THE CATHOLIC PARISHES of
Saint Joseph · Saint Juan Diego
Saint Padre Pio · Saint Scholastica

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." 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." - Mk 5:36bc, 38-39

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MASS INTENTIONS

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

SATURDAY **June 26—13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
1:00 pm Wedding of Ryan Hanley & Morgan Masci
4:00 pm No Intention Listed

SUNDAY **June 27—13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am † Jane Piccirilli (The Postava Family)
11:00 am † Donald Reis (Jean Reis)

MONDAY **June 28—Saint Irenaeus**
8:00 am The people of Saint Joseph Parish

TUESDAY **June 29—Saints Peter and Paul**
8:00 am † William George (The Ference Family)

WEDNESDAY **June 30—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 am Special Intention (Anonymous)

THURSDAY **July 1—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 am No Intention Listed

FRIDAY **July 2—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 am No Intention Listed

SATURDAY **July 3—14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
4:00 pm † Bonnie Tamiggi (The Zytnik & Kipp Families)

SUNDAY **July 4—14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am No Intention Listed
11:00 am No Intention Listed

SAINT JUAN DIEGO PARISH

SATURDAY **June 26—13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Madonna Church
4:30 pm † John & Frances Ganster (Daughter, Marilyn)

SUNDAY **June 27—13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Saint Mary Church
11:30 am † Bill & Donna Edwards & Laura Ploof (Loving Family)

MONDAY **June 28—Saint Irenaeus**
Madonna Church
9:00 am † Louis A. Ferraro, Jr. (Wife & Family)

TUESDAY **June 29—Saints Peter and Paul**
Madonna Church
9:00 am † The Peiffer & Szwedko Families (Loving Family)

WEDNESDAY **June 30—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
Madonna Church
9:00 am † Don & Bea Aluise (The Aluise Children)

SATURDAY **July 3—14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Madonna Church
4:30 pm † Charles & Elizabeth Romea (Chuck & Marilyn Romea)

SUNDAY **July 4—14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Saint Mary Church
11:30 am The people of Christ the King parish

REST IN PEACE

Saint Scholastica: Arthur "Bud" McSorley • June 16, 2021
Saint Scholastica: Roseann Marsico • June 17, 2021

SAINT PADRE PIO PARISH

SUNDAY **June 27—13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Saint Francis of Assisi Church
8:00 am † Charles Heiry (Allegheny Valley Ultreya)
Saint Edward Church
10:00 am † Dan Nowak (Family)

THURSDAY **July 1—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
Saint Edward Church
9:00 am The people of Christ the King Parish

FRIDAY **July 2—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
Saint Edward Church
9:00 am † Mike & Hattie Bacasa (Daughter, Jean)

SATURDAY **July 3—Saint Thomas**
Saint Edward Church
9:00 am † Don Flowers (Marian)

SUNDAY **July 4—14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Saint Francis of Assisi Church
8:00 am † Joe Wachter (Daughters)
Saint Edward Church
10:00 am † Lois Flowers (Marian Flowers)

SAINT SCHOLASTICA PARISH

SATURDAY **June 26—13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 pm † Alfred Vitaro (Bill Eckert)

SUNDAY **June 27—13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:30 am † Mary Jo Romano (Tish Marsico)
12:00 Noon † Judith L. Farrar (The Scanlon Family)

MONDAY **June 28—Saint Irenaeus**
10:00 am † Janice Schweinsberg (Kathleen Piper)

TUESDAY **June 29—Saints Peter and Paul**
10:00 am † Dolores Rueger (The Goreczny Family)

WEDNESDAY **June 30—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
10:00 am † Debi D'Allesandres Parisi (Kathy Murray)

THURSDAY **July 1—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
10:00 am † The people of Christ the King Parish

FRIDAY **July 2—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
10:00 am † Michael Feeney (Maggie Ellis)

SATURDAY **July 3—14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 pm † Stephen Ford (Kathy Murray)

SUNDAY **July 4—14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:30 am † The Romango Family (Marie Romango)
12:00 Noon For the unity and spiritual growth of the new Christ the King Parish

TABERNACLE VIGIL CANDLE

Week of June 27

Saint Scholastica: For the grace to Rediscover, Reconnect & Recommit (Kathleen McAndrews)

Worship Schedule

DAILY MASSES WEEK OF JUNE 28

8:00 am	Saint Joseph Church *Monday through Friday*	Fr. Dale DeNinno
9:00 am	Madonna of Jerusalem Church *Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday*	Fr. Bill Siple
	Saint Edward Church *Thursday, Friday, Saturday*	
10:00 am	Saint Scholastica Church *Monday through Friday*	Fr. Mike Decewicz Fr. Vincent Kolo

SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES—JULY 3

4:00 pm	Saint Joseph Church	Fr. Dale DeNinno
4:30 pm	Madonna of Jerusalem Church	Fr. Vincent Kolo
5:00 pm	Saint Scholastica Church	Fr. Bill Siple

SUNDAY MASSES—JULY 4

8:00 am	Saint Francis of Assisi Church	Fr. Bill Siple
9:00 am	Saint Joseph Church	Fr. Dale DeNinno
9:30 am	Saint Scholastica Church	Fr. Vincent Kolo
10:00 am	Saint Edward Church	Fr. Bill Siple
11:00 am	Saint Joseph Church	Fr. Dale DeNinno
11:00 am	Saint John Cantius Church	Fr. Lee (Korean Mass)
11:30 am	Saint Mary Church	Fr. Vincent Kolo
12:00 noon	Saint Scholastica Church	Fr. Bill Siple

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday

9:30-10:00 am	Saint Edward Church
11:30-12:00 noon	Saint Joseph Church
3:30-4:00 pm	Madonna of Jerusalem Church

Every Thursday

6:30-7:00 pm	Saint Scholastica Church

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday—June 27
Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15 Mark 5:21-43

Monday—June 28
Genesis 18:16-33 Matthew 8:18-22

Tuesday—June 29
Acts 12:1-11 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 Matthew 16:13-19

Wednesday—June 30
Genesis 21:5, 8-20a Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday—July 1
Genesis 22:1b-19 Matthew 9:1-8

Friday—July 2
Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67 Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday—July 3
Ephesians 2: 19-22 John 20:24-29

Sunday—July 4
Ezekiel 2:2-5 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 Mark 6:1-6

SACRAMENTS and MORE

Baptisms: Celebrated during any of the weekend liturgies or after the last Sunday liturgy (11:00am at Saint Joseph, 11:30am at Saint Mary, 12:00pm at Saint Scholastica). First time parents must complete a baptism preparation class. Contact the parish office of the appropriate church for details.

Weddings: Celebrated at 2:00pm on Saturdays. Contact the parish office of the appropriate church at least six months before the desired date.

Funerals: Offered at 10:00am, Monday through Saturday.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the appropriate parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: See the bulletin schedule for times and locations.

Mass Intentions: Offered at each Mass for deceased loved ones or for other special intentions. Please call the parish office to schedule.

Family Faith Formation: Offered for grades K-8 on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings at Saint Joseph Church, September through April. Contact the Faith Formation Office at 412-963-8885 for details or to register.

Volunteer Opportunities: All parishioners are encouraged to contribute their time and talents to the church. We have opportunities to serve at Mass as lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, ushers, music ministers and altar servers. Please contact the parish office for information on all our volunteer opportunities. All staff and volunteers in the Diocese of Pittsburgh are required to obtain clearances and training to comply with the Safe Environment Policy. See diopitt.org/compliance or contact the parish office for details.

Membership: To register at one of the Lower Allegheny Valley Catholic parishes, update your contact information, or let us know if you or a family member is homebound or has moved to a nursing home, please use the form at the end of this bulletin or contact the appropriate parish office.

Parish Support

Collection for June 19 & 20:

Saint Joseph Parish: *Needed each week:*	$7,574 *$10,500*
Saint Juan Diego Parish: *Needed each week:*	$4,558 *$7,550*
Saint Padre Pio Parish: *Needed each week:*	$3,369 *$6,950*
Saint Scholastica Parish: *Needed each week:*	$6,351 *$7,950*

A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

What began with uncertainty in October of 2018 becomes a reality on July 1, 2021. The Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes will come together to form the new **Christ the King Parish**. The histories of four individual parishes will now be written anew as one story. Respecting the past and reflecting on its present impact, our new parish community must now move into the future with the same faith determination as our ancestors.

When they built the churches of Saint Edward in Blawnox, Saint Francis of Assisi in Harmar, Saint Joseph in O'Hara, Madonna of Jerusalem & Saint Mary in Sharpsburg, and Saint Scholastica in Aspinwall, little did they know how the future would unfold. Nevertheless, they moved forward impelled by their love of God. And the churches they built became places of worship where parishioners gather still in order to give all praise, honor and glory to Christ the King.

How blessed we will be in this new name, calling to mind the lordship of Jesus Christ in our lives and the authority He has over us. The authority of a Divine Teacher who shows what it means to be a humble King, a servant King who washes the feet of His disciples and who lays down His life for His friends. A King who is not about power, wealth and possessions, but rather, gentleness and compassion, generosity and love.

My dear sisters and brothers, it will be for us to **rediscover** our relationship with Christ the King; to **reconnect** our faith journey with Christ the King; and to **recommit** our life of discipleship with Christ the King. In so doing we will find our way to the Kingdom of God.

The feast day that honors Christ the King is always on the last Sunday of the liturgical year. Almost 100 years after Pope Pius Xl first established the feast in 1925, this year's feast will be on November 21, 2021. It will certainly be reason for **Christ the King Parish** to celebrate.

Father Dale DeNinno

July 1, 2021

Saint Joseph Parish
Fox Chapel/O'Hara

Saint Juan Diego Parish
Sharpsburg

Saint Padre Pio Parish
Blawnox/Harmar

Saint Scholastica Parish
Aspinwall/Fox Chapel

will officially merge

and be named

Christ the King Parish.

You are invited to participate
in the liturgical celebration
that will mark
this historic occasion
on Thursday evening,
July 1ST,
beginning at 7:00 o'clock
in Saint Joseph Church.

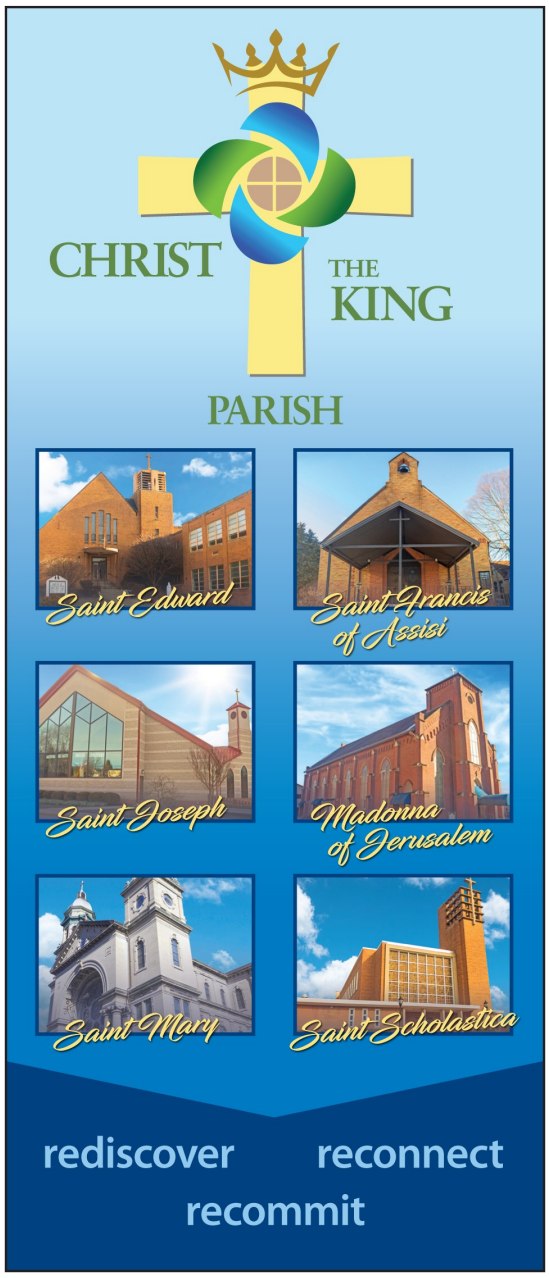
A reception will follow
in the social hall downstairs
to which everyone is invited.

The event will also
be live-streamed at:
ChristtheKingpgh.org
Please tell your family and friends.

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

A New Banner for Christ the King Parish will be introduced on July 1, 2021. 3½ feet wide and 6½ feet long, the banner will feature a newly introduced variation of the official logo, the inclusion of the three "R" words of **rediscover, reconnect and recommit**, and color pictures of each of the six churches of **Christ the King Parish**: Saint Edward, Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Joseph, Madonna of Jerusalem, Saint Mary and Saint Scholastica. See here for yourself what the banner will look like . . .

Six banners have been ordered and will be placed prominently in each of our six churches. If you would like to pay for the cost of one of the banners, they are $250 each. Please contact Fr. Dale DeNinno at your earliest convenience.



Our Prayer for Christ the King Parish

Heavenly Father,
our hearts are open to you
as we discover the mystery of your love
at work in our lives.
Help us to **rediscover** each day
the power of that same love
through the sacred gift of our Catholic faith.

Jesus our Lord,
in baptism we connect our lives with you
as disciples.
Help us to **reconnect** each day
and allow our faith life
to be nourished by your Word and Sacrament
through the prayer
of our weekly attendance at Mass.

Holy Spirit,
breathe into us faith, hope and love
as we commit ourselves
to a new and bold Pentecost.
Help us to **recommit** each day
through our energy and resources
to the life of our parish community.

Give us the grace
to **rediscover,**
to **reconnect**
and to **recommit**
to all that is good and holy.
You are God forever and ever.
Amen.

Peter's Pence Second Collection: Every year on the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul (June 29) a collection is taken to help support the worldwide charitable works of our Holy Father the Pope. The collection will be taken this weekend, June 26-27, at all the Masses in the churches of the Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Donations to Christ the King Parish: Beginning July 1, all checks should be made out to Christ the King Parish. Members of the four parishes who previously received envelopes will be mailed envelopes from the new parish, although please note that you will be assigned a new envelope number. In addition, this mailing will include weekly offertory envelopes. Any parishioners who previously received monthly envelopes may continue to donate with one check per month or may wish to consider creating a recurring online donation at LAVCatholic.org/giving. Anyone who would like to request offertory envelopes is encouraged to call the parish office.

Respect Life Meeting: There will be a meeting of the Respect Life Committee in the Saint Scholastica Parish Hall at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, June 30. All are invited to attend!

In need of assistance? If any parishioners are in need of yard work or outdoor maintenance, please contact Meredith Troyan. Our Camp Helping Hand students may be able to help you out July 6-9.

St. Joseph Preschool is now offering a late morning class for two year olds (two by September 1st) for the 2021-22 school year. The class will be held from 11:00am - 12:30pm Mondays and Wednesdays. If you are interested in registering, please contact the preschool office at terri@stjosephohara.com.

The Catholic Cemeteries Association is seeking telemarketers. Phone experience would be helpful, but not necessary. Work from home OR in the office located on Babcock Blvd. 20 hours per week. Must be available some evenings. Please send your resume to: lscotty@ccapgh.org

CHRIST THE KING PARISH

CAMP HELPING HAND

GRADES 5-8
JULY 6-9 * 9AM-2PM

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH PAVILION
342 Dorseyville Road Pittsburgh, PA 15215

We will work with local organizations to help those in need.
*Baking cookies for Family House.
*Planting flowers at the Veterans Place
*Cleaning up Church grounds
*Helping Parishioners in need

Register by June 28th * $25 Registration Fee
Please return registration to:
Meredith Troyan
309 Brilliant Avenue Aspinwall, PA 15215
Or email mtroyan412@gmail.com

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Child's Name_____

Child's Grade_____

Parent Name_____

Parent Phone Number_____

Parent Email Address_____

Give Online to Christ the King Parish

Parishioners and friends of *Christ the King Parish* can make one-time or recurring gifts directly on our parish website. Stop worrying about weekly envelopes or mailing in special donations or ministry program fees. Instead, give a gift at any time (from any device that connects to the internet) using a current email and checking account/credit card. It's simple and secure. You can even turn your tithe into an automatic gift that gives when and how often you'd like with your own online donor account.

Please go to LAVCatholic.org/giving to set up a donation now!

After July 1 you will be redirected to our new website at ChristtheKingpgh.org/giving.

Saint Scholastica's WeShare platform will not be accepting donations after July 1. Current WeShare donors should use our new online giving site to continue their support of the parish.

GIVE SERVE LIVE ©LPi

Members of our community who are in need of short-term assistance can contact the LAV Saint Vincent de Paul Society at loweralleghenyvalleysvdp@gmail.com or 412-254-4446.

The Aspinwall Homeless Ministry is not currently accepting donations of clothing. However, they are very much in need of non-perishable food items such as powdered or shelf-stable milk; soup (both condensed and ready to serve, especially beef or vegetable); and jelly or jam. Please leave donations in plastic bags in the gray bins at the Saint Scholastica church entrance. Donations of Giant Eagle gift cards are gratefully accepted. They can be brought to the Saint Scholastica parish office.

The St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is requesting donations of paper towels, tissues, and small packages of cookies. Donations can be placed in the following Church entrances:

Saint Edward Church and Saint Francis Church

Saint Joseph Church (Please leave donations in the drawer in the vestibule.)

Saint Scholastica Church (Please put donations in the red collection bin.)

Clothing Donations: The St. Vincent DePaul Society is accepting donations at the clothing collection bin in the back parking lot of Saint Francis Church.

The LAV parishes provide a hot meal for the women's shelter at Bethlehem Haven on the first Sunday of each month and the men's shelter at Community House on the fourth Saturday of each month. For details on how you can participate in this ministry, go to lavcatholic.org/homeless-ministry.

Stamp Out Hunger is occurring virtually this year. To donate, go to https://secure.qgiv.com/event/staouhun202/. Click on "Donate Now" and "Select a Pantry" to donate to St. Vincent de Paul of Sharpsburg. The post office currently has plans to do a food drive in the fall. Thank you for your support!

Remember to check those expiration dates! All of our local charities greatly appreciate your donations of non-perishable foods. Before you donate, please take a moment to check the expiration dates. Charities cannot accept expired food items.

Be Alert for Scams! If you ever get an email from one of our priests asking you to purchase gift cards, please delete it. Our priests will never contact you with such a request.

ADDICTION RECOVERY MINISTRY NEWS

Saint Francis Church • 2599 Freeport Road, Harmar
Monday thru Thursday 8am-4:30pm
412-218-5410 • rhaasarm@gmail.com
addictionrecoveryministrypittsburgh.org
Facebook: Addiction Recovery Ministry Pittsburgh

Substance Abuse from a Religious Perspective

By Fr. Michael W. Decewicz

—Continued—

I believe it is the obligation of religion, spirituality, and faith to combat the demon of shame that only speaks words of hate and death to the sufferer. It is faith's job to exorcise the demon of shame so that the sufferer can live and love.

Our job as people of faith is to be an ambassador of love, not an arbiter of judgment. We are commissioned to carry the message of love to all God's people, especially the hurting and broken. "Our Higher Power" is the essence or origin of life and love, calling us always to participate in the wonder and mystery of God's abundant, extravagant, and unconditional love.

So to answer the theme posed for this article, "Substance Abuse from a Religious Perspective," I would say that the cry, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" is the universal prayer that comes from the very depths of the one who suffers from a substance abuse disorder. This prayer of anguish leads the sufferer who embraces recovery to also say from the depths of his or her being, "All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord." (Psalm 22:28)

So religion, faith, and spirituality have a responsibility to embrace the sufferers, reminding them that they are sons and daughters of God, created in the Divine Image and entitled to a life that is joyful, happy, and free.

A.R.M. is collaborating with the Light of Life Rescue Mission to provide a monthly bagged lunch for their guests. Items needed for the Light of Life lunches include small bags of chips, tuna salad/chicken salad/ham salad with crackers in a box, fruit cups, big bags of candy or candy bars.

Beginning in August, please drop donations at Saint Francis Church, 2599 Freeport Road, or contact Rosemarie at 412-218-5410 or rhaasarm@gmail.com.

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only-begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

The Nicene Creed

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,

[*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.

First Reading: Wisdom 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.

Responsorial Psalm

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

Second Reading: **2** Corinthians 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.

Gospel: Mark 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 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.