

“DO NOT BE AFRAID;  
*just have faith.*”

MARK 5:36



**Saint Andrew  
Catholic Church**

2100 SE Cove Road  
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Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30am  
Monday-Friday 7:30am  
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**Confession:**

Saturday: 2:30pm  
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**First Friday**

7:30am Mass followed  
by individual confessions

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7:30 Mass followed by individual  
confessions

**Pastor**

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Monsignor James Moore

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**Office Hours:**

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9am-12Noon  
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DRE: Mrs. Donna Hernandez



*June 27th, 2021 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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June 26	Sat.	4:00pm	Raymond & Elenor Chychota+
June 27	Sun.	7:30am	Michael Sessions+
June 27	Sun.	9:00am	John Brutvan+
June 27	Sun.	10:30am	The McCoy Family
June 28	Mon.	7:30am	Michael Magi+
June 29	Tues.	7:30am	Anne Murray+
June 30	Weds.	7:30am	Jim Tonra (Liv)
July 1	Thurs.	7:30am	The Harden Family+
July 2	Fri.	7:30am	Joseph P. Oreiro+
July 3	Sat.	7:30am	Bill & Mimi Zobie(Liv)
July 3	Sat.	4:00pm	Chuck Black+
July 4	Sun.	7:30am	Lois Frances Tupper Colasardo+
July 4	Sun.	9:00am	Theodore Lahiberte Sr. +
July 4	Sun.	10:30am	Michael Magi+
July 5	Mon.	7:30am	Sebastian Kütz+
July 6	Tues.	7:30am	Sebastian Kütz+
July 7	Weds.	7:30am	Eldon Holoubek+
July 8	Thurs.	7:30am	Sebastian Kütz+
July 9	Fri.	7:30am	Irene Morgan Hayes+
July 10	Sat.	4:00pm	Patricia McConnell+
July 11	Sun.	7:30am	Sebastian Kütz+
July 11	Sun.	9:00am	Robert Gianntonio+
July 11	Sun.	10:30am	Hugo M. Cinalli+
July 12	Mon.	7:30am	Dave Crane+
July 13	Tues.	7:30am	Maurice Morley+
July 14	Weds.	7:30am	Patricia Finnigan+
July 14	Weds.	6:00pm	Knights of Columbus
July 15	Thurs.	7:30am	Gintoli Family+
July 16	Fri.	7:30am	Robert Soffel+
July 17	Sat.	4:00pm	Shaun Murphy+
July 18	Sun.	7:30am	Edith Lagocki+
July 18	Sun.	9:00am	Candace Scirpo+
July 18	Sun.	10:30am	Neda Condie+



**Adult Education (RCIA)  
& Lectors**

Christine Michaelian  
Thursday 6:30pm-8:00pm

**Adoration**

Weds. Evenings 6-8pm  
in Church

**Servants of the Eucharist &  
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Kathleen Sullivan

**Annulments**

John Ginnetti

**Men of Saint Andrew  
Dave Olio**

Monday evening 6:30-8pm  
davidolio333@gmail.com

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Norma Olio  
1st Wednesday of each month  
10:30 am

**Pro-Life Ministry**

Michele Williams

**Bible Study**

Tuesday 10:00am  
Tuesday 6:30pm

**Ignatian Spirituality  
Prayer Group**

Weds. 8:30am-10:00am  
(Lenten Retreat Thurs. 8:30am)

**Disciples of Prayer**

Camille Lascari &  
Bob Greeson

**Parish Website**

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Michael Brennan

**Community Outreach**

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Please call for an  
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**Rosary Maker's Ministry**

Kathleen Sullivan  
Wednesday 10:00am

**Ushers**

Jane Engelbrecht  
ejanybrainy@yahoo.com

**Legion of Mary** Friday 8:15am



**Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

Please join us in praying the Chaplet after the daily 7:30am Mass.  
We pray for our Country, our Priests and for the Sanctity of Life.





# Prayers Before Mass

*June 20, 2021 The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*All of the information needed for today's liturgy is found in this bulletin, including Readings, and Responses.*



## Prayer to St. Michael

**Saint Michael the Archangel,** defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and the snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.



## **PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM STORMS**

God, our Father, Creator of the Universe and Lord over all creation, we humbly stand before you as your children in thanksgiving for your loving care and protection. We ask that you keep us safe from all hurricanes. Protect us from all fear and anxiety of storms and give us an ardent trust and hope in Your love and mercy. You alone have the power to command the sea, the wind and the rain. You alone bring peace, calm, and safety. Father, we thank you in advance, for you are our only Refuge. We ask this through Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**Mary, Queen of the Apostles, and  
Patroness of Our Diocese, pray for us.**

## **Penitential Act: A**

### **The Confiteor**

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

## ***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.**

## **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, **All bow at the words that follow, up to and including** 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 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.

## Gathering Hymn **FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH**

DIX



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry of the skies,
2. For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
4. For your Church, that ev - er - more Lifts its ho - ly hands a - bove,
5. For Your - self, O Gift Di - vine To our world so free - ly giv'n,



1. For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies:
2. Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon, and stars of light:
3. Friends on earth and friends a - bove; For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
4. Of - f'ring up on ev - ery shore A pure sac - ri - fice of love:
5. For that love from which will shine, Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:



1-5. Lord of all, to you we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

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

### **FIRST READING**

***A reading from the Book of Wisdom*** *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.

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

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalm 30:2,4,5-6,11,12,13*

**R. (2a) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

I will extol you, O LORD, for you drew me clear  
and did not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O LORD, you brought me up from the netherworld;  
you preserved me from among those going down into the  
pit.

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

Sing praise to the LORD, you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.  
For his anger lasts but a moment;  
a lifetime, his good will.  
At nightfall, weeping enters in,  
but with the dawn, rejoicing.

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

Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me;  
O LORD, be my helper.  
You changed my mourning into dancing;  
O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks.

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

### **SECOND READING**

***A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians*** *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.*

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

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel

Mark 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**  
A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 kourai*," 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.**

## Closing Hymn

### Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With

God as our Fa - ther, broth - ers all are we.  
fam - 'ly

Let me walk with my broth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.  
us each oth - er

Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment now.

With ev - 'ry step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow; To

take each mo - ment, and live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly!

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

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## The Bishops Speak

In their statement "Catholics in Political Life" (June 2004), the United States bishops said the following:

"We need to continue to teach clearly and help other Catholic leaders to teach clearly on our unequivocal commitment to the legal protection of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. Our teaching on human life and dignity should be reflected in our parishes and our educational, health care and human service ministries.

"We need to do more to persuade all people that human life is precious and human dignity must be defended. This requires more effective dialogue and engagement with all public officials, especially Catholic public officials. We welcome conversation initiated by political leaders themselves."



## Weekly Announcements



The Sanctuary  
Candles are for  
the intention of  
**William Ventresca+**



The Candles at the Shrine of Our  
Lady of Perpetual Help are for the  
intention of  
**Jackson Scott Pellegrino**



The Candle in the Adoration  
Chapel of the Two Hearts is  
for the intention  
of  
**Jim Tonra**

## Weekend Marriage Builders



### TOGETHERNESS

It takes time to build a sense of togetherness in marriage. But it also requires a couple to have shared priorities, values and goals. These questions can help you discuss where you feel your marriage is right now, and what each of you can do to make togetherness a higher priority in your relationship.

1. Do you feel the two of you are doing enough things together *outside* the home?
2. If you answered "yes" to the first question, are these activities things you enjoy doing, or are they more along the lines of duties you feel obligated to fulfill?
3. If you answered "no" to the first question, what new interests, hobbies and/or ministry involvements would the two of you enjoy doing together?

- The Marriage Partnership Staff

Revive

Saturday: 1 Corinthians 1:4-17  
Sunday: Colossians 2:2-13

"AND BEHOLD  
'I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS'  
TO THE END OF THE AGE."

- Matthew 28:20

## Adoration & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

The Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help is held on

**Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm; followed by  
Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction at 8:00pm.**

*The specific way that Jesus asks you to  
love Him in return is to spend one quiet  
hour with Him in the Blessed Sacrament.  
Where your treasure is, there is your heart...  
Could you not watch one hour with Me?*

*"(Mt 6:21; 26:40)"*

*Jesus will bless you, your family and the  
whole world for this hour of faith you  
spend with Him in the Blessed Sacra-  
ment. "Blessed are they who do not see and  
yet believe.." "Faith can move mountains..."*

*"What is needed is trust" "Behold I  
came to make all things new" (Jn 20:29; Mk 11:23,  
Mk 5:36; Rev 21:5)"*

Intention for: The Knights Council 6241 Blue Shirt Mass



**Not Living  
Happily Ever  
After? Try  
MARRIAGE  
BOOTCAMP**



Marriage Boot Camp is a Biblically focused program designed specifically to renew your relationship with not only your spouse, but with our Lord as well.

This is an intense 12-week process that will challenge you and your spouse spiritually and emotionally and reacquaint you both with God's plan for a joy filled marriage.

This program is currently under development, for more information:

Contact Deacon and Mrs. Louie Romero at  
561-775-9557  
or email [lromero@diocesepb.org](mailto:lromero@diocesepb.org)



## The Prayer Shawl Ministry

will be meeting first Wednesday of every month at 10:30am. We are happy to be back in our regular meeting room A in the church with social distancing and masks. We have continued making shawls to give to parishioners, their family and friends.

Anyone needing a shawl to celebrate and/or comfort loved ones, please contact the person listed in this notice. We have recently received requests from St. Andrew Flocknotes, which we are happy to respond to. We also thank donors who have supplied us with yarn. We welcome any new people who would like to join in this giving ministry.

contact: **Norma 772 919 5963 nolio91@gmail.com**

**"They maintain the appearance of godliness but deny its power..." (2 Timothy 3:5).**

**Reflection:** Abortion supporters used to call it a decision between a woman and her doctor. Now they say it's a decision between a woman and her God. They have run out of arguments to defend abortion, so they simply appeal to God as a way to shut down all argument. Meanwhile, pro-lifers have both the arguments and the God who is their foundation.

**Prayer:** Lord, preserve us from the misfortune of turning to you without seeking you, and from the deception of invoking you without listening to you. Amen. Pro-Life Reflections by Fr. Frank Pavone

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## Rosary

## Makers

## Ministry

**Please join us in learning how to make Rosaries. We supply all materials We meet Wednesday at 10:00 in Classroom C. For more information, please call the Church Office and leave your contact number.**



Religious Education Enrollment  
June 14th - June 30th

Application Packets may be picked up at the church front reception desk or printed from the [saintandrewcatholic.org](http://saintandrewcatholic.org) website.

**Complete packets are to be returned by appointment only on M/W/F only.**

**Please call 772-781-4415 ext. 214 to make your appointment .**

Include: Birth and Baptism certificates. And, any other sacrament certificates.

**Incomplete packets will not be accepted.**

### Fees

**Current registered families (using weekly offertory envelopes):**

First student –\$80                      Each additional student—\$20

**New registered families:**

First student –\$125                      Each addition student—\$30

There is limited space, so please register within the above time frame.



## **Ushers Needed for all Summer masses**

Your willingness to serve God as an usher reflects your commitment to Christ, to be a friendly and a welcoming presence to those coming to worship here at St. Andrew Catholic Church.

Please contact Jane Engelbrecht" at [ejanybrainy@yahoo.com](mailto:ejanybrainy@yahoo.com) or call 772-288-2265



We love having you as part of our Flock! Keep in touch with us via email and text!

Text **4ANDREW** to **84576** or connect with us online at [saintandrewcatholic.org/stay-in-touch](http://saintandrewcatholic.org/stay-in-touch)







## Last Will and Testament

Please Remember your Church  
**St. Andrew**  
In your Last Will and Testament

### Disciples of Prayer

St. Andrew's Church has established a ministry of prayer, "**St. Andrew's Disciples of Prayer**". If you or a loved one, friend or neighbor, has a need of prayer or, if you have a generous spirit and can spend 5 to 10 minutes a day praying for special intentions, please contact ;

**Camille at [qtcaccl@gmail.com](mailto:qtcaccl@gmail.com)**

or

**Bob at [cobra12220@aol.com](mailto:cobra12220@aol.com)**

to place someone on the prayer list, or if you are called by the Holy Spirit to pray.

### Make time in prayer for Dedication of weekdays

**Sunday** is dedicated to the Christ Resurrection and Holy Trinity.

**Monday** is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory and Holy Spirit.

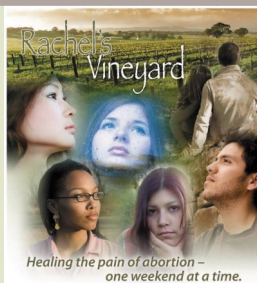
**Tuesday** is dedicated to the Guardian Angels (Holy Angels), Holy Face of Jesus and Saint Anthony of Padua.

**Wednesday** is dedicated to Saint Joseph.

**Thursday** is dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament.

**Friday** is dedicated to Christ Passion, Sacred Heart of Jesus and Precious Blood of Christ.

**Saturday** is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and her Immaculate Heart.



### STRUGGLING AFTER AN ABORTION OR A MISCARRIAGE?

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

RACHEL'S VINEYARD  
HEALING RETREAT

HOPE AFTER ABORTION and  
MISCARRIAGE: Experience the  
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Retreats are planned for this year 2021

For more information, call **Donna Gardner, at 561-602-4778** or **Emily Babylon-Gonzalez at 561-254-1728 for a retreat in Spanish.**

All calls are CONFIDENTIAL. For more information on Rachel's Vineyard, Check their website:

[www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

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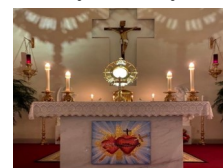
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**“Do not be afraid; just have faith” (Mark 5:36).** These four words, “Do not be afraid,” are spoken countless times throughout the Scripture. We should pay attention to them. Fear can paralyze us and lead us into many forms of foolish thinking and acting. The person who acts out of fear truly acts like a fool. That may seem harsh at first, but it’s not if you understand what it means. It simply means that a person acting out of fear cannot act rationally. Fear does great damage to a person’s ability to stay calm, remain focused and think clearly. That’s why the Scriptures speak so directly regarding this important spiritual point. Fear must give way to faith and trust in God (See *Diary* #626-627).

What is it that causes you the most anxiety, worry and fear? It’s a struggle we all deal with. There is no shame in admitting it. So what is it? Identify that which overwhelms you the most and you will identify that which God wants you to surrender in trust the most. Go to the heart of the struggle. Sincerely place that worry and fear into the Hands of God and trust. Trust that God is All-Powerful and capable of handling every situation. He may not change things the way you think they should be changed, but He will lift your burden and enable you to move forward without the fear that can easily paralyze and confuse you. Do not let fear dominate your life. Trust in God and let that trust transform you.

*Jesus, I do want to trust You and to entrust all my many burdens to You. I especially turn to You with (pause and state that which causes the most fear and anxiety). Please enter into this burden and lift it by Your gentle hand, replacing it with peace and great inner calm.*

**Jesus, I trust in You.** [Daily Reflections on Divine Mercy](#)

## Touching Jesus

### **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

She said, “If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured.” [Mark 5:28](#)

Here is an example of one who comes to Jesus with great faith. It’s a fascinating story, in that we are given the gift of being able to know her thoughts.

This woman had suffered greatly for many years. She tried everything she could to be cured by doctors. She spent all she had. And then, in this desperate state, the woman turned in faith to Jesus.

Perhaps she had had great faith throughout her life; we do not know. What we do know is that in her suffering, she was greatly humbled and was out of options. In this humble condition, she did what any saint would do. She held on to the conviction that Jesus was the answer. When all else failed, Jesus would not let her down. Perhaps she didn’t know if she would be physically healed, but she did know she had to turn to Jesus nonetheless.

There is a great lesson in this story, in that we must have the same depth of trust and the same commitment to turn to Jesus with our life. Even if we have not tried every other option in life, we must all embrace the witness this woman gives.

Turning to Jesus with deep certainty and faith means we know that His will is all that matters. It means that we choose Him above all else and in every circumstance of life. It means we do not only turn to Him with our problems, we also turn to Him with our joys and in our blessings. Everything we do must come from a deep interior conviction that Jesus is the answer to everything in life.

Perhaps that sounds like a bit much. Perhaps we have a habit of turning to Him only when everything else seems to fail us. But it shouldn’t be so. We are called to build a daily habit of seeking to “touch His clothes,” so to speak. This is a way of saying we must turn our heart, mind, will and soul to Him always.

Reflect, today, on how deep your habit is of reaching out to Jesus. Is He the first one you praise in your blessings? And is He the first one you turn to in your fears and struggles? Build this interior habit and you will see miracles of grace in your life.

*Lord, help me to always turn to You in all things. Help me to trust You when life seems hard and when things seem to fall apart. Help me to also turn to You in all the many blessings I receive. **Jesus, I trust in You.***