Perhaps St. Mark, the evangelist, intended to play off one another, with the common use of "twelve years" – the age of the daughter and the duration of the hemorrhage; and by the common use of "daughter", as the girl's relationship to Jairus and as Jesus calls the woman. Although the Gospel of St. Mark is the shortest of the four, **it employs spectacular intriguing details to engage the imagination, probe and stimulate incrementally the nascent growing faith of the readers.**

Take a few minutes today to read this Gospel passage and, try to highlight the engaging descriptive elements that catch your imagination. My hope is that you will appreciate increasingly more, a profound sense of awe and wonder of these events.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

Sunday masses are celebrated at 8am & 10am in English and 12 noon en espanol

The church is open for personal prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sundays from 8:00am to 1:00pm. The Parish thanks the Knights of Columbus, Council 615 and our liturgical ministers who generously offer their time, talent and treasure in faithful stewardship every weekend, keeping watch in the church and taking care of the church

The Parish Office has moved

Effective Monday, **June 21, 2021**, our Parish Office has been relocated to the Rectory, at 19 St. Marys Avenue. Although we will be moving our Parish Office's location, our telephone number and hours of operation will remain the same, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. We are greatly appreciative of your support, and patience during this time of transition.

SECOND COLLECTION

Today's second collection is for **Peter's Pence.**

The purpose of the Peter's Pence Collection is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease.

Thank you for your generous support.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION
COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA
June 14th - June 20th, 2021

Tues. On-line giving\$ 5.00

Weekend Offering.....\$2,060.00

Saturday Vigil Resumes

Saturday vigil mass will resume on July 3, 2021 at 4:30pm.

Today's Gospel reports two stories of healing. One story tells us about a father's great love for his dying daughter. The other story tells us about a desperate woman who risks much as she seeks healing from Jesus. In each story, the request for healing is itself a courageous act of faith, and yet very different circumstances are represented by the lives of each suffering person.

Jairus is described as a synagogue official, a man of considerable standing in the Jewish community. Distraught over his daughter's poor health, he approaches Jesus and asks him to heal her.

As Jesus leaves with Jairus, Mark describes a second person who seeks healing from Jesus, a woman with a hemorrhage. This woman secretly touches Jesus from behind and is immediately cured. In response, Jesus turns and asks who touched him.; the crowds are pushing in on Jesus, and yet He, knows that power has gone out of Him, asks who touched Him. The woman could have remained anonymous, yet at Jesus' question she steps forward and acknowledges what she has done. Jesus responds by acknowledging her as a model of faith and sends her away in peace.

At this point, we can imagine Jairus's impatience with Jesus; his daughter is dying and Jesus hasn't helped him yet. As if to build a sense of urgency, messengers suddenly arrive and confirm Jairus's worst fear: his daughter has died. Jesus curiously ignores their message and reassures Jairus. When they arrive at Jairus's home, they find family and friends mourning the girl's death. Jesus enters the room of the dead girl, takes her by the hand, and instructs her to arise. Jairus's faith in Jesus has not been in vain; his daughter is restored to life.

The contrasts between Jairus and the woman with the hemorrhage are stark and revealing. One is a man, the other is a woman. One is a public official, an important person in the community. The other is a woman who has lost everything to find a cure to a condition that separated her from the community. One approaches Jesus publicly. The other approaches Jesus secretly. Yet in each case, faith leads them to seek out Jesus in their time of need.

Is a silent touch of Jesus' garment—a quiet prayer of faith—enough for us? In the face of apparent hopelessness, will we choose faith over despair despite the ridicule of the crowd, remembering that Jesus has grasped us by the hand in baptism