

June 27th 2021
 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Jesus' power over sickness and death.

In today's Gospel we have two more of the miracles referred to in last Sunday's introduction.

These miracles show that Jesus' power can overcome sickness and even death. The reading from Wisdom serves as a backdrop to this message. God did not create human beings to destroy them, but that they should enjoy a blessed immortality.

Both the woman with the haemorrhage and the daughter of Jairus were beyond the help of any earthly power. The great faith of the woman and Jairus is stressed. Both believed that Jesus possessed a supernatural power to heal. Both miracles are signs of God's power, restoring life and health through Jesus. The raising of the little girl is a foreshadowing of Jesus' gift of eternal life to all who believe in him.

Liturgical Celebrations

Tuesday—Saint Peter and Saint Paul

Tradition says that these two apostles, honoured since the earliest days, were martyred in Rome. Peter, a fisherman, was chosen by Jesus to be his disciple. After Simon confessed that Jesus was the Christ, Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter and told him it was on this rock (*petra*) that he would build his Church. Acts records that, after the Ascension, Peter was indeed "Chief of the Apostles". From the middle of the 3rd century onward, documents show that the bishops of Rome were recognized as the successors of Peter.

Paul's experience of the risen Christ resulted in his conversion from a zealous persecutor of the Christians to an apostle. Tradition tells us that Paul was martyred for the faith about the year 66. Paul called himself "Apostle of the Gentiles".

This Week

Monday, June 28

7:00pm Mass Int Dianne Hanchiruk

Tuesday, June 29

6:00am Meeting Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)
 10:30am Mass St. Augustine's School (private)
 7:00pm Mass +Eustace Gomes

Wednesday, June 30

8:30am Bapt
 7:00pm Mass +Anita Carsola

Thursday, July 1

8:00am Mass **Happy Canada Day!**
 +Rose Kuzik

Friday, July 2

8:00am Mass **First Friday Adoration**
 +Chun Ho Lee

Saturday, July 3

8:00am Mass
5:00pm Mass +Christopher Lep

Sunday July 4

9:00am Mass
11:00am Mass Int Warren Baxter
12:00 noon to 1:00pm Holy Communion at St Augustine's
5:00pm Mass

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RCIA CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES

Ka Kit Chiam
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 Mariska Nathan
 Damon Crowx
 Jesse Lu
 Janessa Hitsman
 Jimena Perez

This Sunday we will be celebrating the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion with our RCIA Candidates and Catechumens. They have been journeying since September in the way of our faith. Please welcome them into our faith community and keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith with us.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation -2021

Five celebrations of the Sacrament of Confirmation took place in the week of June 13 – June 17, ensuring that all of our young parishioners who had been preparing could be confirmed.

The Liturgies were beautifully prepared, with Confirmands serving as greeters and lectors, and Father Andrew's homily thoughtfully linked the young people's world of wifi to their new role as being more deeply connected to their Faith. Father reminded them that, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, they are now called to lead others to Christ ~ a challenge that they were all eager to embrace.

From the voice of a senior in our parish, invited to attend virtually

Your Faith Has Made You Well

In Sunday's gospel we hear two miracle stories. We have a young girl on her death bed, brought back to life by Jesus and we also have the woman that has been unwell for many years. In both cases Jesus "saves" them. In the first story Jesus takes an active approach and goes to the girl. He is summoned by those that love her and are pleading for her life, as she isn't capable of asking for Jesus' help. In the other story, we see that all that is needed is for the woman to believe that Jesus will heal her.

If all the woman had to do was have faith, why then, had she been suffering for so long? It is entirely possible that this woman had only just learned of Jesus. We know that his ministry didn't last very long, and that at this time she had been hemorrhaging for 12 years. How can this be relevant to us, as most of us have known about Jesus for our entire lives? Well, we may know of him, but do we know him?

Like this woman, we may feel at times like we are alone; that we have explored all of the options, consulted all of the experts, and still nothing can make us whole. The question we can ask is, what is Jesus doing during this time of pain. It can feel like he isn't paying attention to us? Why do we have to go through pain and suffering in our lives?

I recently read these words by Father Ron Rolheiser *"I'm convinced that God calls each of us to a vocation and to a special work here on earth more on the basis of our wounds than on the basis of our gifts. Our gifts are real and important; but they only grace others when they are shaped into a special kind of compassion by the uniqueness of our own wounds. Our unique, special wounds can help make each of us a unique, special healer."* If Jesus were to come and heal all of our wounds or even allow them to never happen, what would we have to offer our community? We need to know pain and suffering so that we can be merciful within our community. We will know Christ by knowing each other. If I have learned nothing else through my journey as an Oblate associate, it is the importance of community.

As for the young girl, there will always be times that we are incapable of asking for help, and this is another reason why community is so important. We are called to live in community, to know each other's gift and talents, as well as each other's needs; so that when things have gotten to the point that we are facing certain death, there will be others to intercede for us.

And so, through knowing community and having faith in Jesus, He will always make himself available to us. Even when we think he isn't paying attention to us, when it feels like it is too late; or when we feel we have tried everything. And isn't that the whole point? Everything will not be ok, until we turn our lives over to Jesus. We can consult all of the doctors, and experts we like. And even though it may help for a while, even if we feel that we are healed; the need for faith is eventual. We need to have faith and trust in God. We can come to Him at any time. Jesus and our belief in him can make the impossible possible. And only then, through our faith will we be made well.

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