



Dear Friends in Christ,

All the Gospels tell of Jesus' healing powers and recall the many times he used them. Today our readings share two wonderful accounts through which is highlighted the gentleness with which he heals the two women he encounters.

Though often on the move, and surrounded by large crowds, Jesus was not impersonal or detached when he healed. Jesus took the time to see, restore, and vindicate. The use of terms such as *Talitha kum* in healing Jairus' daughter, and calling the woman with the hemorrhage *Daughter*, underlines this affection and concern.

Jesus didn't want these healings to be anonymous; he wanted to speak to the person, to look into their eyes, touch them, and not simply relieve them of physical symptoms. Thus, even though it is reported to him that Jairus' child has died, he goes to her, takes her hand, and tells her to *arise*.

In the case of the woman with the hemorrhage, however, it clearly seemed ridiculous to the disciples when Jesus asked, *Who touched me?* All they could see was the pressing crowd – a mob of anonymity. But Jesus saw more than that. His words break through that veil and a personal encounter follows.

How the afflicted woman must have sought that intimate encounter, while navigating the vastness of the crowd. Her heart full of faith and determination, she went directly to the One she knew could help her.

She came face to face with Jesus, who not only recognized her pain but also her faith and courage. His use of the term *Daughter* is one of the most beautiful moments in Scripture; she is not simply another needy face in the crowd, but a *Daughter*, just as the dying girl is a *little child*.

We are daughters and sons of the Father; Christ is our brother. He desires to heal us with compassion and love, however it is that we are broken. He desires this so much that he suffered and died, himself, that we might live. We can approach him as Jairus did, and as the woman in the crowd did, confident of his care and his desire for our good. Our faith in him will allow him to work in us for our sake, and that of the world.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Fr. Marco

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FIRST SECOND FRIDAY FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: Come join us on Friday, July 9th, for our monthly First Friday Family Movie Night! Well, actually, for July it will be the second Friday due to the holiday weekend the weekend before. This month we will enjoy the unstoppable James Cagney in the classic "Yankee Doodle Dandy". The doors to the social hall will open at 6:30 pm, with the movie starting at 7 pm. We do have a small snack bar available, with hopes of adding more items that you suggest!

THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED OUR IHM PARISH PICNIC: Dave, Jerry & the Kings for great music & a vibrant sound system; Mary, Kevin & Claire for balloons & hospitality tags 🎈🎈; Therese, Adam, Rhoda & Edwina for Environment set up; Martha, Jeff, Kenneth, Les & Fr. Marco for supplies; Grill Chefs Paul, Lisa, Ronnie & Jeff; buffet table team Marie, Edith, Lourdes & Thelma; Julián, Gary Faller 📣 Christa for signage & advertising ✓, Joy, Bob, Claire for "Photo booth" 📷; Helen, Susan, Denise for Best Picnic Dish competition 🏆; Bill, Donna, Rick, Susan for food area set up; Seminarian Kyle for taste-testing (for health and safety of course!); Jason & his team for clean up. Congratulations to Lupe Adar for winning the Best Dish with her delicious *Tres Leches* (three-milk) Cake! The next parish social involves ICE CREAM!

PARISH ITALIAN ICE/ICE CREAM SOCIAL As we continue to welcome back our community, please join us on Friday, July 23rd at 6:30 pm in the parish hall to enjoy Italian Ice or Ice Cream and fellowship with other parishioners.

LAZARUS COMMITTEE The Lazarus Committee is being reactivated at IHM. The purpose of this committee is to prepare a luncheon for the family and friends of a registered parishioner of IHM following a funeral liturgy. Please contact Pat (301-863-5133) or Linda (301-862-4180) if you are interested in setup, cleanup or prepare a side dish or dessert.

FIRST FRIDAY AND FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS The next First Friday Mass is July 2nd. We will have Mass at 9 am and 5:30 pm. First Saturday Mass is at 9 am on Saturday, July 3rd. All three Masses will be followed by confessions and Eucharistic Exposition.

ALTAR FLOWERS/SANCTUARY CANDLES If you would like to donate the Altar Flowers or Sanctuary Candles in memory or for special intentions of a loved one, please call the Parish Office or email at cindy@ihmrcc.org.

BULLETIN DEADLINE Please email your submission to bulletin@ihmrcc.org by Wednesday at 10 am prior to the Sunday of publication. All entries are subject to editing.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



June 28 — July 4

Monday 9:00 am	Gn 18:16-33/ Mt 8:18-22 Dornin Wong (S)
Tuesday 5:30 pm	Acts 12:1-11/ 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/ Mt 16:13-19 Louise and Leo Smith (D)
Wednesday 9:00 am	Gn 21:5, 8-20a/ Mt 8:28-34 Bill Meidinski (D)
Thursday 5:30 pm	Gn 22:1b-19/ Mt 9:1-8 Rose McDonald (D)
Friday 9:00 am 5:30 pm	Gn 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67/ Mt 9:9-13 Dornin Wong (S) Ray Dion (S)
Saturday 9:00 am 4:00 pm	Eph 2:19-22/ Jn 20:24-29 Keith Snider (L) All IHM Parishioners
Sunday 8:30 am 11:15 am 1:00 pm	Ez 2:2-5/ 2 Cor 12:7-10/ Mk 6:1-6a Hilda Steiner (D) Carolina Corpuz (D) Bruce Colby (D)

PART-TIME COORDINATOR OF RELIGIOUS ED, Our Lady's Church at Medley's Neck Faith-filled individual sought for position of CRE (8 hrs/wk). The CRE coordinates our Religious Education Program for approximately 40 students from 1st to 8th Grade. The program is mostly online with some limited in-person instruction. Position also serves as Child Protection Coordinator for the parish. For more info or to apply, please contact Our Lady's Parish Office at 301-475-8403.

PART-TIME PARISH BOOKKEEPER/HR ADMINISTRATOR, Holy Face Church in Great Mills Position is responsible for executing all aspects of the parish's accounting and HR activities, under the direction of the Archdiocesan Finance and HR offices. Ideal applicant has 3-5 years of relevant accounting experience. Applicants must be willing to meet Archdiocesan requirements for upholding Catholic identity, undergo a background check, and participate in child protection training. More details can be found at <https://adw.org/about-us/resources/career-opportunities/>.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. JACK Fr. Jack Kennealy, Pastor of St. Matthias in Lanham, MD and former IHM pastor, is leading a tour to the Holy Land May 22-June 2, 2022. Major biblical sites including Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Tabor, the Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem, are included. The cost is \$4,280, which includes hotel, airfare, and many meals. For additional information, please e-mail kennealyj@adw.org.

ENCOUNTER GRACE WOMEN'S RETREAT: 'BUT THEN JESUS' is a day and a half retreat at St. Aloysius Parish Hall, Leonardtown MD, Friday, July 23 (6:30 pm to 9 pm) and Saturday, July 24 (8 am - 3 pm). Featuring 4 talks, praise and worship sessions as well as opportunities to attend Mass, Adoration and confession, this retreat is designed to encourage women to rediscover where Jesus is working in their lives today and how to continue to grow deeper in relationship with Him. Tickets on sale now: www.encountergrace.co (NOT dot com).

HELP OUR MARRIAGE Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@HelpOurMarriage.org

PERPETUAL ADORATION Did you know our very own Immaculate Heart of Mary offers you the opportunity to participate in Perpetual Adoration? Some may ask "What is Perpetual Adoration?" Perpetual Adoration is a Eucharistic devotion whereby members unite in the adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament with the goal of adoring The Blessed Sacrament perpetually (24 hours a day). If you are interested, please call our adoration coordinator, Jeff Harmon, at 240-538-5017 or email adoration@ihmrcc.org for more information.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

THAT THEY MAY BE RESTORED TO FULL HEALTH

Audrey Somers, Louise Shafer, Helen Daye, Kathleen Floyd, Mary Oliver, Judith Ann Allgood, Vince Guerin, Jack Makin, Belle Riddell, Jane Keyon, Linda F. Gieser, Jim Brown, Ralph Gough Sr., Betty LePore, Dinnette Briscoe, Bill Wagoner, Paula Coxon, Cathy Lyon Moore, Vincent Campanella, Ray Dion, Lisa Riddell, Joseph Hugh Weiland

Please note: names will remain on this list for two months, unless otherwise notified. To keep a name on the list, please resubmit by contacting bulletin@ihmrcc.org, or call the Parish Office.

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

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FINANCIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR AMERICORPS OPPORTUNITY Catholic Charities' Financial Stability Network is recruiting a part-time AmeriCorps volunteer to provide financial education that will help clients create positive banking relationships. We are seeking financial education-related professionals who want to give back and who can serve about 18 hours/week. To learn more about the responsibilities and benefits of this role and to apply, visit this webpage or check our website: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer/>

ANNUAL DRIVE-THRU DINNER Sacred Heart Church in Bushwood is hosting their annual June Drive-Thru Dinner on Sunday, June 27th from 11 am until the food is gone! Menu includes: Fried Chicken, Crab Cakes, Country Ham, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Beets and Rolls. All Carry out is \$28. A Bake Table will be available outside.

LOYOLA ON THE POTOMAC, A Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner, MD is open for various retreat weekends, for both men and women. Directed and Private Retreats are also available. See our complete Retreat Schedule at:

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ST. JUDE'S CARE PACKAGE

PROGRAM In collaboration with Georgetown University Medical Center, Catholic Charities has created a St. Jude's Care Package Program to help support individuals in various challenging times by collecting personal necessity items that can help to ease their worries. To accomplish this, individual parishes are asked to help support this program by collecting specific items. The current focus is Huntington Disease families, patients and caregivers. Symptoms, which get progressively worse, including controlled movements, changes in behavior, emotion, judgment and cognition. A bin has been placed in the IHM foyer labeled "St. Jude's Project". Please consider donating to this worthy and easy project. In the bulletin or on lobby tables is a flyer listing requested items. A detailed explanation of some unfamiliar items is posted on the lobby bulletin board. The bin for this project will be available through June 30, 2021. Various programs exist in the care package program and if successful, when a project is complete another project can be initiated to help other various groups. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Bishop at kathleen.bishop@dc-cc.org or call parish office at 301-863-8184 and leave a message.

EVENT

Thank you for faithfully sharing

If you or someone you know is inquiring

YOU DON'T DESERVE TO BE ABUSED Domestic violence refers to a pattern of violent and coercive behavior by one adult over another in an intimate relationship. It can consist of repeated severe beatings or subtle forms of abuse, including threats and control. If you experience any form of abuse, please know that there is help. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233. To learn more about domestic violence, please visit www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace.

PERSONAL RETREAT DAY Are your days overcrowded, jam-packed, and busy, busy, busy? Jesus tells you to "Come away with me..." to Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center where your very own personal retreat awaits. During your personal retreat, from 8:30am-4pm, an experienced retreat director will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. The retreat schedule allows for one-on-one spiritual direction (optional), quiet reflection, Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration, plus continental breakfast and lunch, so you will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. Cost is \$120 per person. Advance Registration is required, and registrations will be limited to facilitate appropriate social distancing. Visit our website to register and to find more dates www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301-365-0612



Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP), St. Mary's County Chapter is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3). We are volunteers who build beds for kids ages 3-17 who don't have a bed of their own in St. Mary's and southern Calvert counties. All beds are delivered with NEW bedding – a pillow, twin sheets, and a comforter. All sponsorship money is tax deductible, remains local, and goes toward improving the well-being of kids in southern Maryland. Our mission is to make sure "No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in our Town." We are in need of support: monetary donations for lumber and mattresses; donations of NEW bedding: pillows, twin sheets, and comforters; volunteers to cut, sand, drill, assemble, stain, and deliver beds. With generous donations and a few volunteers, we provide needy children with safe, comfortable places to Sleep in Heavenly Peace. <https://www.shpbeds.org/chapter/md-st-marys-co>. Facebook@shpStMarysCo, deborah.faller@shpbeds.org, 844-432-BEDS (2337) ext. 5949

PO Box 112, Lexington Park, MD 20653, Request beds here: [shpbeds.org/request-bed](https://www.shpbeds.org/request-bed)