

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church Martinez, California

JUNE 27, 2021 | THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to Jairus,
“Do not be afraid; just have faith.”
~ Mark 5:36

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SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4:30 PM

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM - LIVESTREAMED ; 10:00 AM - OUTDOOR MASS ; 12:00 PM - SPANISH MASS

DAILY ROSARY: Monday - Saturday 7:30 AM

DAILY MASS: Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: 8:30 AM

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RECONCILIATION: 7:15- 7:45 AM Daily (M-F)

Thursday: 5:30 – 6:30 PM ; Saturday: 3:00-4:00 PM

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*From the Desk of the
Parochial Administrator*



My sisters and brothers in the Lord,

Death is not acceptable in so much of modern culture. Yet death comes in so many ways to all of us. The only death to fear is the death of the soul. God created us to live, but death has come into the world. Physical death. Everyone seems to want to fight against physical death. Yet, for us who follow the Lord Jesus, physical death is the gateway to eternal life, to living with the Lord Jesus forever.

Even in this book from the Old Testament, we hear: “God formed man to be imperishable.” God wants us to live! Yet death came into our world. The Old Testament knows already that death is not the final answer to our human existence. Death is only final for those who belong to the company of the devil.

Saint Paul is encouraging the Corinthians to share what money they have with those who have less. This is another form of dying to oneself: recognizing that we can share what we have, even if we don’t have much. In much of modern culture today, the emphasis is on obtaining as much for oneself as possible. This is another expression of the fear of death. We have a fear of not having all that we want. It is essential to recognize that what we want and what we need are often very different. We have to learn to die too ourselves in order to recognize this difference.

The Gospel from Saint Mark today returns us to the theme of physical death, but in two forms. The woman with hemorrhages would have been cut out of normal society for the entire 12 years she had suffered from the hemorrhages. Yet she felt somehow that she could be healed and returned to life if only she could touch the Lord Jesus.

Our challenge today is a simple question: Am I alive in Christ? Am I willing to share what I have with those who have less? Can I believe that Jesus is the whole meaning of life?

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Mike



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Entrance: For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies, For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies: Lord of all, to you we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.
2. For the beauty of each hour Of the day and of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon, and stars of light: Lord of all, to you we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.
3. For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth and friends above; For all gentle thoughts and mild: Lord of all, to you we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.
4. For your Church, that evermore Lifts its holy hands above, Offring up on ev'ry shore A pure sacrifice of love: Lord of all, to you we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.
5. For Yourself, O Gift Divine To our world so freely giv'n, For that love from which will shine, Peace on earth and joy in heav'n: Lord of all, to you we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

Text: 77 77 77; Lyra Eucharistica, 1864; Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.
Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872; adapt. by William H. Monk, 1823–1899.

First Reading: Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24

God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living. For he fashioned all things that they might have being; and the creatures of the world are wholesome, and there is not a destructive drug among them nor any domain of the netherworld on earth, for justice is undying. For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of his own nature he made him. But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world, and they who belong to his company experience it.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Psalm: 30:2,4-6, 11-13

R. *I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.*

Second Reading: 2 Cor 8:7,9, 13-15

Brothers and sisters:

As you excel in every respect, in faith, discourse, knowledge, all earnestness, and in the love we have for you, may you excel in this gracious act also. For

you know 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. Not that others should have relief while you are burdened, but that as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their needs, so that their abundance may also supply your needs, that there may be equality.

As it is written:

Whoever had much did not have more, and whoever had little did not have less.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life to light through the Gospel **R.**

Gospel

Mk 5: 21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him, and he stayed close to the sea. One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward. Seeing him he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, saying, “My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live.” He went off with him, and a large crowd followed him and pressed upon him. There was a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years. She had suffered greatly at the hands of many doctors and had spent all that she had. Yet she was not helped but only grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak. She said, “If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured.” Immediately her flow of blood dried up. She felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. Jesus, aware at once that power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who has touched my clothes?” But his disciples said to Jesus, “You see how the crowd is pressing upon you, and yet you ask, ‘Who touched me?’” And he looked around to see who had done it. The woman, realizing what had happened to her, approached in fear and trembling. She fell down before Jesus and told him the whole truth. He said to her, Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction.” While he was still speaking, people from the synagogue official’s house her, Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your

Affliction.” While he was still speaking, people from the synagogue official’s house arrived and said, “Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any longer?” Disregarding the message that was reported, Jesus said to the synagogue official, “Do not be afraid; just have faith.” He did not allow anyone to accompany him inside except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, “Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep.” And they ridiculed him. Then he put them all out. He took along the child’s father and mother and those who were with him and entered the room where the child was. He took the child by the hand and said to her, “Talitha koum,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise!” The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded. He gave strict orders that no one should know this and said that she should be given something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Profession of Faith

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**

(At the words that follow, up to and including "and became man," all bow)

**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
And I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist:

Presentation of the Gifts

Amazing Grace

NEW BRITAIN

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind but now I see.
2. ‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; ‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

Text: CM; verses 1–4, John Newton, 1725–1807; verse 5, anon., fr. A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790. Music: Columbian Harmony, 1829.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are Full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We Proclaim you Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Or

When we eat this bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O lord, until you come again.

Or

Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Great Amen

The Communion Rite

The Lord’s Prayer / Sign of Peace / Lamb of God

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion: Stay with Us, O Lord Barbara Bridge
Refrain:

*Stay with us, O Lord. Walk beside us on our journey.
Burn within us, O Light of the world: O Word of truth,
our strength and our hope.*

1. Your radiant light gives us hope in our darkness. Strengthen us, stay with us, O Light of the world!
2. Our broken world cries for justice and mercy. Strengthen us, stay with us, O Light of the world!
3. You join us here at this table of plenty. Strengthen us, stay with us, O Light of the world!

4. O Bread of Life, give us strength in our weakness.
Strengthen us, stay with us, O Light of the world!

5. We long for peace, teach us mercy and justice.
Strengthen us, stay with us, O Light of the world!

6. For you alone heal the sorrow within us.
Strengthen us, stay with us, O Light of the world!

7. In times of doubt, may we trust in your goodness.
Strengthen us, stay with us, O Light of the world!

8. You send us forth to be servants of others.
Strengthen us, stay with us, O Light of the world!

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Sending: For the Healing
ST. THOMAS (TANTUM ERGO)

1. For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with
one accord; For a just and equal sharing Of the
things that earth affords. To a life of love and action
Help us rise and pledge our word.



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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]



STEWARDSHIP

To create a culture
in the parish rooted
in gratitude and
generosity.

June 20, 2021

Weekly Offering:	\$3,605.00	ONLINE	\$ 2,172.00
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**Thank you for your continued
support both spiritual and financial.**

If you are looking for a ways to help our parish, here are
a few options and/or envelopes:

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2) **My parish App:**
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Effective June 21, 2021

**No more reservations to attend Holy Mass
will be required.**

**If you have been vaccinated, you do not need to
wear a mask indoors.**

**However, non-vaccinated persons, including
minors must wear masks indoors.**

**Every other pew will remain closed as we ease
into the new normalcy.**

**Please continue to exit promptly
out of the side doors only.**

Livestream of the daily mass will stop.

**No more Drive-up communion
(after the 10 AM mass)**

**If you are homebound, please contact Deacon
Dave at (925) 228-2230 Ext 7 or
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**Please keep conversations for outside once you
enter and are seated inside the church.**

**Please note: Bathroom facilities will not be
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To empower a community
of Christian people walking
together as disciples of Jesus in
order to share His good news.

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT	6/26	8:00	Int. Paula Bocanegra - Birthday
		4:30	Joe Balestrieri†
SUN	6/27	8:30	Int. St. Catherine Parishioners
		10:00	Antonio DeLeont†
		12:00	Maria Montest†
MON	6/28	8:00	Int. Irene del Rosario
TUES	6/29	8:00	Luzvilla Gumtang Sasant†
WED	6/30	8:00	Florendo G. Juan Sr.†
THUR	7/1	8:00	Souls in Purgatory†
FRI	7/2	8:00	Adela Sape†
SAT	7/3	8:00	Adam J. Glent†
		4:30	Molly Widner†
SUN	7/4	8:30	McLoughlin & Curtin Families†
		10:00	Claude & Marie Greerty†
		12:00	Int. St. Catherine Parishioners

**If you would like to request a Mass Intention for
the 2021 calendar year please fill out the form
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mail or drop off at the office.
All Masses before July 30th are filled.**



St. Catherine Parish
offers deepest sympathy and prayers for
the families and, the repose of the soul of
all who entered into eternal life.

Victims of the Coronavirus

Colleen Farley

Marty Ochoa

Fr. Ricardo Chavez

St. Catherine of Siena Pastoral Care to the Sick & Homebound

**Do you know someone who is
homebound and/or ill & would
like to receive the
Eucharist or just a visit from a
friendly face?**

If so, please email:

Deacon Dave Holland at:

dcndaveh@stcmtz.org

**with your neighbor's name,
address and telephone number.
St. Catherine Pastoral Care to the
Sick & Homebound will arrange
for a visitor from the parish.**





WORSHIP

To facilitate a transforming encounter with God as we come together in worship.

USCCB study finds U.S. is home to about 40% of all permanent deacons



The U.S. diaconate grew more in 2020 than in any of the last six years.

A recent survey conducted by the USCCB has revealed that the U.S. has more permanent deacons than anywhere else in the world. The study, titled *A Portrait of the Permanent Diaconate*, examined 145 arch/dioceses whose bishops belong to the USCCB.

The report revealed that there are an estimated 19,008 permanent deacons serving in the United States. Catholic Culture points out that a March report from the Vatican claimed some 48,238 permanent deacons serve the Church worldwide. This means that about 40% of the Catholic diaconate resides in the United States.

The city with the largest number of deacons, 852, was found to be Chicago. The Windy City's deacons more than double the second place city, Los Angeles, where there are 426. The dioceses of Galveston-Houston, San Antonio, and New York each reported over 300 permanent deacons.

Age and ethnicity

The numbers dropped slightly once activity is taken into consideration. About one fifth of permanent deacons in the U.S. are inactive for various reasons. Of the remaining 79% of deacons who are active, about 95% are over the age of 50. We may soon see a surge in deacon retirement, as 35% are over 70 years old. Less than one percent of active permanent deacons in the U.S. are below the age of 40.

A resounding 93% of all active deacons in the U.S. are married. Widowers and divorcees made up 5% and only 2% said they were never married. The demographics show that the majority, 73%, of all deacons are non-Hispanic white. Hispanic/Latino was the next most likely demographic to become deacons, at 21%.

Overall the U.S. diaconate was found to be in a period of growth. In 2020, 587 new deacons were ordained, up from 383 in 2019 and 494 in 2018. While there were more deacons ordained in 2020 than in any of the last six years, the U.S. Church lost more than it gained. In 2020, 387 permanent deacons died, while another 410 retired from active ministry.

XIII Domingo Ordinario

Primera Lectura Sb 1, 13-15; 2, 23-24

Dios no hizo la muerte,
ni se recrea en la destrucción de los vivientes.
Todo lo creó para que subsistiera.
Las creaturas del mundo son saludables;
no hay en ellas veneno mortal.
Dios creó al hombre para que nunca muriera,
porque lo hizo a imagen y semejanza de sí mismo;
mas por envidia del diablo
entró la muerte en el mundo
y la experimentan quienes le pertenecen.

Evangelio Mc 5, 21-43

En aquel tiempo, cuando Jesús regresó en la barca al otro lado del lago, se quedó en la orilla y ahí se le reunió mucha gente. Entonces se acercó uno de los jefes de la sinagoga, llamado Jairo. Al ver a Jesús, se echó a sus pies y le suplicaba con insistencia: “Mi hija está agonizando. Ven a imponerle las manos para que se cure y viva”. Jesús se fue con él, y mucha gente lo seguía y lo apretujaba.

Entre la gente había una mujer que padecía flujo de sangre desde hacía doce años. Había sufrido mucho a manos de los médicos y había gastado en eso toda su fortuna, pero en vez de mejorar, había empeorado. Oyó hablar de Jesús, vino y se le acercó por detrás entre la gente y le tocó el manto, pensando que, con sólo tocarle el vestido, se curaría. Inmediatamente se le secó la fuente de su hemorragia y sintió en su cuerpo que estaba curada.

Jesús notó al instante que una fuerza curativa había salido de él, se volvió hacia la gente y les preguntó: “¿Quién ha tocado mi manto?” Sus discípulos le contestaron: “Estás viendo cómo te empuja la gente y todavía preguntas: ‘¿Quién me ha tocado?’ ” Pero él seguía mirando alrededor, para descubrir quién había sido. Entonces se acercó la mujer, asustada y temblorosa, al comprender lo que había pasado; se postró a sus pies y le confesó la verdad. Jesús la tranquilizó, diciendo: “Hija, tu fe te ha curado. Vete en paz y queda sana de tu enfermedad”.

Todavía estaba hablando Jesús, cuando unos criados llegaron de casa del jefe de la sinagoga para decirle a éste: “Ya se murió tu hija. ¿Para qué sigues molestando al Maestro?” Jesús alcanzó a oír lo que hablaban y le dijo al jefe de la sinagoga: “No temas, basta que tengas fe”. No permitió que lo acompañaran más que Pedro, Santiago y Juan, el hermano de Santiago.

Al llegar a la casa del jefe de la sinagoga, vio Jesús el alboroto de la gente y oyó los llantos y los alaridos que daban. Entró y les dijo: “¿Qué significa tanto llanto y alboroto? La niña no está muerta, está dormida”. Y se reían de él.

Entonces Jesús echó fuera a la gente, y con los padres de la niña y sus acompañantes, entró a donde estaba la niña. La tomó de la mano y le dijo: “¡Talitá, kum!”, que significa: “¡Óyeme, niña, levántate!” La niña, que tenía doce años, se levantó inmediatamente y se puso a caminar. Todos se quedaron asombrados. Jesús les ordenó severamente que no lo dijeran a nadie y les mandó que le dieran de comer a la niña.

Segunda Lectura

2 Cor 8, 7. 9. 13-15

Hermanos: Ya que ustedes se distinguen en todo: en fe, en palabra, en sabiduría, en diligencia para todo y en amor hacia nosotros, distínganse también ahora por su generosidad. Bien saben lo generoso que ha sido nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que siendo rico, se hizo pobre por ustedes, para que ustedes se hicieran ricos con su pobreza. No se trata de que los demás vivan tranquilos, mientras ustedes están sufriendo. Se trata, más bien, de aplicar durante nuestra vida una medida justa; porque entonces la abundancia de ustedes remediará las carencias de ellos, y ellos, por su parte, los socorrerán a ustedes en sus necesidades. En esa forma habrá un justo medio, como dice la Escritura: *Al que recogía mucho, nada le sobraba; al que recogía poco, nada le faltaba.*

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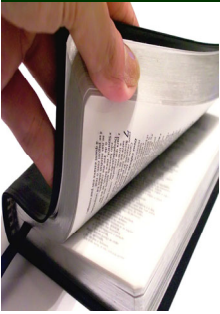
Jairo tiene una hija, él es un hombre importante y privilegiado quien busca públicamente a Jesús, proclama intensamente y demuestra su fe “cayendo a los pies de Jesús y suplicándole de todo corazón” (5:22-23). La mujer anónima prácticamente “se acerca a hurtadillas” a Jesús y, aunque evidentemente tiene fe, se guarda esa fe hasta que Jesús le saca “toda la verdad” después de que ella es curada (5:27-28, 33). Así pues, resulta aún más impresionante que Jesús retrase la curación de quien parece ser la mujer joven y “más importante” por la desconocida y sinceramente, por la mujer mayor y marginada. Volviendo a la “iglesia doméstica”, por así decirlo, siendo la casa de Jairo el lugar público donde ocurrió la curación de la mujer mayor, Marcos nos dice que la hija de Jairo murió. Ante esta desesperanza aún más definitiva que la de la mujer hemorroisa, la gente le dice a Jairo “¿para qué molestas más al maestro?” (5:35). Pero Jesús no considera que su respuesta a la fe de Jairo sea desesperanzadora o molesta: “No tengas miedo, solo ten fe” (5:36). A pesar del aparente triunfo de la muerte en la casa de Jairo, Jesús toma la mano de la niña -aunque la ley prohibía tocar a los muertos- y le dice: “*talitha kum*” (que significa: Niña, a ti te hablo, levántate).

¿PARA QUÉ MOLESTARSE?

Así parece que Marcos nos está preguntando: como Jairo en su camino a su casa o como la mujer hemorroisa después de doce años, nos preguntaremos: ¿para qué molestarnos? ¿O seguiremos caminando con fe en Jesús? ¿Será suficiente -una oración íntima con fe- con tocar sigilosamente el manto de Jesús? Ante la aparente desesperanza, ¿elegiremos la fe en lugar de la desesperación a pesar de las burlas de la multitud, recordando que Jesús nos ha tomado de la mano en el bautismo y nos ha ordenado que nos levantemos? Pon atención en el final del Evangelio, después de ordenar a la hija de Jairo que se levante, Jesús les ordena que le den de comer (5:43). Así también, Jesús nos invita ahora a festejar en su banquete y sacrificio eucarístico.

Lecturas de hoy: Sab 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mc 5:21-43 [21-24, 35b-43]

UPCOMING EVENTS



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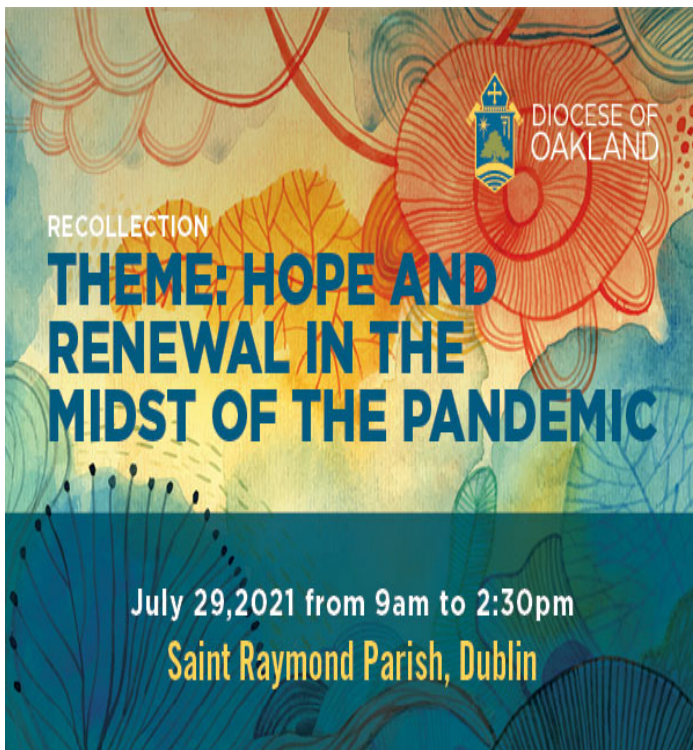


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READINGS & REFLECTIONS

Sunday, Jun 27, 2021

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God is the champion of life

We're made for immortality. Christianity celebrates that death has no sting and life has no end. Our tenacious possession of the lives we're given is a sign of our refusal to accept death as the last word on the subject of our lives. We're impatient with limitations, reject gloom-and-doom projections, and insist on second opinions when the news is grim. We relentlessly cling to hope despite the odds of our predicament. God is on our side in this stubborn grip we have on life. God intends for death itself to pass away. Put your resources at the service of life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43 (98). "God did not make death, nor does [God] rejoice in the destruction of the living."

Monday, Jun 28, 2021

MEMORIAL OF IRENAEUS, BISHOP, MARTYR

We're part of the Lord's great chain of being

It's fun to consider "six degrees of separation"—the theory that everyone on Earth is connected to any other person by a chain of five acquaintances. Perhaps you even know how you are connected to someone famous. Imagine being only three degrees separated from Jesus! Saint Irenaeus is known for that claim. He studied under Polycarp, who had been a disciple of the apostle John. We may be countless more degrees removed than Irenaeus, but all Christians are part of the chain that goes back to our Lord because we're the beneficiaries of what's been passed down the links along the way—as well as being links ourselves to the future. Keep those connections strong.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 18:16-33; Matthew 8:18-22 (377). "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go."

Tuesday, Jun 29, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

Call me by my new name

Before Jesus, they were Simon and Saul; afterward, Peter and Paul. In the great biblical tradition, both experienced a name change to signify God's call to a new and greater destiny. They became the two pillars of the church. Jesus gave Peter the "keys" to unlock the "kingdom of God," on Earth as it is in heaven—the Kingdom Jesus preached about for three years. Paul received a "sword," the "sword of the Spirit" that's the word of God—which Paul used as he spread the gospel to new lands. Is there something new you can do for God today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19 (591). "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Wednesday, Jun 30, 2021

You are part of God's agenda

Prayer has many forms and many expressions: It turns our hearts and minds to God with a desire to praise, to request, to give thanks, or to intercede on behalf of others. Prayer is conversation with God; sitting in silence with God; sharing with God every hope and fear we carry. But as Saint Thomas Aquinas reminds us, "We set forth our petitions before God, not in order to make known to Him our needs and desires, but rather so that we ourselves may realize that in these things it is necessary to turn to God for help." Go ahead, place your concerns

on God's desk. There's always space.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 21:5, 8-20a; Matthew 8:28-34 (379).

"When the poor one called out, the LORD heard."

Thursday, Jul 01, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JUNÍPERO SERRA, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, MISSIONARY

Man on a mission

Today the church honors Saint Junípero Serra, the Spanish Franciscan missionary who tirelessly evangelized native peoples in California in the late 1700s, founding the first nine of 21 missions in the region. His sainthood is not without controversy since missionaries were enmeshed in the brutal Spanish conquest of the Americas, but Serra's record also shows he endured many hardships late in life for the sake of the gospel, genuinely loved the indigenous people, and defended their rights against the worst Spanish abuses. His memorial is a good time to learn about and pray for greater justice for Native Americans and all Indigenous Peoples.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 22:1b-19; Matthew 9:1-8 (380). "He then

said to the paralytic, 'Rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home.'"

Friday, Jul 02, 2021

Pray for us sinners

Sometimes denial, shame, and fear keep us from recognizing the harmful effects of our sin. Pope Francis encourages us to give even our sin over to God. As he put it in a 2013 homily, "In my own life, I have so often seen God's merciful countenance, his patience; I have also seen so many people find the courage to enter the wounds of Jesus by saying to him: Lord, I am here, accept my poverty, hide my sin in your wounds, wash it away with your blood. And I have always seen that God did just this—he accepted them, consoled them, cleansed them, loved them." Draw close to Jesus and be comforted.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Matthew 9:9-13 (381). "Go and learn the meaning of the words, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

Saturday, Jul 03, 2021

FEAST OF THOMAS, APOSTLE

Let doubt deepen your faith

We have come to know today's saint as "Doubting Thomas," but in terms of his legacy, it was the missionary zeal that grew out of his doubt that endures. According to tradition, Thomas traveled far, reaching the Malabar Coast of southwest India, where he established a community still known today as "Saint Thomas Christians." A more diverse mix could not be found: the Nazranis, as they are called, are said to be "Indian in culture, Christian in faith, and Syrian in liturgy," with a dash of Jewish and Hindu influence for good measure. Your doubt can be the catalyst to a faith that endures and leaves a rich legacy. Ask God to help your unbelief!

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29 (593). "You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones."

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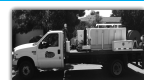
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