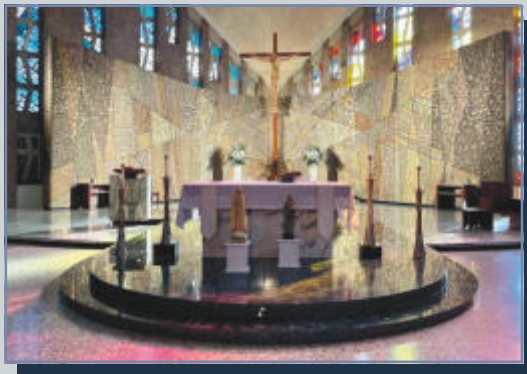


June 27, 2021

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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We are happy that you decided to worship with us.

If you are visiting just for today, we pray that

God will be with you on your journey.

*If you are seeking a church home, we would be
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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Friday Closed

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday 12:00 Noon

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is
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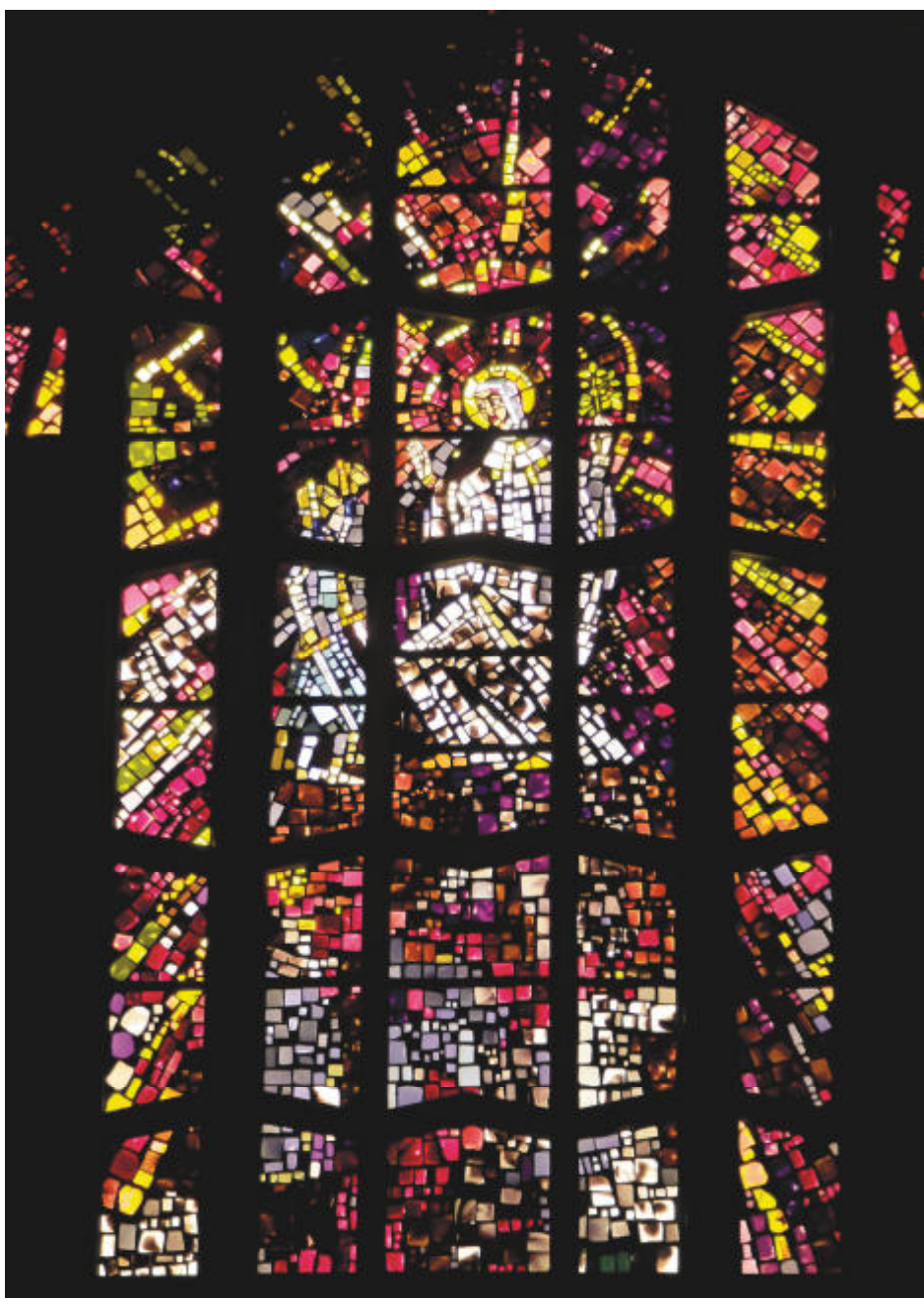
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Today's Gospel (Mark 5: 21-43)

In today's Gospel we have all the elements of tragedy here. It is always tragic when a child is ill. The story tells us the ruler's daughter was twelve years old. According to the Jewish custom a girl became a woman at twelve years and one day. Here is this young girl that, according to custom, is "almost" considered a woman, but not quite. When death comes at such a time, it is doubly tragic.

The story tells us something about this man who was one of the synagogue officials. He must have been considered quite important because of his role. He would have been one of the most important and respected men in the community. Something happened to him when his daughter became ill, and he thought of Jesus.

His prejudices were forgotten. There can be no doubt that he must have considered Jesus an outsider, possibly as a dangerous heretic, and as one who valued his position and standing in the community would do well to avoid. However, he was big enough to abandon his prejudices in his hour of need.

His dignity was forgotten. He, one of the officials of the synagogue, came and threw himself at the feet of Jesus. He forgot his dignity to save the life of his daughter. His pride was forgotten. It must have taken a conscious effort of humiliation for this synagogue official to come and ask for help from Jesus of Nazareth. The first step for us as Christians is to realize that we cannot be anything other than indebted to God.

This story also tells us of a woman afflicted with hemorrhages. She had tried everything, nothing worked, and in fact she gets worse. She had heard of Jesus. It would be embarrassing to go to Jesus and state her problem openly, so she decided to try to touch Jesus secretly. Every devout Jew wore an outer robe with four tassels on it, one at each corner. These tassels were to signify that the wearer was a member of the chosen people of God. It was one of these tassels that the woman slipped through the crowd and touched, and having touched it, she was thrilled to find she was cured.

Here is a woman who came to Jesus as a last resort, having tried every other cure. Many a person has come to seek the help of Jesus when he was at his wits end. We should never need to be driven to Christ as a "last resort." Even if that is the way we come, Jesus will never send us away.

Jewish mourning customs were vivid and detailed and they were designed to stress desolation and the final separation of death. The triumphant victorious hope of the Christian faith was totally absent.

Immediately after death had taken place, a loud wailing was set up so everyone would know that death had struck. Mourning was meant to show everyone how sad, desperate, and awful losing a loved one was. Elaborate rituals were followed. When death came, a mourner was forbidden to work, to anoint himself or to wear shoes. Even the poorest man must cease working for three days. He must not travel with goods, and the prohibition of work extended even to his servants.

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From the desk of
the Pastoral Associate . . .

Who Am I?

It was suggested to me the other day that many people don't know who I am, or how to contact me, so ...

I am the one who makes the announcements before each Mass.

I am the one who takes care of the religious education programs for children, youth, and adults (Bible study, evenings of reflection, etc.) Responsible for RCIA / RCIC, staff person for Parish Life, Formation and Social Justice (Human Concerns) Committees, prayer leadership when Fr. Andrzej is not present / available, ex officio on Pastoral Council, sit on the Prayer & Worship Committee as well as the Finance Council, handle the day to day administration, and supervise maintenance - Mike and Cesar, and Rita.

You can contact me via email at barb.strita@wi.rr.com, or in the office at 414-541-7515, ext. 16, or on my cell phone at 414-364-5566.

Trustee Secretary and Pastoral Council Members

Due to the holiday (4th of July) we have an early deadline to send the bulletin to the printer.

That means that we will not be able to have the name of the new Trustee and the names of the new Council members in next weekend's bulletin. The names will be announced at the weekend Masses.

Blessings always, *Barbara*

Today's Gospel (Mark 5: 21-43)

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He must not shave or do anything for comfort. Where he could eat, what he could eat, even what he could read was all spelled out and must be followed.

This is a story of contrasts.

There is the contrast between despair of the mourners and the hope of Jesus;

There is the contrast between the unrestricted distress of the mourners and the calm serenity of Jesus.

Why the difference?

It is due to Jesus' perfect confidence and trust in God. The worst human disaster can be met with strength and courage when we met it with God.

There is nothing beyond facing, and there is nothing beyond conquest, not even death, when it is faced and conquered in the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Barbara

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, June 26

4:30 p.m. † Ronald Miresse

Sunday, June 27

9:00 a.m. † Leo and Virginia Wichman
For the People of St. Rita Parish

Wednesday, June 30

12:00 p.m. † Sigmund Mischczak
† Flora Miller

Friday, July 2

6:00 p.m. † Lucille Paradowska
† Genevieve Paradowska

Saturday, July 3

4:30 p.m. † Walter and Dorothy Usarek
For the People of St. Rita Parish

Sunday, July 4

9:00 a.m. † Mildred Smul

Readings for the Week of June 27th

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

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The Week Ahead

Monday, June 28

6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Discernment Session
Hospitality Suite

Wednesday, June 30

9:00 a.m. Earth Angels Convent
Please call Jan Missiaen (414-545-5259) to reserve a spot.

June Tabernacle Light

In Loving Memory of:

Week 1: Ronald Miresse

Week 2: Edward & Stephanie
Walendowski

Week 3: The Fitzgerald Family

Week 4: Sigmund Mischczak & Flora Miller



Holiday Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 5th.



Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for the July 10th / 11th bulletin is Wednesday, June 30th no later than 10:00 a.m.



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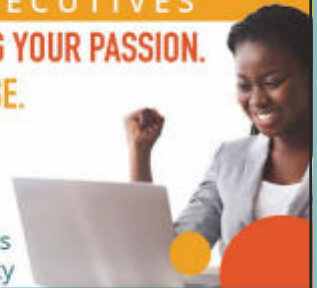
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