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JESUS SAID TO JAIRUS,

“Do not be afraid; just have faith.”

MARK 5:36

FAITH PRECEDES HEALING

As always on Sundays in Ordinary Time, the Old Testament reading illumines today's Gospel. In the longer form, Jesus performs two healings; and the Book of Wisdom proclaims our God the God of life, who “fashioned all things that they might have being” and formed human beings in “the image of his own nature,” to be “imperishable” (Wisdom 1:14; 2:23). People of faith, therefore, choose to live God's “undying justice (righteousness)” (1:15) in this mortal life, thus beginning, even now, the undying life for which we were created. To choose otherwise is to choose the other side: the devil and death (2:25). Mark presents the two healings as a story within a story, a “story sandwich,” a literary device that reinforces his message for those who originally would have heard, not read, the story. Mark wants to emphasize an essential truth of his Gospel: that Jesus does not perform miracles to compel faith, but rather that faith precedes healing.

JUST HAVE FAITH

Jairus' daughter is the child of an important, privileged man, who publicly seeks out Jesus and loudly proclaims—and demonstrates—his faith, “falling at Jesus' feet and pleading earnestly with him” (5:22–23). The anonymous woman virtually “sneaks up behind” Jesus and, though clearly filled with faith, keeps that faith to herself until Jesus draws “the whole truth” out of her after her cure (5:27–28, 33). All the more impressive, then, that Jesus delays his healing of the seemingly “more important” and younger woman for the unknown, truly marginalized older woman. Returning to the “domestic church,” so to speak, of Jairus' house from the public setting of the older woman's cure, Mark tells us that Jairus' daughter has died. In the face of a hopelessness even more definitive than that of the hemorrhaging woman, people tell Jairus “why trouble the teacher any longer?” (5:35). But Jesus does not consider his response to Jairus' faith hopeless or a bother: “Do not be afraid; just have faith” (5:36). Despite death's apparent triumph at Jairus' home, Jesus grasps the child's hand—even though the law prohibited touching the dead—and bids her, “Talitha kum—Little girl, I say to you, arise!” (5:41).

WHY BOTHER?

So Mark seems to be asking us: Like Jairus on his way home or like the woman after twelve years, will we wonder, why bother? Or keep walking in faith with Jesus? 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 and commanded us to rise? Note the Gospel's ending: after bidding Jairus' daughter rise, Jesus commands that she be given something to eat (5:43). So, too, Jesus invites us now to feast at his eucharistic sacrifice and banquet!

TODAY'S READINGS

Wisdom 1:13–15; 2:23–24
Psalm 30:2, 4–6, 11–13
2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13–15
Mark 5:21–43 [5:21–24, 35b–43]

Mass Schedule

Monday.....8:30 am
Tuesday.....8:30 am
Wednesday.....6:30 pm
Thursday.....8:30 am
Friday.....8:30 am
Saturday.....4:30 pm
Sunday...8:30/10:30 am

Confession

Saturday.....3:30 pm
Also, by appointment

Baptism

Parents of infants to be baptized, call parish office to request a meeting with Fr. Tom.



Parish Office

Hours:

Monday through
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JUNE 27, 2021
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Sat., June 26	Weekday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm	Rudy Papa
Sun., June 27	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am	For the Parishioners
10:30 am	Dorothy Harnetiaux
Mon., June 28	St. Irenaeus
8:30 am	Jerry Flowers
Tues., June 29	Sts. Peter & Paul
8:30 am	Dorothy Harnetiaux
Wed., June 30	Weekday in Ordinary Time
6:30 pm	James Geisen
Thur., July 1	Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am	Charles Calhoon
Fri., July 2	Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am	Nelson Gregory
Sat., July 3	Weekday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm	Darlene Huebener
Sun., July 4	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am	Marian & Bob Klein
10:30 am	For the Parishioners

Prayer Requests



The sick: Conor Vogel, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Dan McRae, Mary Overton, Don Laird, Maxine Calhoon, Gloria Matthews, Dianne Morin, Vi Perkhiser, Jane Rood, Bev Randolph, John Richter, Bob Maronie, Jennifer Price, Bob Graham, Kenneth Korsmeyer, Robert and Pauline Lange, Dorothy Dustman, Ricki Shutta, Debra Walker, Elli Wiemers, Christine Scheffel, Thomas Woelfel, Toni Stanford, Morgan Phillips, Tim Phillips. **For prayer requests in the bulletin, call the parish office, 377-6519. For prayer requests to be added to the email prayer chain, send requests to Marie at rejoy128@gmail.com**

Important Note

We are in the process of updating our **Parish Guide Book**. If we do not have your most up-to-date information (address, phone numbers, email address, etc.), we ask that you contact the parish office, 377-6519, at your earliest convenience to give us the current information. We really appreciate it!

ACTS Prayer Board

Located in the entrance of the church is the Prayer Board for the upcoming Ladies ACTS Retreat. We invite all parishioners to sign up to pray for the ladies on this retreat, just for one hour during the weekend of the Retreat. Even if you have not attended one of these retreats (male or female), your prayers are greatly appreciated!

Music Schedule (July 3-4, 2021)

4:30—Craig, Kathy, Tami, Becky
8:30—Craig, Kris
10:30—Praise Team

Dear Parishioners,

Do You Know Your Faith?

(The Sacraments)

1. What is the proper name for confession?
2. What is the name for the words for the forgiveness of sins?
3. Does the Anointing of the Sick also grant forgiveness of sins?
4. What is the Trinitarian formulae in baptism?
5. Who is the minister of the Sacrament of Marriage?

Father Tom

Our Parish Rummage Sale Has Returned!!

We will resume our parish rummage sale on **Friday & Saturday, July 9-10**. You may bring your items to the gym Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am—4:00 pm (closed 12-1 for lunch). We ask that you drive to back door of gym and call the parish office (377-6519) for door to be unlocked. To request items to be picked up, please call Carrie Albarado, 618-223-3787.

Ladies ACTS Retreat—

There's Still Time to Signup!!

(Thurs., July 8 thru Sun., July 11)



"This retreat enhanced my spiritual life, so much laughter, fun, praying, meditating, reflection and a lot of great snacks and meals!" said an OLQP parishioner who attended an ACTS Retreat.

There are registration forms at the church entrances. These forms also include more detailed information about the weekend. Pick one up today and read all about it!

Baby Bottle Fundraiser

If you have not yet returned your baby bottles/donations for the Thrive Women's Healthcare fundraiser, please do so at your earliest convenience. Thank you!!!

Sunday Offerings

Week 51	June 19-20, 2021	Total to Date
Loose Envelopes	\$204.00	\$9,900.49
On Line Giving	\$9,280.00	\$454,303.22
Young People	\$2,498.00	\$139,698.00
Total	\$4.00	\$97.00
	\$11,986.00	\$603,998.71
Operating Budget	\$13,713.46	\$699,386.46
ACSA Budget	\$1,421.12	\$72,477.12
Difference	(\$3,148.58)	(\$167,864.87)
Total Envelopes received: 135 of 772		
Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$150.00		
Other Charitable Donations: \$540.00		

A Message From Our Principal

Hello Our Lady Queen of Peace families,

I hope all of you are enjoying your summer. I am happy to announce that we have filled all of our openings for the upcoming school year. **Chelsea Stuckey** will be our new Spanish teacher. She has taught Spanish in Jerseyville for the last 5 years. **Laura Spilker** will be our new third grade teacher. She has been teaching in Belleville for the last 16 years at this grade level. **Kathie Werts** will be our new fourth grade teacher. She has experience working in the Triad School District and the Alton Riverbend Head Start. It is always great when a member of the parish decides to serve the school. These three ladies will be a wonderful addition to our school staff.

Enjoy the rest of summer break,

Mr. Menke

Family Life Ministry News

-Family Rosary Night: Wed., July 14, immediately following 6:30 Mass. Our children will begin the prayers and everyone will join in to finish them, teaching our children the importance of praying as a family. The prayers will be followed by burgers, hot dogs and games for the kids!

-Men's Night: Friday, August 13, 7 pm, all men, young and old, adult and child. This will be a social night with some optional 'minute to win it' activities. A reflection on St. Joseph, the foster Father of Jesus and us all, will be offered, asking St. Joseph to intercede for us as men of faith.

-Hog Roast: Saturday, October 2. Proven to be a great night of fun, we will host our annual Hog Roast Dinner. Free to the entire parish family, with a smoked, pulled pork dinner with all the fixings and beer, margaritas and music following the Saturday night Mass.

Do You Know Your Faith Answers

1. The Sacrament of Penance
2. Absolution.
3. Yes
4. I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.
5. The couple getting married. The priest is the witness along with the maid of honor and the best man.

Attention Catholic Singles

Join hundreds of single Catholics from across the country at the 20th National Conference for Single Catholics - August 20th -22nd, 2021 at the Omni Interlocken hotel in Broomfield, CO. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers (Fr. Nathan Cromly, Fr. Thomas Loya, Mary Beth Bonacci and others!) as well as music, social events, Mass, adoration, opportunities for confession, fellowship, food and more. Register before July 5th to get the Early-Bird discount and enter promo code: NCSC21 for an extra \$20 off. Visit www.NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information and to register. (Can't find your question answered on the website? Call 512-766-5798.)

A Reflection

The following reflection is courtesy of Don Schwager © 2021. Don's website is located at Dailyscripture.net

Do you approach the Lord Jesus with expectant faith or with skeptical doubt? People in desperate or helpless circumstances were not disappointed when they sought Jesus out. What drew them to Jesus? Was it hope for a miracle or a word of comfort in their affliction? What did the elderly woman who had suffered miserably for twelve years expect Jesus to do for her? And what did a grieving father expect Jesus to do for his beloved daughter who was at the point of death? Jesus gave hope where there seemed to be no human cause for it because his hope was directed to God. He spoke words of hope to the woman (Take heart, daughter!) to ignite the spark of faith in her (your faith has made you well!).

Ephrem the Syrian (306-373 AD), an early church Scripture scholar and author of hymns and commentaries, reflected on the miracle of the woman who was healed of her flow of blood:

"Glory to you, hidden Son of God, because your healing power is proclaimed through the hidden suffering of the afflicted woman. Through this woman whom they could see, the witnesses were enabled to behold the divinity that cannot be seen. Through the Son's own healing power his divinity became known. Through the afflicted woman's being healed her faith was made manifest. She caused him to be proclaimed, and indeed was honored with him. For truth was being proclaimed together with its heralds. If she was a witness to his divinity, he in turn was a witness to her faith... He saw through to her hidden faith, and gave her a visible healing."

Jesus also gave supernatural hope to a father who had just lost a beloved child. It took considerable courage and risk for the ruler of a synagogue to openly go to Jesus and to invite the scorn of his neighbors and kin. Even the hired mourners laughed scornfully at Jesus. Their grief was devoid of any hope. Nonetheless, Jesus took the girl by the hand and delivered her from the grasp of death. Peter Chrysologus (400-450 AD), an early church father who was renowned for his preaching at Ravenna, comments on this miracle:

"This man was a ruler of the synagogue, and versed in the law. He had surely read that while God created all other things by his word, man had been created by the hand of God. He trusted therefore in God that his daughter would be recreated, and restored to life by that same hand which, he knew, had created her... He [Jesus] who laid hands on her to form her from nothing, once more lays hands upon her to reform her from what had perished."

In both instances we see Jesus' personal concern for the needs of others and his readiness to heal and restore life. In Jesus we see the infinite love of God extending to each and every individual as he gives freely and wholly of himself to each person he meets. Do you approach the Lord with confident expectation that he will hear your request and act?

"Lord Jesus, you love each of us individually with a unique and personal love. Touch my life with your saving power, heal and restore me to fullness of life. Help me to give wholly of myself in loving service to others."



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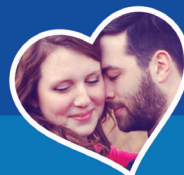
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