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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. Spanish (piano & cantor)

Sunday

8:00 a.m. English (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. Spanish (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. English (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays	8:30 a.m. Spanish (Mon-Fri.)
	7:45 a.m. Vietnamese (Sat)

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

At the parish office by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. open (5 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed)

MONDAY - THURSDAY 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JESUS' EXAMPLE OF HELPING OTHERS



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In today's second reading Paul offers a wonderful argument to his converts at Corinth for seeking to help those in need. He is dealing with a practical problem, arranging a collection for the poor of the church of Jerusalem; but as he often does, he develops an important teaching about Jesus to make his point.

After asking that they show their faith by generous gifts, he reminds them of 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" (2 Corinthians 8:9). In the Incarnation our Lord assumed our human nature, certainly becoming poor for one who is God. The ultimate gracious act of this poverty was going to the cross with all its terrible sufferings. By this act of poverty we definitely become rich. Now our sins can be forgiven; we can share in the very life of God through the sacraments; we can attain eternal salvation!

As always on Sundays in Ordinary Time, the Old Testament reading illumines today's Gospel. In the longer form, Jesus performs two healings; and the Book of Wisdom proclaims our God the God of life, who "fashioned all things that they might have being" and formed human beings in "the image of his own nature," to be "imperishable" (Wisdom 1:14; 2:23). People of faith, therefore, choose to live God's "undying justice (righteousness)" (1:15) in this mortal life, thus beginning, even now, the undying life for which we were created. To choose otherwise is to choose the other side: the devil and death (2:25). Mark presents the two healings as a story within a story, a "story sandwich," a literary device that reinforces his message for those who originally would have heard, not read, the story. Mark wants to emphasize an essential truth of his Gospel: that Jesus does not perform miracles to compel faith, but rather that faith precedes healing.

WHY BOTHER?

So Mark seems to be asking us: Like Jairus on his way home or like the woman after twelve years, will we wonder, why bother? Or keep walking in faith with Jesus? Is a silent touch of Jesus' garment—a quiet prayer of faith—enough for us? In the face of apparent hopelessness, will we choose faith over despair despite the ridicule of the crowd, remembering that Jesus has grasped us by the hand in baptism and commanded us to rise? Note the Gospel's ending: after bidding Jairus' daughter rise, Jesus commands that she be given something to eat (5:43). So, too, Jesus invites us now to feast at his eucharistic sacrifice and banquet!

First Reading — God did not make death, nor does God rejoice in the destruction of the living (Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

Second Reading — Your abundance should supply the needs of the others (2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15).

Gospel — Your faith has saved you (Mark 5:21-43 [21-24, 35b-43]).

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JUST HAVE FAITH

Jairus' daughter is the child of an important, privileged man, who publicly seeks out Jesus and loudly proclaims—and demonstrates—his faith, "falling at Jesus' feet and pleading earnestly with him" (5:22-23). The anonymous woman virtually "sneaks up behind" Jesus and, though clearly filled with faith, keeps that faith to herself until Jesus draws "the whole truth" out of her after her cure (5:27-28, 33). All the more impressive, then, that Jesus delays his healing of the seemingly "more important" and younger woman for the unknown, truly marginalized older woman. Returning to the "domestic church," so to speak, of Jairus' house from the public setting of the older woman's cure, Mark tells us that Jairus' daughter has died. In the face of a hopelessness even more definitive than that of the hemorrhaging woman, people tell Jairus "why trouble the teacher any longer?" (5:35). But Jesus does not consider his response to Jairus' faith hopeless or a bother: "Do not be afraid; just have faith" (5:36). Despite death's apparent triumph at Jairus' home, Jesus grasps the child's hand—even though the law prohibited touching the dead—and bids her, "*Talitha kum*—Little girl, I say to you, arise!" (5:41).

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Who's More Generous?

Does the Christian duty to help the poor seem to be overwhelming? We hear more and more are out of work, more and more are homeless, and we see more and more pictures of starving children. Even in St. Paul's time there was more than enough poverty to go around. He was trying to build interest (in our second reading) in a project to help the Christians in Jerusalem. We see two of his reasons here.

First he tells what fine Christians they are, and hopes that they will be just as good in giving to his collection. (Reminds me of letters from the bishop, telling parishioners how good and generous they have been in the past.) But Paul isn't just flattering the Corinthians; he is challenging them to continue to show their love for God in their support for fellow Christians. The second reason was to show a good example: By helping the church in Jerusalem, they would show that Christians were united in faith and love for each other. He also doesn't make a competition out of who could be most generous. He expects them to be more interested in love for each other than in outdoing each other.

The main example he uses is Jesus, who made himself poor (i.e., human) so that we could be rich in grace and forgiveness. Paul challenges them, and us, to follow that example in giving from our wealth so that others can survive. Note that he doesn't expect them to live in poverty, just to share what they have out of love for Christ. Perhaps they may need help themselves sometime, and could count on the other church to do the same for them.

Today, we can ask ourselves, "Do I give to the poor because I feel guilty about all that I have? Or do I want to show my love for Jesus when I see him in the poor? Do I give because I want the parish to look more generous than the neighboring parish, or to show that we are all united in concern for each other?" By looking at why we give to charities, we may find ourselves being even more generous than we expected.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

JUNE 28, 2021

Monday: Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22
 Tuesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
 Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34
 Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8
 Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13
 Saturday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29
 Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

JUNE 28, 2021

Monday
8:30am John Dinh (D)
Tuesday
8:30am Peace (family); Por el alma de Juan Espinal y el cumpleaños de Saturnina Burgos
Wednesday
8:30am Jose Miguel Pena Zapata (D)
Thursday
8:30am
Friday
8:30am
Saturday
7:45am Maria Hang Phuong (D)
7:00pm
Sunday
8:00am People of SNT
9:30am Annie Bernard, Troy Crutchfield (D); Ophelia Rodriguez (D)
11:30am
1:30pm Phero Luc (D)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

JUNE 13, 2021

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