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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JUNE 30, 2024

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday, July 6 - 4:30 p.m. - St. Vincent de Paul - ♥*For the Faithful*

Saturday, July 6 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph - †*Rita David*

Sunday, July 7 - 9:30 a.m. - St. Agnes Hall - †*William "Junior" Peitzsche*

Sunday, July 7 - 11:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea, Canso - †*Mary Cecile Sampson*

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 4 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Anthony's Chapel - ♥*For the Faithful*

COMMUNION CALLS - If you know of anyone who is unable to get out to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the parish office to have their name added to the list.

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS:

Faith in the Healing Power of Jesus Christ ~Jesus attracted a lot of people around himself especially sinners in need of repentance and others in need who came to Jesus for the fulfillment of one need or another. The gospel of today presents various instances of people who came to Jesus asking for help over sickness, death, and so on. One thing that Jesus demands from believers who pray to him to deliver them from their difficult situation is faith just as in today's gospel. The First Reading, taken from the book of Wisdom, explains that God's plan for His children is that of life in abundance but the devil brings death. God created human beings in His image and likeness; in so doing He elevated the status of human beings as special creatures, and as the book of Wisdom says 'to imperishability'. Jesus by curing the sick and raising the dead demonstrates that his coming into the world is to restore man to the original state of God's blessing of bliss, destroyed by the devil. In Jesus, we see the infinite love of God extending to everyone who turns to him with the confident expectation that he will do the needful. In both cases in the gospel of today, God was able to work a miracle through Jesus because both, the woman and Jairus, had faith in the healing power of Jesus. **What about you? Do you have faith that Jesus can heal you from whatever sickness that you have been battling with for so many years? Do you have the faith that God will see you through the difficult challenges that you are going through in life? Never give up and put your entire faith in God!**

STAR OF THE SEA NEWS

Property/Finance Committee - Tuesday, September 3 at 6:15 p.m. New members needed!!

Ministries Schedule, July 7

Lector - Harry Delorey

Cleaners - July 7 - 13 - Harry Delorey

Ways & Means - Tickets on a camping package are available from committee members, Draw date July 9. If you would like to donate a camping item/gift card, it will be most appreciated.

ST. AGNES NEWS

Club 100 winners - Congratulations to Carla Connors, Ronalda Boudreau, Isabelle Boudreau, Bernice Munroe, and Annette Haines. Thank you for your ongoing support, much appreciated.

Bingo - Sundays at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall

ST JOSEPH NEWS

Regular Weekly Bingo - continues Saturdays, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Joseph Parish Hall.

St Joseph Annual Parish Picnic

Sunday June 30 - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Banana Split and Ice Cream Sundaes

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU!

Star of the Sea (24) 430.00

St. Agnes (19) 250.00
Loose 25.00

St. Joseph (16) 142.00
Loose 10.00

St. Vincent de Paul (4) 55.00

NOTES

Canada Day - July 1 is Canada's 157th birthday! We should seek to be witnesses to Christ and to continue working for justice and peace in Canada and throughout the world. Celebrate well, Happy Canada Day!

Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou, Cape Breton, Gift Shop is now open seven days a week as follows:

Monday to Saturday - 10am to 4pm

Sunday - 11am to 5pm

The Shrine is open daily for visitation as it has been all winter. For inquiries 902-945-2221

Saint Ninian Parish Foundation presents TIGH DHE - a concert of Sacred & Celtic music - MONDAY, July 8th, 7:00pm, Saint Ninian Cathedral. Featuring St. Ninian's Cathedral Choir, Celtic Ladies, Anne Holton, Jodie Alcorn, Brenna Conrad, Mary Beth Carty, John Pellerin, Heather, Maclsaac, Grant School of Highland Dance Artistic Director: Emery van de Wiel. Admission by Donation - Suggested Donation \$20

FREE MARRIAGE PREP COURSE

Sunday June 30th at St Joseph Church in North Sydney - 10 am to 3 pm. Starting with Mass at 10 am with a homily on the marriage laws of the Church. Followed by sessions in the hall on finances, spirituality, sexuality, children, communication and a free lunch. All couples being married in the Diocese are welcome. Register by calling the parish office at 902-794-3951

June 30, 2024 • 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B

Willing to Touch

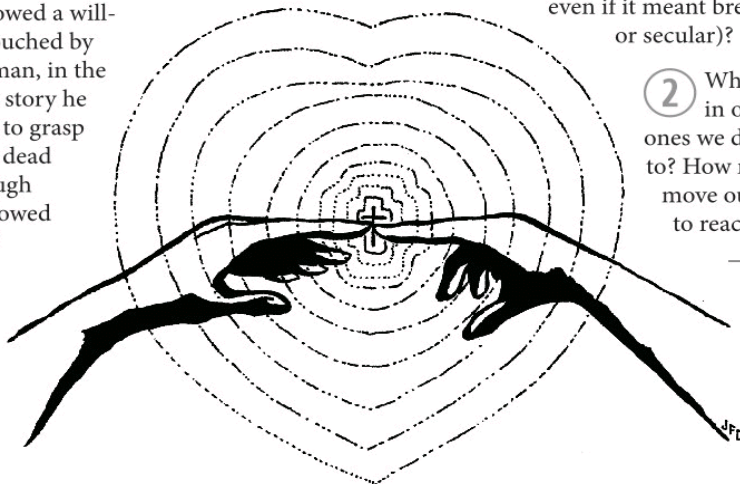
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 - God's justice and its rejection by the wicked
- ▶ 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15 - Liberal giving
- ▶ Mark 5:21-43 - The daughter of Jairus; the woman with a hemorrhage

Two unrelated healing miracles are connected here by the mention of "12 years." The woman with the hemorrhage is said to have been bleeding for 12 years (i.e., she has been menstruating for 12 years continuously!). Jewish laws forbid others to touch her because the flow of blood made her unclean. Others would have kept their distance from her because touching anything she touched or sitting anywhere she sat would also spread her uncleanness to them. Her illness made her a social outcast by cutting her off from the rest of the public.

The woman knew that legally she wasn't supposed to touch anyone else. That is why she approached Jesus secretly—to make contact with him without anyone knowing. She believed in his power to cure her but didn't want to be disrespectful by making him unclean. When he feels the power go out from him, his question about who touched him isn't an accusation, but a desire to find out who had such faith in him. When he hears the woman's story, he responds with compassion, sending her off in peace.

Just as Jesus showed a willingness to be touched by an unclean woman, in the next part of the story he doesn't hesitate to grasp the hand of the dead child, even though Jews weren't allowed to touch a dead body without becoming unclean. When the girl is revived, we learn



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“Do not be afraid; just have faith.”

Sheepish Question:
Is there something that I've been afraid to ask of Jesus?

she was 12 years old, the age that was typical for girls to begin menstruation. Jesus has brought her back to life just at the point when her body will have the capacity to create life.

Questions of the Week

- 1 The woman with the hemorrhage showed a lot of courage in breaking Jewish laws to approach Jesus in a crowd to touch him. Whom do you know who has dared to do what is right even if it meant breaking the law (church or secular)?
- 2 Who are the “untouchables” in our society today—the ones we don't like to be too close to? How might we be called to move out of our comfort zones to reach out to them?

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