

SAINT MARY of the Assumption



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WEEKEND MASSES:

Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:00 pm

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ♦ JUNE 27, 2021

In Our Utter Helplessness...

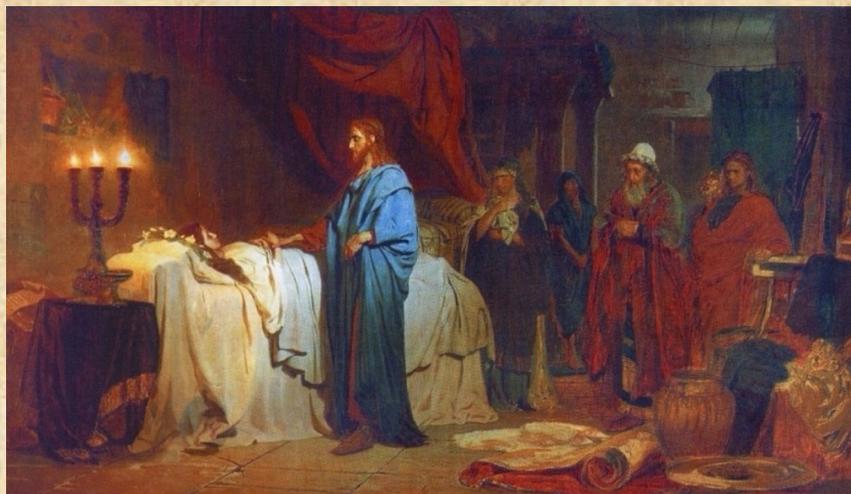
— Fr. Bosco Padamattummal —

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING (Mark 5:21-43) FOCUSES ON TWO PEOPLE FROM THE CROWD: a man whose 12-year-old daughter is at the point of death, and a woman whose lifeblood was draining out of her. The woman had been under the treatment of every available physician for twelve years (the same number of years as the man's daughter's age). These two helpless people are touched by the Lord's compassion.

The father of the girl is "Jairus," and he is one of the rulers of the Synagogue. As one of the rulers of the Synagogue, he is used to being in control. But when it came to saving his daughter's life, he was utterly helpless. And helplessness can drive a person to abandon all pride and dignity even to the point of begging: "Seeing Jesus, he fell at HIS feet" and made his desperate plea. "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." We can

imagine how quickly Jairus wants to guide Jesus through the crowds pressing in on HIM to get HIM to his home where his little daughter is "at the point of death."

But as Jairus pushes through the throng saying, "Make room, make room," suddenly Jesus stops, and looks around at the crowd saying, "Who touched me?" This is one the most engaging scenes in Mark's gospel. Jesus' disciples are incredulous. HE is so deeply immersed in our humanity that they fail to recognize HIS divinity — *continued on p. 2*



St. Mary's Parish Weekly Calendar ❖ June 26-July 4, 2021
 Mass Intention [requested by], & parish activities

SAT. JUNE 26 *Weekday (opt. mem. Blessed Virgin Mary)*

Gn 18:1-15 • Mt 8:5-17

3:30-4:30pm Confession

 ▶ 5:00pm VIGIL MASS for the 13th Sunday
 in Ordinary Time: For the People

SUN. JUNE 27 *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

 Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24
 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15
 Mk 5:21-43 (or 5:21-24,
 35b-43)

8-8:15 and 10-10:15am Confession

 ▶ 8:30am MASS: † Eddie Walz
 [Leon & Eileen Ball]

 ▶ 10:30am MASS: † Fr. Charlie Irvin
 [Pete & Inge Roncoli]

MON. JUNE 28 *Memorial: St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr*
Gn 18:16-33
Mt 8:18-22
 ▶ No Monday Masses in Manchester
 during the summer months

TUES. JUNE 29 *Solemnity: Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles*

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

 ▶ 8:30pm MASS: † Ann Becktel
 [St. Mary's Altar Society]

WED. JUNE 30 *Weekday (opt. mem. The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church)*
Gn 21:5, 8-20a
Mt 8:28-34
 ▶ 8:30pm MASS: † Fr. Charles Irvin
 [The Achtenberg Family]

THUR. JULY 1 *Weekday (opt. mem. St. Junipero Serra, Priest)*
Gn 22:1b-19
Mt 9:1-8
 ▶ 8:30am MASS: † Tom Burch
 [John & Beth Ball]

FRI. JULY 2 *Weekday*

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

 ▶ 8:30am FIRST FRIDAY MASS:
 INT. Fr. Bosco's special intention
 [John & Beth Ball]
 [NO Exposition & Adoration this month]
 Confession 8-9pm

SAT. JULY 3 *Feast: St. Thomas, Apostle*
Eph 2:19-22
Jn 20:24-29
 ▶ 8:30am FIRST SATURDAY MASS:
 † Don Christian [Karen Christian]

3:30-4:30pm Confession

 ▶ 5:00pm VIGIL MASS for the 14th Sunday
 in Ordinary Time: For the People

SUN. JULY 4 *Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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


8-8:15 and 10-10:15am Confession

 ▶ 8:30am MASS: † Dick Krzyzaniak
 [His loving wife Shirley Krzyzaniak]

 ▶ 10:30am MASS: † Virginia Harman
 [Kathy & Martin Brogley]

FR. BOSCO'S ARTICLE FROM PAGE 1, continued:
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and treat HIM as though HE were “one of us.” They said, “You see the crowds pressing around you, and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’”

It was the woman with the unstoppable flow of blood. Anyone who is with such sickness is considered unclean; they cannot be in a crowd or touch a clergy – that would make the clergy ritually unclean. But she was “helpless.” And in her helplessness, she was desperate. And in her desperation, she thought, “If HE can’t touch me, then I’ll touch HIM.” And, “If I touch even HIS garments, I will be made well.”

Most probably she thought that with the crowd pressing in on HIM, HE would never even know. As she touched HIS garment from behind, “she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.” When she realized that she wasn’t going to get away anonymously as she had hoped, and knowing what had happened to her, she was now more afraid than she had been. We read, “In fear and trembling, she came and fell down before HIM and told HIM the whole truth.”

What she doesn’t yet understand is that it is for this, for her, that HE has come into the world. HE wants to touch and be touched by the helpless so that HIS power may go out of HIM and heal them. HE will give HIS very body in the bread and HIS very blood in the wine precisely for this reason and to this end – that the harassed and helpless of every generation to the very end of the age, might touch and be touched by HIM.

While all of this is going on, the clock is ticking for Jairus’ little daughter. What must poor Jairus have been thinking through all this when Jesus was delayed with the healing of this woman. (This sort of delay happens again, when HE is told that HIS dear friend Lazarus is ill.) HE delays in going to this little girl who is “at the point of death,” and as with Lazarus, HE delayed too long.

“While HE was still speaking” to the woman, “there came from the ruler’s house some who said, ‘Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?’” While Jesus may be able to help the living, what would you do if you were Jairus? Would you be angry at Jesus for delaying and getting distracted by a “lesser” case than your little daughter? After all, it wasn’t as if the bleeding woman was “at the point of death.” Or would you have just figured that “this illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it?” (Jn 11:4)

But before Jairus can say anything, Jesus speaks to him. “Do not be afraid; only believe.” After a bit of ridicule and mocking from the professional mourners, Jesus throws them all out of the house and takes the mother and father into the room where their little daughter was lying.

Her father had asked Jesus to lay HIS hands on her, but HE “takes her hand” and speaks to her as though HE can speak all the way into death itself. HE speaks HIS Word into her dead ears. “*Talitha kum.*” “Little girl, arise.” And by the power that HIS Word has to create everything from nothing, “immediately the girl got up and began to walk.” And her mother and father, “overcome with amazement,” praised the Lord. Their hearts were with the Psalmist’s: “You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever” (Ps. 30:11).

Dear brothers and sisters, in our utter helplessness as well, our Lord is moved with compassion. We have to pray with the Psalmist, “O Lord, be my helper!” (Ps.30:10). And HE will stretch out HIS hand and touch us with HIS body and blood and say, “Do not fear; only believe.” Wherever you are living drained of life, touch the clothes of Christ. Connect to HIM. Let them transfuse you with HIS life, HIS love, and HIS power. Touch and be healed. Touch and go in peace. †

Birthday Blessings!

JUNE 28
 John Ball
 Timothy Gouwens
 Ann Marie Klepi

JUNE 30
 Deanna McClain
 Josephine Rickert
 Suzanne Tracy

JULY 1
 Whitney O’Hotzke

JULY 2
 Eileen Doyle

JULY 3
 Peter Remski

Altar Flowers

JUNE 27, 2021

**For + Gerald Damian
 on the 4th anniversary
 of his death**

[Claudia Damian]

**FYI: Due to the 4th of July
 holiday weekend,
 we will not have
 First Friday
 Exposition and
 Adoration on July 2.**



MORE than just Ice Cream!

Does a pulled BBQ sandwich, German potato salad, or Kielbasa and savory sauerkraut sound good to you? These are just a few of the items on the menu for ST. MARY'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL scheduled for **Thurs., July 22**, from 4:30 to 7:30pm. Enjoy a beautiful summer evening with neighbors and friends on the lawn at St. Mary's Church.



Visit Aquinas College this summer!

Aquinas College welcomes high school students to their campus this summer to experience firsthand what it means to be a Saint! Visit opportunities include Personal Visits, Information Sessions, and Twilight Tours. Come discover why small is mighty! Details and registration can be found at aquinas.edu/visit

Ignatian Weekend at St. Francis Retreat Center

For men and women on **the weekend of July 9-11**, this silent retreat includes an overview of Ignatian spirituality, the Examen Prayer, practice of Lectio Divina, and meeting with a spiritual director. Fr. David Rosenberg, director of St. Francis Retreat Center, will be the Rector for this retreat. It begins with registration at 6pm on **Friday, July 9**. The opening session will consist of orientation and an introduction to the rest of the weekend. Cost is \$185 per person and includes meals, materials, lodging, and spiritual direction. For more info on this and other retreat opportunities or to register, visit www.stfrancis.ws/retreats



Please let Fr. Bosco know...

- ✦ **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** If you are interested in serving on this advisory board, there are now openings. Please contact Fr. Bosco to let him know you are interested and for more details about serving.
- ✦ **CONFIRMATION:** Youth over the age of 12 who have already received Baptism and Holy Communion are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. If your child is ready to begin preparation in the fall, please let Fr. Bosco know.
- ✦ **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** "Let the children come to me" (Mt. 19:14). Please contact Fr. Bosco if your child is ready to prepare this fall to receive their First Holy Communion.
- ✦ **ADULTS EITHER INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC OR WHO NEVER RECEIVED CONFIRMATION** should contact Fr. Bosco.
- ✦ **THE ELDERLY, SICK AND DYING:** If someone you know is in need of a priest, please talk with Fr. Bosco as soon as possible.



Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: August 25

To say "thank you" to volunteers of all sorts – workers at fish fries/ICS/funeral luncheons, parish/finance/cemetery council members, parish office help, those who assist at Mass, cleaning crews, fundraiser support, prayer warriors generous donors, and so many more – the parish will host a "Volunteer Appreciation Dinner"! Please save the date of **Wed., August 25** to attend. It will be a lovely event for the whole family. More details in the coming weeks.



A Prayer for Independence Day

Guide us as we work together to build a society in which everyone has the opportunity to live with dignity and hope. Help us to be witnesses of Christ's love by practicing charity and promoting justice and peace throughout the world. Strengthen us with fortitude to choose the values of our faith as we exercise Our responsibility as citizens. Inspire us to build a world of greater respect for human life and dignity. Restore us when our spirit grows weary, and bless us in our journey home to You.



The SANCTUARY LAMPS are burning this week for the following intentions:
PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK...

- 1) On the 32nd anniversary of our wedding on July 1. Missing you + Tom (Love ~ Jo)
- 2) For the repose of the soul of +Joan Walkowe (Jim & Marja Warner)



Update...

ST. MARY'S SUPPORT OF THE 2021 DSA

Our parish goal: \$28,871

As of June 21 **80 families** have supported DSA with **\$32,621** or **113%** of our goal!

REMEMBER: Half of anything over 100% (now \$1,875) comes back to the parish!

Please Pray for...

- John and Pam Wils
- Ollie (friend of Claudia Damian)
- Natalie (sister of Jane)
- Christy Woody and family
- Judy Fahey
- Barbara (Kemner) Haas
- Kay Lantis
- Jerry Kripas
- Art (friend of Claudia Damian)
- Delores Oakley,
- Joe Kirk
- Bruce Sommers
- Joyce Stein
- Loretta Widmayer
- Connie Stancato
- Susie (from the Flower Garden)
- Michelle Lazar
- Scott Sangster
- Angie Chipp

...and for the repose of the soul of
† Dramane Ramdè



St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Stewardship

WEEKLY COLLECTION Sunday, June 13, 2021

Sunday Env (66) \$ 4,057.00
Welcome & Loose 150.00
E-Giving (2) 465.10
Easter (1) 25.00

Combined toward budget: ... \$ 4,679.10
Budget goal: 5,300.00
Amt **BELOW** goal: - \$ 602.90

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Bldg. & Maint (1) \$ 165.00
E-Giving Bldg & Maint (1) 350.00
Poor Box 102.00
Votive candles 39.00

NEED HELP? ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION:
Call (800) 57WOMAN (800-579-6626) – OR – Text for Help: "HELPLINE" to 313131

Need Help? PROJECT RACHEL (post-abortion reconciliation and healing) Call the confidential phone line: 517-993-0291, or email nlc@resurrectionlansing.org

NEED HELP? "COURAGE" is a Catholic spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction. "ENCOURAGE" is a separate support group for families & friends. For info in the Diocese of Lansing, call 517-342-2596 or email caverart@comcast.net

NEED HELP? An "AA" group meets Fridays at 7:00pm at Emanuel Church, 324 W Main St. (next door to St Mary's)