

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 27, 2021

“Your faith has made you well”

Do you approach the Lord Jesus with expectant faith or with sceptical doubt? People in desperate or helpless circumstances were not disappointed when they sought Jesus out. What drew them to Jesus? Was it hope for a miracle or a word of comfort in their affliction? What did the elderly woman who had suffered miserably for twelve years expect Jesus to do for her? And what did a grieving father expect Jesus to do for his beloved daughter who was at the point of death? Jesus gave hope where there seemed to be no human cause for it because his hope was directed to God. He spoke words of hope to the woman (Take heart, daughter!) to ignite the spark of faith in her (your faith has made you well!). Ephrem the Syrian (306-373 AD), an early church Scripture scholar and author of hymns and commentaries, reflected on the miracle of the woman who was healed of her flow of blood:

"Glory to you, hidden Son of God, because your healing power is proclaimed through the hidden suffering of the afflicted woman. Through this woman whom they could see, the witnesses were enabled to behold the divinity that cannot be seen. Through the Son's own healing power his divinity became known. Through the afflicted women being healed her faith was made manifest. She caused him to be proclaimed, and indeed was honoured with him. For truth was being proclaimed together with its heralds. If she was a witness to his divinity, he in turn was a witness to her faith... He saw through to her hidden faith, and gave her a visible healing."

Jesus also gave supernatural hope to a father who had just lost a beloved child. It took considerable courage and risk for the ruler of a synagogue to openly go to Jesus and to invite the scorn of his neighbors and kin. Even the hired mourners laughed scornfully at Jesus. Their grief was devoid of any hope. Nonetheless, Jesus took the girl by the hand and delivered her from the grasp of death. Peter Chrysologus (400-450 AD), an early church father who was renowned for his preaching at Ravenna, comments on this miracle:

"This man was a ruler of the synagogue, and versed in the law. He had surely read that while God created all other things by his word, man had been created by the hand of God. He trusted therefore in God that his daughter would be recreated, and restored to life by that same hand which, he knew, had created her... He [Jesus] who laid hands on her to form her from nothing, once more lays hands upon her to reform her from what had perished."

In both instances we see Jesus' personal concern for the needs of others and his readiness to heal and restore life. In Jesus we see the infinite love of God extending to each and every individual as he gives freely and wholly of himself to each person he meets. Do you approach the Lord with confident expectation that he will hear your request and act?

Lord Jesus, you love each of us individually with a unique and personal love. Touch my life with your saving power, heal and restore me to fullness of life. Help me to give wholly of myself in loving service to others.

SUNDAY MASS ON YOUTUBE

Mass is being live streamed on our Parish YouTube Channel on Sunday morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. and every Wednesday at 7pm (preceded by the Rosary at 6:40pm).

The link to our parish YouTube channel is:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCokoBfidkSQAZ_Buk3g-bhw?

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MONDAY, JUNE 28 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Carmen Abellera De Castro
S.I. Leo Cechovsky

TUESDAY, JUNE 29 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Denyse Schnoeckel
S.I. Jane Quigg
+ Terry Ciupka

THURSDAY, JULY 1 – 10:00 A.M.

+ Kerry English

FRIDAY, JULY 2 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Mary Stanley
+ Ted Wielgus
S.I. Leah Padilla

SATURDAY, JULY 3 – 5:00 P.M.

+ Zenislawa Snita
+ Peter Drozdiuk
+ Kerry English

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S.I. Parish Community



ShareLife agencies are there for you, too.

Please remember that ShareLife organizations are also there to help you. If you, your family or other loved ones are in need of support from the services of a ShareLife funded agency, visit sharelife.org and click on the "Need Help?" button.

For those who are able, please give to ShareLife through the parish office or sharelife.org.

CARDINAL COLLINS' BOOK LIST



Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, is known to be an avid reader and, over the years, he has recommended a number of books while preaching at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica.

With summer right around the corner, we wanted to provide a list of some of the Cardinal's recent book recommendations. Whether you are a Catholic scholar or someone seeking to go deeper into your faith, the Cardinal hopes these books will offer some spiritual nourishment for everyone. To see the full list go to: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/archdiocesan-blog/archdiocesan/cardinal-thomas-collins-book-recommendations/>

Fr. Damian's "Summer Wish List"

Our return from the pandemic lockdowns and restrictions is a time of renewal and rejuvenation for the entire community. 2021 is also the 50th anniversary of the founding of our parish community.

In order to enhance the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy, I would like to propose that we obtain some new liturgical supplies for the church.

- A matching set of Sunday chasubles with accompanying stoles in all of the liturgical colours: green, violet, red and white.
- The parish is urgently in need of a funeral pall and matching chasuble.
- Altar Crucifix to match the existing altar candles and sanctuary lamps.

For more information on these items please read Fr. Damian's letter to parishioners. It can be found in the bulletin section of the website.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

During the months of July and August, the parish office will be closed on Mondays. Tuesday to Friday the office hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:00p.m. All phone calls and emails will be returned on Tuesday.

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RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is offered every Saturday from 4:00pm to 4:45pm in the Reconciliation Room of the church.

ARE YOU MOVING?



During the months of July and August a number of parishioners will be moving out of the parish.

Before moving, please leave your change of address with the parish office. If you are new to the parish, please pick up a registration form in the vestibule, fill it out and submit it to the parish office.