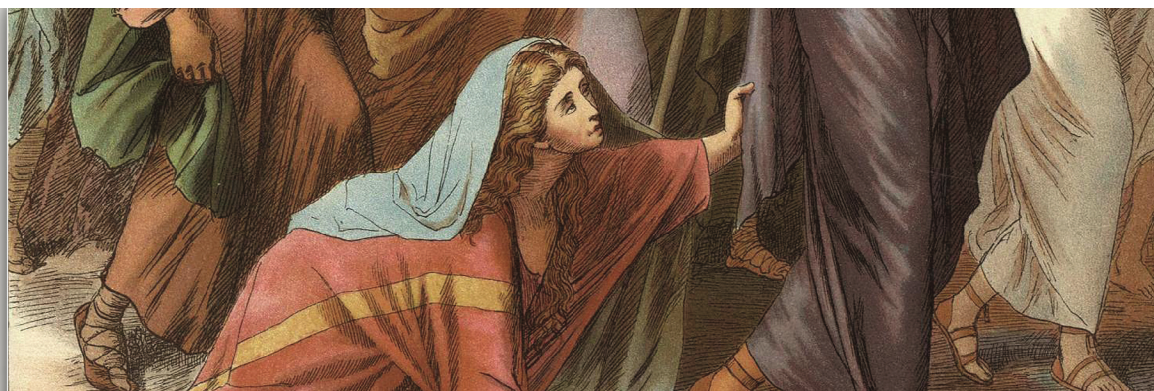


Jesus said
to the woman,
"Daughter,
your faith
has saved you.
Go in peace
and be cured of
your affliction."

MARK 5:34



Church of the Epiphany

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Matthew 2:10-11 (NABRE)

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



JUNE 27, 2021

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6:30am & 8:00am

Saturday Masses/Misa los Sábados:

8:00am & 5:30pm

Sunday Masses/Misas los Domingos:

6:30am, 8:30am, 10:00am (livestream),
11:30am (español) & 1:00pm

Adoration/Adoración:

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8:30am-12:00pm

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30am – 12:00pm

Confessions: Saturday 4:00pm-5:00pm

Confesiones: Sabados 4:00pm-5:00pm

Sick Calls

In case of an emergency, please contact the parish office at 415-333-7630 any hour of the day or night.

Reflections ~ Reflexiones

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Imagine the grief of the father of the little girl who is dying. The account is presented almost like a play. First, Jairus, the girl's father, comes to Jesus for help; but before Jesus can reach her, people come to say that she has died. Then Jesus goes to the house of Jairus. Jesus takes the girl's hand and says, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" Immediately she stands up and begins to walk around. Imagine the party in Jairus' home that night! Like the crowd in this passage, we may be inclined not to accept the word of Jesus at times. We may think we know better. But Jesus will still remind us of the need to trust him and to have no fear.

1.) Have you ever felt "stuck"? Have you ever thought, "I don't know how I'm going to do this, or get through this"? Think of a situation like that in your life or in the life of someone you know. Pray quietly for a moment. Like Jairus, you can pray, "Jesus, please come." You might like to say this several times. Then imagine Jesus saying your name or the name of the person you are praying for.

Evangelio: Marcos 5:21-24, 35b-43

Imagina la pena del padre de una niña moribunda. La historia se cuenta como un drama. Primero Jairo, el padre de la niña, va adonde está Jesús a pedirle ayuda, pero antes de llegar con Jesús, la gente viene a decirle que ha muerto. Entonces Jesús va a la casa con Jairo. Jesús toma la mano de la niña y le dice: "Pequeña, levántate". Inmediatamente se pone de pie y empieza a caminar. Imagina la fiesta que hizo Jairo en su casa. Igual que la multitud en la escena, podemos estar inclinados a no aceptar la palabra de Jesús. Podemos pensar que sabemos los resultados. Pero Jesús nos sigue recordando la necesidad de confiar en él y de no tener miedo.

1.) ¿Te has sentido perdido alguna vez? ¿Has sentido alguna vez que no sabes lo que tienes que hacer o cómo vas a salir del paso? Piensa en una situación como esa en tu vida o en la vida de alguien que conoces. Reza por ella. Como Jairo, puedes pedir a Jesús: "Por favor, ven". Si quieres, puedes decir esa frase varias veces.

Treasures from our Traditions ~ Tradiciones de nuestra Fe

As Independence Day draws near, we think of the men and women of the military who serve with courage and competence, some far from home. How does the Church accompany them? In 1939, Pope Pius XII created an independent jurisdiction of the Catholic Church called the "Military Vicariate." In 1985 Pope John Paul II created the "Archdiocese for Military Services, USA." Spanning the globe and serving nearly one and a half million Roman Catholics, more than one thousand priests minister in hospitals, on military bases of all the armed forces, on ships at sea, and on the battlefield. The AMS does not ordain priests, but accepts priests on loan from religious orders and dioceses.

In 1824 a Jesuit priest named Adam Marshall enlisted in the Navy and died at sea in 1825. He was assigned as a "schoolmaster," but he sought out and ministered to Catholic sailors. Twenty years later, President Polk was worried that the war with Mexico was seen as anti-Catholic, so he recruited two Jesuit priests to serve in the army as chaplains. At the time of the Civil War, only about ten percent of Americans were Catholic. Military policies forced Catholic soldiers to attend Protestant services. The Church protested this rule, and many priests volunteered to become chaplains. Their witness and the courage of the "Nuns of the Battlefield" (several orders of sisters who assisted Civil War victims) helped temper prejudice against Catholics and pave the way for the life and ministry of this vigorous and unique archdiocese. —Rev. James Field,

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Esta semana conmemoramos al apóstol santo Tomás, el cual es normalmente recordado por haber dudado de la resurrección de Jesucristo. La incredulidad de este santo es explicada en el Evangelio según San Juan (20:19-31) con la famosa frase: "Si no veo en sus manos la señal de los clavos y no meto mi dedo en el agujero de los clavos y no meto mi mano en su costado, no creeré."

Los latinos somos de culturas religiosas que consideran la incredulidad como algo pecaminoso y camino al ateísmo. Hay que aceptar que la duda es algo normal en el ser humano. Dudo que exista alguien que nunca haya dudado de su fe. Sólo al aceptar esta duda estaremos abiertos a la invitación de Jesús: "Acerca aquí tu dedo y mira mis manos; trae tu mano y métela en mi costado, y no seas incrédulo sino creyente." Santo Tomás aceptó esta invitación y llegó a su gran proclamación de fe: "Señor mío, y Dios mío". La duda no es mala, para muchos es el camino a una fe más profunda y a un compromiso mayor.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glíz, OFM,
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A PROMISE OF HOPE & HEALING CAMPAIGN

My deepest gratitude for all of the parishioners who have generously given or pledged towards our "A Promise of Hope & Healing" Summer campaign in order to help our parish recouperate from the shortfall due to the pandemic last year. Your grace filled generosity from your hearts is a truly beautiful act of charity and love. Thank you so much for your support and prayers.

Mi más profundo agradecimiento a todos los feligreses que generosamente han brindado o prometido nuestra campaña de verano "Una promesa de esperanza y sanación" para ayudar a nuestra parroquia a recuperarse del déficit debido a la pandemia del año pasado. Su generosidad llena de gracia de sus corazones es un acto de caridad y amor verdaderamente hermoso. Muchas gracias por su apoyo y sus oraciones.

Rev. Eugene Tungol
Pastor

Ms. Cecilia Abaoag
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Mrs. Lilian Carter
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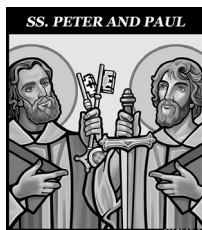
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Calendar / Calendario

Sunday, June 27, 2021

2:30pm: CH Spanish Baptisms

Tuesday, June 29, 2021



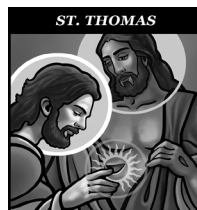
8:30am: OKH Fr. Eugene's
Ordination Anniversary Breakfast

Friday, July 2, 2021

8:30am: CH Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament
12:00pm: CH Benediction

Saturday,
July 3, 2021

4:00pm: CH
Confessions



HOPE & HEALING (Continued)

Ms. Maria Gemma Gatdula
Mrs. Margaret Giesin
Mr. & Mrs. Jaime Gonzalez
Mr. Clifford Griffith, Jr.
Ms. Rubelita Gualberto
Ms. Lillian Guerrero
Mr. & Mrs. Gil Gutierrez
Mrs. Maria Elena Herrera
Ms. Amy Hilario
Mrs. Anne Hohener
Ms. Olga Hoja
Mr. & Mrs. Luisito Holgado
Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Honciano
Mr. & Mrs. Perfecto Ibay
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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Irenaeus

Tuesday: Ss. Peter and Paul

Wednesday: The First Martyrs of
the Holy Roman Church

Thursday: Saint Junipero Serra;
Canada Day

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: St. Thomas;
First Saturday

Intentions/Intenciones

Sunday, June 27, 2021

6:30am: William & Patricia Donlon †
8:30am: Osilio Navigato †
10:00am: People of the Parish
11:30am: Salvador Mora †
1:00pm: **Thanksgiving:** Gil & Juanita
Gutierrez

Monday, June 28, 2021

6:30am: **Thanksgiving:** Robert, Jr. &
Michelle Masangkay
8:00am: Angela Olivarez †,
Joanne Chin-Burton †, Ludovico Cava †

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

6:30am: Rodolfo De Castro †
8:00am: **Thanksgiving:** Kee Family

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

6:30am: William & Patricia Donlon †
8:00am: Brigida F. Soriano †

Thursday, July 1, 2021

6:30am: William & Patricia Donlon †
8:00am: Guido Dito †

Friday, July 2, 2021

6:30am: William & Patricia Donlon †
8:00am: Anselmo & Sarita Chang †

Saturday, July 3, 2021

8:00pm: Pedro & Ildelfonsa Ganhinhin †
5:30pm: Constance Casali †

Sunday, July 4, 2021

6:30am: William & Patricia Donlon †
8:30am: **Thanksgiving:** Refugio & Maria
Arias

10:00am: People of the Parish

11:30am: Peter Gutierrez †

1:00pm: **Intention for:** Dave, John and
Paul Gutierrez

COLLECTIONS

June 20th 2021 – 12th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

1st Collection: **\$8,445.76**

2nd Collection: **\$1,081.00**

Thank you for your generosity!

Second Collections:

Today: Peter's Pence

Next Week: Parish School

Epiphany Parish News

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! *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Registrations for the Religious Education program for Faith Formation, First Communion and Confirmation has begun. Please visit the parish office or epiphanysf.com under the "Faith Formation" tab for applications.

PASTOR'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

All are invited to celebrate with Fr. Eugene for his 72nd birthday on **Saturday, July 10th**, starting with a Thanksgiving Mass at 5:30pm in church, and then followed by a **reception in the cafeteria at 6:30pm**. Plan on being there for our first community gathering after a year's absence due to the pandemic.



SUNDAY OBLIGATION

In a memo released Monday, June 14th, 2021, Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone declared that the dispensation for the Sunday obligation be rescinded as of Thursday, June 24th, 2021 in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. ***This means, all the faithful are obligated to attend Sunday Mass.*** The exceptions are as before, for those who are sick or homebound are still dispensed. Please inform your family, friends and neighbors. Masks inside the church will be encouraged. We look forward to seeing you all back at Mass!

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.*

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A PROMISE OF HOPE & HEALING - THANK YOU (CONTINUED)

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Mr. Peter Leong
Mr. & Mrs. Wilfredo Lim
Mr. & Mrs. Gerry Macahilas
Mrs. Josefina Mangubat
Mr. & Mrs. Barry Martin
Mr. & Mrs. Jose Luis Martinez
Mr. Dominador Marucut
Ms. Victoria Matudio-Alba
Mr. & Mrs. Bernardo Menconi
Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Mendoza
Ms. Josefina S. Mercado
Mr. Eugene Moggia
Ms. Evelyn Mondejar
Miss. Bettie C. Naval
Miss. Remedios Naval
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Mr. Vernon Snyder
Mr. Rosa Solis
Mr. & Mrs. Angel Suarez
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Tonna
Mr. & Mrs. Danilo Trance
Mrs. Eleanor Trejo
Ms. Maina Tuimavave
Mr. & Mrs. Renato Tungol
Ms. Victoria Umale
Ms. Carmaloja Villalon
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Mr. & Mrs. Wedelfredo Villareyes
Mr. & Mrs. Angel Zabala
Mr. & Mrs. Mario Zaran

Noticias de Epifanía

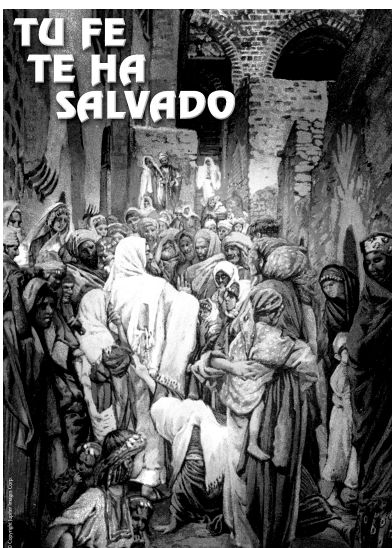
EL EJEMPLO DE JESÚS DE AYUDAR A OTROS

En la segunda lectura de hoy Pablo ofrece un argumento maravilloso a sus convertidos en Corinto para tratar de ayudar a los necesitados. Está tratando con un problema práctico, la organización de una colecta para los pobres de la iglesia de Jerusalén; pero, como hace a menudo, saca una importante lección acerca de Jesús para resaltar un punto.

Después de pedirles que demostraran su fe con generosos donativos, les recuerda 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" (2 Corintios 8:9). Con su encarnación nuestro Señor asumió nuestra naturaleza humana, sin duda haciéndose pobre para uno que es Dios. El último acto de gracia de esta pobreza fue subir a la cruz y sus terribles sufrimientos. Con este acto de pobreza sin duda nos hemos hecho ricos. Ahora nuestros pecados pueden ser perdonados; podemos compartir la vida de Dios por medio de los sacramentos; ¡podemos alcanzar la salvación eterna! *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

ESCUELA DE RELIGION

Han comenzado las inscripciones para el programa de educación religiosa para la formación de fe, la primera comunión y confirmación. Visite la oficina parroquial o epiphanysf.com en la pestaña "Faith Formation" para obtener solicitudes.



FIESTA DE LA FE

Pan

El pan es un alimento ordinario, es propio de ricos y pobres. Hay que trabajar para conseguirlo. Así como es de real, tiene mucho de simbólico. Papá y mamá se alegran en poder llevar a casa el pan de los hijos, para compartirlo con todos, indistintamente de su grado de bondad. Para los judíos del Mediterráneo, el pan, mezclado con aceite era el elemento más común de su alimentación. El pan de trigo lo comían los ricos, mientras que los pobres comían el pan de cebada. Aún así, el pan es sabroso y lleva en él la providencia divina que cuida de nosotros. Se recibe, incluso, de manos de los pobres, quienes comparten su propio pan porque saben lo que es carecer de él. Al compartirlo, cumplimos el mandato de Jesús: "tomen y coman". Por eso es que nuestro pan se ha de poner en la mesa, para ser compartido, sólo así tiene sentido. Alimentados todos del mismo pan, en la misma mesa, esperando la misma promesa. Comer o no comer.

—Miguel Arias, *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

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—Thomas Jefferson

CELEBRACIÓN DE CUMPLEAÑOS DEL PASTOR

Todos están invitados a celebrar con Padre Eugene por su 72º cumpleaños el **sábado 10 de julio**, comenzando con una misa de Acción de Gracias a las 5:30pm en la iglesia, y luego seguido de una **recepción en la cafetería a las 6:30pm**. Planee estar allí para nuestra primera reunión comunitaria después de un año de ausencia debido a la pandemia.



OBLIGACIÓN DOMINICAL

En un memorando publicado el lunes 14 de junio 2021, el arzobispo Salvatore Cordileone declaró que la dispensa de la obligación dominical se rescindirá a partir del jueves 24 de junio 2021 en la Arquidiócesis de San Francisco. ***Esto significa que todos los fieles están obligados a asistir a la misa dominical.*** Las excepciones son como antes, para aquellos que están enfermos o confinados en casa todavía se dispensan. Informe a su familia, amigos y vecinos. Se alentarán las máscaras dentro de la iglesia. ¡Esperamos verlos a todos de regreso en la Misa!



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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]).

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Readings For The Week:

Monday	Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday	<i>Vigil:</i> Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19 <i>Day:</i> 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

Pray for the Sick: Oremos por los enfermos:

Roderick Abellana, Leticia Agpoon, Kay Castle, Jeffrey Castro, Linda Cheng, Regina Connors, Daniel Copenhaver, Mario & Petra Laguatan, Rosario Lapuz, Jimmy Lim, Ed Nasra, Jose-Edson Naval, Robert Neri, Jose Ortega, Dante Tayag, Armando Uy, Conrado Uy, Jr., Ricardo Uy, Rolando Uy, Javier Vasquez, Lourdes Pujol Woodruff, Kanga Yap, Maria Luisa Zamora

*Please help us to keep our prayer list current. We will keep all requests on our prayer list for **ONE MONTH** unless notified to keep them on longer.*

Pray for the Recently Deceased Oremos por los Recientemente Difuntos:

Marie Llamas

And for those who have died by violence this past week.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Sacrament of Baptism

Registered parishioners are invited to have their children baptized at Church of the Epiphany. Parents and Godparents must participate in our Baptismal Preparation program.

Sacrament of Matrimony

To be married at Church of the Epiphany either the bride or groom must be **Roman Catholic**.

1. You qualify as an "in parish" couple if you live within the parish boundaries or, have been registered and active for six months; or if you're an alumni of School of the Epiphany.
2. If you do not meet one of the qualifications above, then you are considered an "outside of the parish" couple. Contact the parish office at least six months prior to the date of your proposed wedding to participate in our marriage preparation program.

Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is for the seriously ill, or those scheduled for surgery. Call the parish office when a family member is admitted to a hospital or nursing facility.



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REGISTERING TO OUR PARISH:

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Our Mission Statement:

We the people of the Church of the Epiphany strive to be a peaceful and welcoming parish. We strive to be mutually supportive of diverse communities. We strive to show compassion without distinction of age, gender, race or culture. Epiphany seeks to be a caring and loving community ever growing in faith formation.

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 koum—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]