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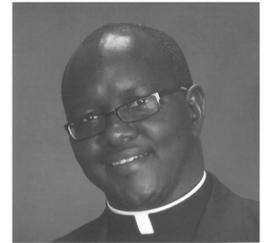
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to the woman,
"Daughter, your faith has saved you.
Go in peace and be cured of your affliction."

Mark 5:34

My St Bridget Family,



Today we celebrate the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. This Sunday also brings us to the end of the first half of the year 2021. Yes, half of 2021 gone, and soon enough we shall be entering a new year! In a few more months we shall all be a year older and more importantly, closer to the end of our earthly life and journey.

Last Sunday, we heard the gospel account of Jesus demonstrating power over the storms in the sea to the amazement of his disciples who exclaimed: ***Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?*** The simple answer is: He is Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us! The readings this Sunday remind us that Jesus not only has power over the forces of nature, He also has power over death!

The first reading opens with a very strong and pointed statement: ***“God did not make death, nor does He rejoice in the destruction of the living.”*** The obvious question then is: Where did death come from? The answer is very simple- sin. Death is a consequence of sin. We read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church that: *The Church’s Magisterium, as authentic interpreter of the affirmations of Scripture and Tradition, teaches that death entered the world on account of man’s sin (Gen. 2:17, 3:3, 3:19). Even though man’s nature is mortal, God had destined him not to die. Death was therefore contrary to the plans of God the Creator and entered the world as a consequence of sin (Wis.2:23-24). Bodily death, from which man would have been immune had he not sinned is thus the last enemy of man left to be conquered (CCC 1008).*

Last Sunday we heard how the terrified disciples in the midst of a storm cried to Jesus for help, and in response Jesus rebuked the sea and brought it to calm. Jesus then said to the disciples: **‘Do you not yet have faith?’** The gospel reading today chronologically picks up from there. When He landed in Capernaum, Jesus was approached by Jairus, a synagogue official, with a request to heal his 12 year old daughter who was sick and dying. Jesus agreed to the request and as He was on the way to the official’s house with a crowd, he was delayed by a woman who had suffered 12 years. Jesus performed two powerful miracles to the wonderment of the people.

In these two miracles, the power and importance of faith is very evident. Jesus told the woman to go in peace because her faith had saved her. In the meantime, news came that the girl had died and as such, Jesus should not bother going! They did not know that Jesus had power over even death. Jesus turned to Jairus and said to him, **“Do not be afraid, just have faith.”** When they reached the house, Jesus demonstrated to all present that He had power over death by raising the dead girl back to life. They were utterly astounded by what He did.

These miraculous gospel accounts took place in the earlier part of the ministry of Jesus and were building blocks for the faith of the people as they came to realize who Jesus was and what He could do. We are privileged to live in a time when we can read and study all the accounts of the life and ministry of Jesus. Based on that reading and knowledge, we can place our faith in Him who is **the Way, the Truth and the Life.**

My dear brothers and sisters, the sad reality that social research reveals to us today is that a growing number of people do not believe in the victory of Jesus over the forces of nature as well as of death. For those who profess the faith and go to Church, a significant number do it ‘just in case’ it is real. That is a manifestation of the spread of the darkness of error in our world. I pray that the grace of the Collect (opening prayer for Mass) may come to pass in each of us:

O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error, but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. And walking as children of light we are destined and shall enter the gates of eternal life at the end of our earthly journey.

God bless you.

Fr Simon Peter

Little girl, I say to you, arise! *"Talitha, Kum!"* (Mk 5:41)

by Rev. Sahaya G. Selvam

Here is a story of a young girl, who I knew, and who died before time. When I was a young priest in a rural parish in Tanzania, I started a ministry to people who were sick and home-bound. Every Friday a lady-catechist would go to the district hospital, prepare a list of people who would wish to see a priest, and add their names to the list of those provided by the Small Christian Communities. We would then visit these people and minister to them according to their need.

One of those days, we came across a young lady at her home; she might have been 18 years old. Let us call her Neema! Neema was bed-ridden and spoke very faintly, but mentally quite alert. We engaged in a little conversation before I could minister to her. I enquired what was wrong with her, and she just pointed out to her abdomen. Not wanting to embarrass her I didn't enquire any further. At one point during the conversation, Neema very faintly asked me, "Father, don't you recognise me?" Not able to recall immediately given also that people appear different when they are bed-ridden I smiled rather awkwardly. Then Neema continued, "I am in your religious instruction class in school, in year 11 (Form IV of Tanzania)." Well, I recognised the cohort. Finally, we prayed with her and left.

On our way back, the lady-catechist continued the conversation: "Father, do you know what is wrong with Neema? Well, she was pregnant and she procured a back-street abortion. She developed an infection and now this is her situation. Seems quite serious." This additional information disturbed me. I thought to myself: What is the use of all my religious instruction? Did it have any effect on Neema? It hadn't prevented Neema from getting pregnant before marriage, nor did it prevent her from procuring an abortion, and here she is helplessly fighting for her life! The rest of the week my thoughts often returned to Neema, and I uttered a little prayer for her. I thought of also the boy, who made her pregnant and refused to take responsibility. May be he was in my religious instruction class as well!

The following Friday, the catechist returned with the list. I curiously perused through the list. Neema was not on the list. "What happened to Neema, is she well?" I asked the catechist. "Oh, sorry, Father. We buried her on Wednesday" (It was customary that usually funerals took place on the same day someone died and the catechist would preside over the funerals). Neema had died before time! The story of Neema was one of those impressive stories of my early pastoral ministry, and not the only one in my 22 years of priesthood. And to girls such as Neema, I hear Jesus calling out today, Talitha Kum!

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TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING | God did not make death, nor does God rejoice in the destruction of the living
(Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24)

PSALM | I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30)

SECOND READING | Your abundance should supply the needs of the others (2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15)

GOSPEL | Your faith has saved you (Mark 5:21-43 [21-24, 35b-43])

JESUS' EXAMPLE OF HELPING OTHERS

In today's second reading Paul offers a wonderful argument to his converts at Corinth for seeking to help those in need. He is dealing with a practical problem, arranging a collection for the poor of the church of Jerusalem; but as he often does, he develops an important teaching about Jesus to make his point. After asking that they show their faith by generous gifts, he reminds them of the "gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). In the Incarnation our Lord assumed our human nature, certainly becoming poor for one who is God. The ultimate gracious act of this poverty was going to the cross with all its terrible sufferings. By this act of poverty we definitely become rich. Now our sins can be forgiven; we can share in the very life of God through the sacraments; we can attain eternal salvation!

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FEAST OF FAITH

Preparation of the Gifts

The altar is prepared, the gifts are received. Several brief rites follow with accompanying prayers, some prayed silently by the priest and deacon and others said aloud. We call this part of the Mass the "preparation." What kind of preparation is happening? First, the presider holds up the paten or bowl containing the hosts, and says words that Jesus must have said many times, since they derive from ancient Jewish meal prayers: "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation!" We have brought forward our gifts, our offering to God, and now we acknowledge that they are not really ours—the gifts that we give are God's gift to us. It is "through your goodness" that we have gifts to offer. It is significant that we offer not wheat and grapes, but bread and wine; "fruit of the earth and work of human hands." Bread and wine are both God's work, and ours. These preparatory rites also prepare us for what we are about to do in the Eucharist, a mystery in which divine and human meet; a holy collaboration in which our action is caught up into God's divine plan. —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

MONDAY | Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22

TUESDAY | Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

WEDNESDAY | Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34

THURSDAY | Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8

FRIDAY | Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13

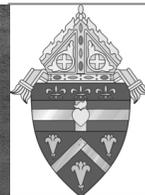
SATURDAY | Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29

SUNDAY | Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a



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“For this reason a man shall leave [his] father and [his] mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church” (Ephesians 5:31-32). With joy every year we celebrate the way couples who have reached significant milestones in their sacramental marriages reflect the mystery of the relationship between Christ and his bride, the church. This year again, on **Sunday, October 24, 2021 at 3:00 PM at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral** we will celebrate a Liturgy of the Word with couples who have lived the commitment of sacramental marriage for 25, 40, 50 or 60+ years. Please be reminded that participants in this Liturgy of the Word will need also to participate in Mass either at the vigil on Saturday afternoon or during the day Sunday. All information regarding the celebration, registration process and registration forms can be found at the following web address: <https://www.htdiocese.org/diocesan-wedding-anniversary>

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May this anniversary year bring a fresh start, new aspirations and inspiring success to our parish. Let us walk with grace and achieve greater heights.



Our Father in Heaven, through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this hurricane season from all harm.

Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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MONDAY—FRIDAY 8 AM

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THE SANCTUARY LIGHT | IN MEMORY OF

June 27th—July 3rd | The Parishioners of St. Bridget Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

June 27th	8:30 AM	Ray Henry by Betty and Lionel
	10:30 AM	Claire Babin by Bobette Talbot Betty Gagneaux (BD) by Gagneaux Children Buddy Gagneaux (DA) by Gagneaux Children Gail Sonier (DA) by Donna Waguespack and Family
June 30th	8 AM	Rudy Boudreaux (B) by Earline and Family
July 1st	8 AM	Thanksgiving to the The Holy Trinity through Our Lady of the Rosary
July 2nd	8 AM	Anne Carol Pennison by Eddie Landeche
July 3rd	8 AM	Isabelle Grace Egan Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit
		Ronnie Thomas and Phyllis Foote Katie Ann Boudreaux by Aline and Craig Boudreaux Ram Bernard (B) by Sharon, Rachel, Tanya, Maggie, Owen and Max
July 4th	8:30 AM	Buddy and Betty Gagneaux (WA) by the The Gagneaux Children Ralph Melancon by Ava Percle
	10:30 AM	

PRAYER LINE

To be added to the prayer line, call Nina Richard at 446-1206 or the rectory at 446-6801. In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the sick, elderly, and homebound. Please pray for: Elaine Ables, Susan Arce-neaux, Heidi Ardoin, Donnie Aucoin Jr, Jacob Aucoin, Jeannie Aucoin, Sara Aucoin, Elvin Babin, Tommy Badeaux, Chad Barrileaux, Ronnie Bednarz, Chuck Beebe, Gertrude Benoit, Fr. Paul Bergeron, Mitzy Bettridge, Gretchen Bilello, Preston Billiot, Alvin & Gail Blanchard, Dennis Blanchard, Ronald Blanchard, Lynn Bonneval, Aline Boudreaux, Emile “Jay” Bourgeois, Patricia Bourgeois, Connie Bouterie, Emma Del Broussard, Susan Caillouet, Gary & Sheila Cavalier, Bessie Chiasson, Randy Chiasson, Brad Clement, Bryce Comeaux, Huey Cortez Sr., Martha Cortez, Randy Davis, Cary Davis, Jr., Dorothy Didier, Barbara & Ronni Duhon, Alan Dunbar, Linda Ekiss, Avery “Brother” and Sonja Fonseca, Melissa Fontana Darin Fonz, Robin Ford, Marie Fournier, Alisa Frederick, Dante Galliano, Toby Gambarella, Leigh Ann Gardner, Carrie Gibbens Belinda Gil, Brandon Gil, George Gil, The Gil Family, Carrie Mae Givens, Austin Gros, Bryan Gros, Chad Gros, George Gros, Rosebella Gros, Kendra Guillot, Joy Hebert, Katie Hebert, Jerrell Hebert, Sr., Cheryl Henderson, Jessie Hoffpauir, Samara Holland, Kristen Koppel, Eldine LaFleur, Jackson LaFleur, Mona Lambert, Elmay Landry, Joyce Landry, Craig Landry, Mark Landry, Barbara Nell Lapeyrouse, Allie LeBlanc, Emily LeBoeuf, Evelyn Leger, Tammy Babin Loney, Tim Long, Payton Martin, Keith Matherne, Rick Melancon, Asher Miller, Savannah Miller, Emma Mire, Bethany Moore, Meghan Naquin, Misty Naquin, Shannon Naquin, Eric Olivieri, Annie Ordoyne, Kara Pellegrin, Sherry Pennison, Lisa Pennison, Kenneth Pitre, James Pierce, Kip Pierce, Owen Prejean, Sharon Prejean, Ed Raidl, Kerri Reynolds, Bryce Richard, Ella Richard, Gladys Richard, Lorita Rodrigue, Susan Rodrigue, Cynthia Rogers, Danielle Samanie, Chester Sanchez, Karla Saunier, Kathy Savoie, Earline Simmoneaux, Penny Simmons, Brenda Sonier, Father Ryan Stawaizz, Louis Stevens, Melissa Tardiff, Trish Templet, Pierre & Mary Theriot, Cammie Thibodaux, Lacey Thibodeaux, Thibodaux Family, Wendy Thibodaux, Ronnie Thomas, Chris Touns, Joyce Touns, Ricky Turner, Suzanne Usey, Sara Day Vignes, Allison Walters, and Wanda Wawrose, Freddie Webre, Anna Wooten.

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Married Couples Retreat

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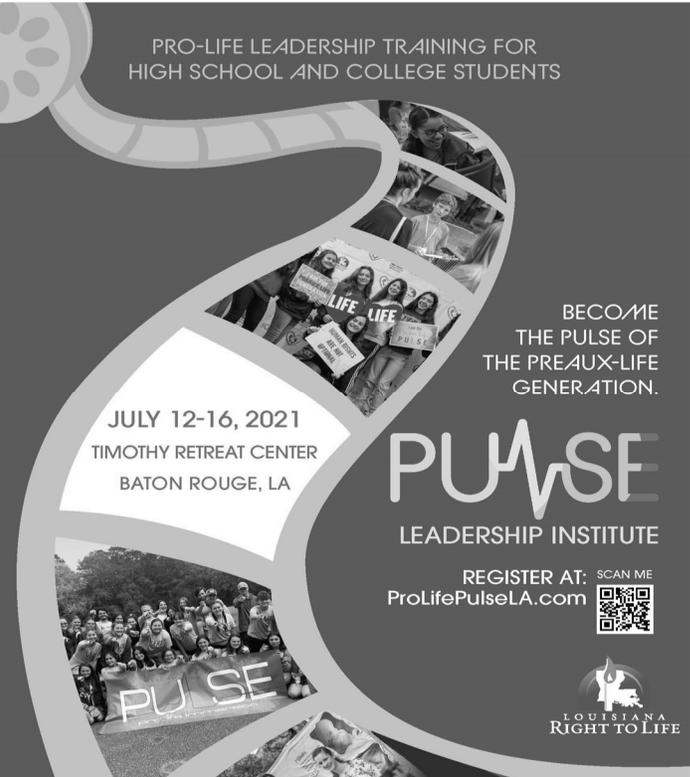
Parish Communication Update Project

THANK YOU

Thank you all parish families who have responded to our parish Communication Update project! We are grateful for your support in this effort to better serve and minister to all parish families. **Our project was a great success.**

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God is good — All the time

Attention Catholic School Parents

Parents of students in Catholic School grades 2, 10, and 11 MUST register their children with the local church parish for Sacraments (First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation). Please contact Miss Bernadette for more details.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Come Lord Jesus—a scripture study focusing on the weekly readings is held on Monday's from 9 AM –10:30 AM. Call 446-9096 for more information.

The Rosary is prayed every Wednesday and Friday after the 8 am Mass. All are invited to join in this experience.

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