

Silly Spiritual Things

Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Tal'itha cu'mi"; which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." And immediately the girl got up and walked (she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat (Mk 5:41-42).

The Gospels give us only some of the many miracles our Lord worked. They give them to prove that he was what he claimed to be — the Son of God and the long-expected Savior; and also to prove his compassionate understanding and sympathy for suffering humanity.

We must not forget, however, that the meaning of his miracles and his mission was lost on thousands of his contemporaries in Palestine, small though the country was. While great throngs followed our Lord and listened to his message and were interested in his mission, still great throngs remained at home, stolidly immersed in their worldly tasks and thoughts. They heard rumors about the man from Nazareth who was said to be the Messiah, and was supposed to be able to work miracles, but they were too practical, too sensible to listen to such rumors. They had no interest in the Messiah, or in silly spiritual things, they were fully occupied with their financial and worldly interests.

Has the world changed much in nineteen centuries? How many millions of nominal Christians ignore Christ and his Gospel today, millions who are too practical to waste time on such a silly thing as their eternal salvation! How many millions are spiritually sick and dying but who have not the faith, humility and confidence of Jairus, to cast themselves at the feet of Jesus and ask him to cure them? How fortunate would people be if they would repeat the leper's prayer: "Lord, if only you will you can make me clean"; if they could, like the suffering woman in today's Gospel, break through the throng of worldly pride, worldly interests and worldly associates and touch the hem of his garment; if they had the faith of Jairus; if only they could say to our Lord "come and lay your hands upon me so that I may be made well and live."?

Today, let us say a fervent prayer of thanksgiving to God for the gift of active faith which he has given us and ask him to keep that faith ever alive in our hearts. Let us think, too, of our fellowmen, our brothers in Christ, who are so busy with their worldly occupations and pleasures that they cannot find time to listen to his message. They are spiritually anemic and almost spiritually dead, but cannot push their way toward Christ through the throngs of earthly, worldly barricades which they have built about themselves. Our sincere prayers can help them to overcome these obstacles; frequently and fervently let us ask God to send them his efficacious grace so that these brothers in Christ will also be with him in heaven. Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, June 28

Gn 18:16-33/Mt 8:18-22

7:00 AM St. Mary Parishioners (private)*

12:30 PM John Edward O'Connor - 1st Anniversary

TUESDAY, June 29

cts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

7:00 AM St. Mary Clergy (private)*

5:00 PM Ann and Edward J. Smith

WEDNESDAY, June 30

Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Mt 8:28-34

7:00 AM St. Mary Homebound (private)*

12:30 PM Tom Castellani

THURSDAY, July 1

Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8

7:00 AM St. Mary Deceased Parishioners (private)*

5:00 PM Francis J. Healey

FRIDAY, July 2

Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Mt 9:9-13

7:00 AM St. Mary Youth (private)*

12:30 PM Claire Dibble

SATURDAY, July 3

Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29

8:00 AM Lewis Mezzo

4:30 PM St. Mary Parishioners

SUNDAY, July 4

Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

8:00 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory

9:15 AM St. Mary School (private)*

11:00 AM In Thanksgiving for GALE Auction
Supporters, Their Intentions and Deceased
Loved Ones

10:30 AM George Amatuzzi

12:00 PM St. Mary Youth (private)*

5:00 PM Veronica Haley

***PLEASE NOTE:** The above Mass intentions follow the old Mass schedule (pre-Covid). Every Mass intention will be honored; the priests of the Parish will say the scheduled Mass privately on the day it was requested if it is not part of the regular schedule. Please see the current Mass schedule on page 5.



Online Giving

Please continue to support our Parish with Online Giving. Go to our website to sign up. Call the Parish office if you would like assistance. Offertory can be mailed to St. Mary Parish, 55 Catoonah St, Ridgefield, CT 06877 or dropped off at Mass. ☺

Prayers for the Sick



Go to www.smcr.org to make a prayer request and to see those on the prayer list.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Please make your pledge online

at www.2021ACABridgeport.com or call 203.416.1470.

You may also donate by texting the word APPEAL to 475.241.7849.



BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family **Madeline Anne Frank, Luc Harold John Perkins, and Michael David Kohli** who were baptized last weekend.



PAINTING RESTORATION VOLUNTEERS

If you have expertise in restoring/cleaning antique paintings and would be willing to volunteer your time to help bring back to life our beautiful antique Stations of the Cross paintings for our newly renovated church, please contact Debbie Korniewicz at



dkorniewicz@smcr.org or call 203-438-6538, x 106. Thank you!



CALLING ALL COOKS!

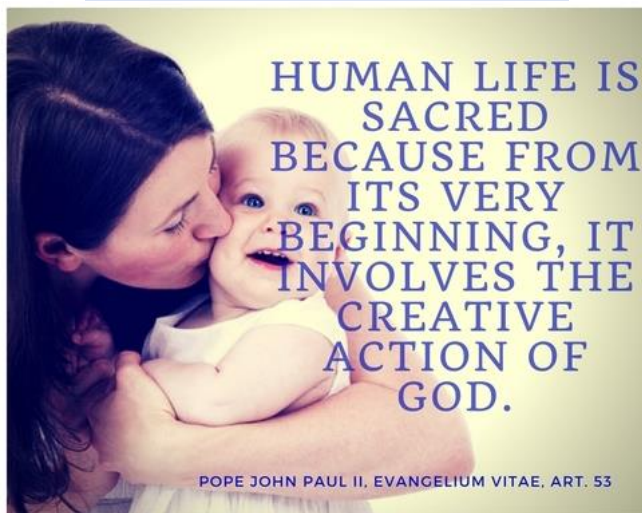
Join our Dorothy Day House of Hospitality volunteers to occasionally prepare salads and/or a tray of food for the main course that we serve the third Sunday of each month. Please contact mbreilly28@gmail.com if interested. Thank you!

Sr. Joan Honorary Fund

Helping Parishioners in Need

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RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE



FAITH
FAMILY
★HOME★

YOUTH & FAMILY

REGISTRATION

is now open for the 2021-2022 year! All families with children 0-18 (yes, even early childhood and high schoolers!) are invited to register—we've got a fantastic slate of activities scheduled for the coming year and hope you will be a part of it!" Go to www.smcr.org to register.



FAITH FORMATION CORNER Hospitality

Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him. It highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

"Hope opens new horizons, making us capable of dreaming what is not even imaginable."

- Pope Francis

Spam Alert - Please delete any emails or texts seemingly from Monsignor Royal that solicit money or gift cards.

Have you registered for FORMED yet? Go to www.formed.org to sign up and get free access to the best Catholic content! Books, movies, audio and more!

REGISTER ►

We invite and encourage you to officially register as a Parishioner. It's easy. Call our office or go to our website. We welcome you!

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE
1-800-273-8255, suicidepreventionlifeline.org



ST. MARY PARISH MEN'S MINISTRY

All men (18+) are welcome to join our very friendly Men's Ministry Community. Saturday morning meetings (6:45 to 8 AM) in the Hall begin with a valuable presentation followed by spiritual reflections/questions on the topic. At-will discussion of the questions at our 6-man tables, followed by group sharing of valuable insights. Individual prayer intentions end the meeting. Plenty of coffee and bagels to fuel our discussions. New members join us weekly and some members have been coming for 15 years. Join us and have fun with a purpose.



MARQUETTE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We offer Catholic men and their families an opportunity to explore their faith and share God's love through service to our priests, parish and community. Join 2 million Knights around the world as you share your time & talents. Learn more at www.KOFC.org or contact Phil Del Giudice, Grand Knight, at Compass_grp@yahoo.com.

PILGRIM VIRGIN

Our Lady's message to the world:
Do penance, amend your life, offend
God no more and pray the Rosary
daily for world peace and the
conversion of sinners. To arrange a
visit, call Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration Chapel

OPEN DAILY

10:00 AM- 4:00 PM

No masks required for the fully vaccinated.
 No limits on Adorers.



Saint Mary School
 RIDGEFIELD

We would love to tell you about what makes Saint Mary School so special. For more information, please contact principal Anna O'Rourke at (203) 438-7288, or visit www.smsridgefield.org.

Find us on FACEBOOK,
 INSTAGRAM, & TWITTER

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

4:30 PM Vigil Mass (Gym)

Sunday

8:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM
 (Hall)

10:30 AM (Gym)

WEEKDAY MASSES

(Gym)

Monday, 12:30 PM

Tuesday, 5:00 PM

Wednesday, 12:30 PM

Thursday, 5:00 PM

Friday, 12:30 PM

Holy Days of Obligation

Check website

*Easter and Christmas have
 special schedules

Our Mission:

LIVE the gift of our faith, **ENRICH**
 our understanding of that gift, and
PRACTICE our faith in
 compassionate service.

OTHER SACRAMENTS

Confessions

Tuesdays 4:15 PM
 Saturdays 3:00 - 4:00 PM
(HALL)

Baptism

Celebrated each Sunday
 (except holiday weekends)

*New parents must attend a
 pre-baptism class. Call
 Parish office to schedule both*

Marriage

Call Parish Office at least
 9 months prior to wedding

Anointing of Sick

Call Parish Office to make
 arrangements

*In case of serious illness or
 death in the family, call
 Parish Office immediately.*

CEMETERY

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