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Mass Schedule: Saturday Evening – 5:30 PM
Sunday – 9:00 and 11:30 AM
Weekday – Monday thru Friday 7:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday – 12:30 to 2:00 PM
Other times by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage: A minimum of six months notice is required. Please call the Collaborative Office to schedule an appointment prior to booking a hall.

Sacrament of Baptism: First and Third Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM.
Please call the Collaborative Office to register.

Sacrament of the Sick and Communion Calls: Please notify the Collaborative Office if anyone is hospitalized or unable to attend Mass because of illness.

Food Pantry: Thursdays – please call the Parish Office one day in advance.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 26, 2021

5:30PM Laurence A. Beauchesne Memorial

Sunday, June 27, 2021

9:00AM Patrick Holland Anniversary

11:30AM Mary E. Tricomi, Rosemarie Roche Memorial
and Philip D. Walling, Sr

Monday, June 28, 2021

7:00AM

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

7:00AM Nena Castaneda Anniversary

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

7:00AM Nicole Levine Memorial

Thursday, July 1, 2021

7:00AM Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Friday, July 2, 2021

7:00AM

Saturday, July 3, 2021

5:30PM

Sunday, July 4, 2021

9:00AM Marty Murphy Anniversary

11:30AM



Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!

Thank you for the warmth of the sun
and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me
and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your
creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my
friends and family,
and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray
no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence
and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me
a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

- Author Unknown



As of May 29, masks are no longer required for vaccinated people in the State of Massachusetts. The State does advise that non-vaccinated people continue to wear masks.

Anyone who wishes to do so should feel free to continue to wear masks as long as you like. You will be respected if you choose to do so.

If we become aware that a COVID positive person has attended Mass an announcement will be posted on the collaborative's website.

Mass reservations are no longer required.

Thank you for your offerings for the last weekend:

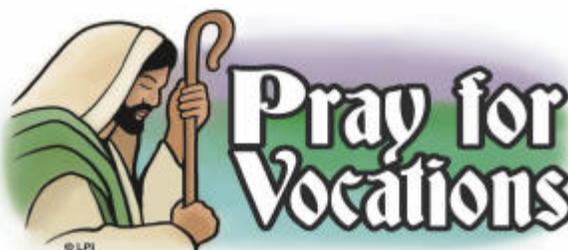
Percentage of offertory by Envelope/EFT 76%.

If you are interested in the Online Giving option to simplify your weekly contributions, please contact the parish office.

Collection Report

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| Offertory Envelopes | \$ 5,440.00 |
| Offertory/Loose | \$ 2,541.00 |
| EFT Weekly Average | \$ 2,512.08 |
| Total Offertory | \$10,493.08 |

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From
Deacon Joe MacDonald

A Heavenly Dope Slap.

There are a couple of things you may or may not know about me.

The first is that last Wednesday I had total hip replacement surgery done on my left hip. Six years ago, it was my right hip. I am now officially a hippie!

The second thing most of you probably don't know is that I am a complete Disney nut! Now when I say nut, I mean certifiable. I mean get me into therapy. Call an intervention. Get me into a 12-step program. Have the bishop perform a prayer of deliverance.

Of course, any vacation needs to have some level of planning, especially a trip to Disney World. For example, you need to know what park you're going to visit on which day, buy your tickets ahead of time and during Covid times make a reservation for each park. You also need to choose which restaurant you want and make advance plans for that.

This next trip is the first time we are taking our grandchildren to Disney World and of course I want it to be perfect. So, I've been making my pie charts, graphs and spreadsheets and when I'm done, I'll know exactly when the shortest wait times are in each park for each ride.

Now here is the rub. Disney gives you a certain window in which to make dining reservations and if you hope to get the ones you want you need to be online or on the phone at 7 AM on the day your window opens. My window opened on June 16th. The problem was that at 7 AM on June 16th I was unconscious having my hip replaced. I couldn't get it done.

I knew that I probably wasn't going to get the dining options I wanted. There was only one that I had my heart set on. It was a character meal at Chef Mickey's. I wanted to see the faces of my little ones when Mickey and the gang showed up at dinner. It would be priceless. Social distancing, still in effect there, would not allow me to make a reservation for our entire party. I could make a reservation for 4 and then make an additional reservation for another four which wouldn't guarantee we would even be seated near each other or at the same time.

To say I was miffed would be an understatement. I was down right angry. How can they separate families who want (need) to dine together? So, I was left with a reservation for four people, my daughter, her husband and the two kids.

How dare they deny me dinner with Mickey Mouse! It really got under my skin. It was ruining my peace and I was convincing myself that this vacation was going to be awful.

Then came my Godly intervention; my spiritual therapy session; a heavenly dope slap and my deliverance from what had become an unhealthy obsession.

A question came to me, and when I say it "came to me" I mean the Holy Spirit planted it. Why am I so upset about not eating with a mouse? Every time I go to Mass, I partake in the wedding feast of the Lamb! I'm sure the dinner rolls are quite tasty at Chef Mickey's but it can't hold a candle to the Bread of Life that I can hold in the palm of my hand and that cries out "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord." I could certainly get a good glass of wine there (and over pay for it) but it wouldn't compare to the Cup of Salvation, the Cup of the New and Everlasting Covenant, the Blood poured out for the forgiveness of sins.

I'm going to love seeing the faces of my grandchildren when they walk down Main Street and see the Castle for the first time. But that's just a Magic Kingdom. It's fake. It's make-believe and at the end of the day we have to go home. How much more satisfying is the Kingdom of God for whom Christ paid the price of our admission and that is our eternal home. Mickey and the gang might bring some fleeting happiness that will come and go. I want my children and grandchildren to possess the fullness of joy, joy that is complete. I am reminded of the words of the prophet Isaiah: "Why spend your money on what is not bread and your wages on what does not satisfy." (Is 55:2)

If we can be grateful about what we have, then we don't have to worry about what we don't have and that won't satisfy.

This "vacation" was becoming too much work, and filled with anxiety. I had put unattainable expectations on it. I had taken my eyes off of what is really important in life.

Each of us is a nut about something. For me it's Disney planning. For someone else it might be work; or sports; or gambling or some other addictive behavior. It all starts out as something that appears "good" but if we are not careful it grows into something else altogether, something bordering on idolatry, until we don't even recognize the good it started out to be.

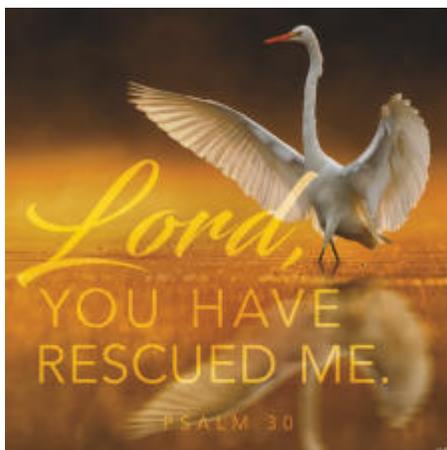
My friends, let's keep our priorities straight and keep our eyes on the real prize: The love that God has for us; the love we have for God; and the love we have for each other. We all need that heavenly dope slap from time to time that says "snap out of it!" "Seek first the Kingdom of God."



He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded. - Mk 5:41-42

Readings for the week of June 27, 2021

- Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/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 [8a]/Mt 8:18-22
- Tuesday: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5]/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 [7a]/Mt 8:28-34
- Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Mt 9:1-8
- Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/ Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 9:9-13
- Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/ Jn 20:24-29
- Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/ 2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a



Check out our new collaborative website—www.braintreecatholic.org.



St. Clare
Abigail Grace Trinh



Congratulations to the following from our collaborative who have received their First Holy Communion! Please keep them in your prayers.

St. Francis of Assisi
Kylie Bryan, Rowan Byrne, Annie Conway, William Cortez and Abigail Larkin



St. Francis of Assisi
Dorothy Madden
Joan M. Farrell
Margaret "Peggy" Kehoe
Albina Santucci

St. Clare
John Gilmore
Lisa Leavitt

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Parish Info and events of note...

- **St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry** Open Thursdays from 10AM-12NN. If you need groceries, please call on Wednesday so that we can be prepared for your visit. Referrals and limited financial assistance are available for parishioners in need. Please call the parish office for more information.
- **Parish Prayer Line...** To be placed (or to pray) on the parish prayer line, please call the Collaborative office.
- **Military Service...** If someone you know is deployed and you would like their info to appear on the blue board in the church, please call or email the parish office. If you are aware of needed updates to the board, please let us know that as well. Thank you.



We are now scheduling Mass Intentions through Sunday, January 9, 2022. To schedule a Mass or for further information please call the Collaborative Office at 781-843-1332.



If you plan to travel this summer or have the opportunity to sneak away for the weekend, here is something to place in your suitcase or your smart phone. To find the Mass closest to your location, visit www.masstimes.org. When you make your reservations, please remember to reserve some time for the Lord. Summer blessings! **Be sure to call the parish you plan to attend to verify their Mass times. Be safe!**



From the
Archdiocese of
Boston

June 27 ~ Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Two people in today's gospel approach Jesus for healing. However, both have turned to Jesus for healing as a last resort. There are people in our parish community who for a variety of reasons hesitate to go to Jesus in their need. Is there someone you know that needs a word of encouragement, or someone to help them turn to Jesus? Pray this week for the grace to extend yourself to this person so that he/she will put aside their fear or hesitation and turn to Jesus for help.



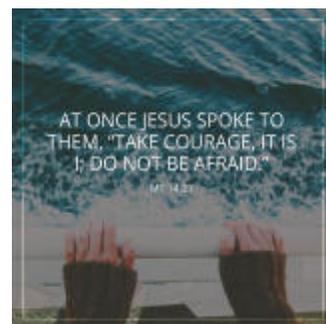
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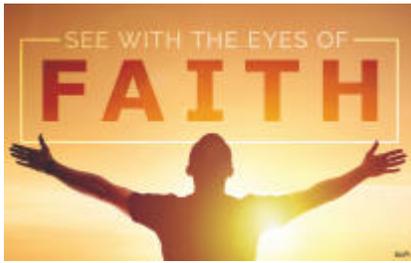
In today's Gospel we see how in faith, Jarius asked Jesus to heal his daughter and how Jesus then answered his prayer. In prayer we also come to know that we are loved by God, and in that trust we ask for healing for ourselves, our loved ones and all those who are suffering.

This week, please join with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in praying for the healing of all those who are ill and especially those who have no one to pray for them.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://wwwmema.org/>. It is our trust and faith in God that allows him to heal us and gives us peace. Is God in charge of your marriage? Deepen your communication, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on Thursdays/Mondays Jul 8-29.





June 27, 2021 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

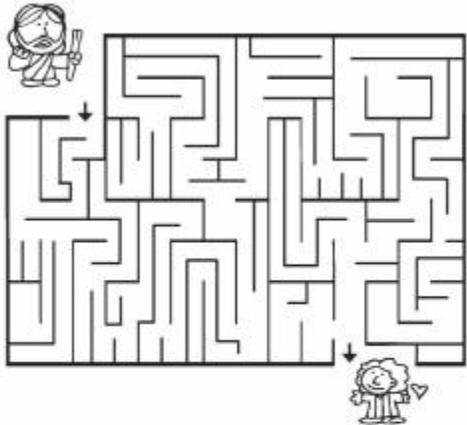
The author of The Cloud of Unknowing prays, "That which I am and the way that I am, with all my gifts of nature and grace, you have given to me, O Lord, and you are all this. I offer it all to you, principally to praise you and to help my fellow Christians and myself." Knowing that God sustains us in being is the key to faith. All that we need to do is to love God as God is and the rest will begin to fall into place. God made us in His image and desires that we have life. God also desires that we be healed of all of our wounds, especially those caused by sin, and know his loving touch. Being weighed down by negativity, imperfections, the cares of the world, and weakness is not something that God desires.

Faith can profoundly change how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It gives a clearer lens through which to see life and connects us with the powerful virtues of love and hope. Three friends journeying with us through all that we encounter, faith, hope, and love, help us experience God's embrace and heal us. All we have to do is let God be who God is and not foolishly try to make Him into what we need or want Him to be. Without God we cease to be. It's that simple. The very blood that flows through my veins and the life that I have come directly from Divine origins. With this knowledge of who God is and who I am, I can open my ears and hear the powerful words Jesus speaks, "Do not be afraid, just have faith." Trust begins.

When we are struggling, we naturally reach out for God because we know that a divine remedy is the only remedy. But, in doing so we wrestle with letting God take charge. We want something more miraculous and visible than the obvious and have difficulty in finding consolation simply resting in God's presence. Our naked being, stripped of any pretense or self-serving agenda, is being called to rest in and love the uncreated Presence of God. Reach out in love to God. Ask God to heal you from all that separates you from Him. Put aside any ideas of God that create barriers between you and God's tender and endearing presence. The Cloud of Unknowing leaves us with wisdom, "think of yourself and of him in the same way, that is, with the simple awareness that he is as he is and that you are as you are." This is a meeting of two friends who desire nothing more than to share life together. ©LPi



 **PUZZLE**
Help Jesus get to the sick little girl.



 **MISSION**
Jairus knew that Jesus could help him. Write down three things that you are afraid of, and ask God to help you.



Sharing the Gospel

In today's Gospel reading, Jairus asked Jesus to come to his house. The daughter of Jairus was dying, and he knew Jesus could make her well again. While they were walking to his house, she died. Did Jesus give up? No way! Jesus told Jairus not to be afraid, but to keep believing that Jesus could help her. Jesus was even stronger than death. He walked into the house, held her hand, and told her to get up. Jesus admired the faith Jairus had.

Prayer

Dear God, you are even stronger than death. Help me to have faith in you like Jairus had. Amen.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus and the daughter of Jairus holding hands.

Mission for the Week

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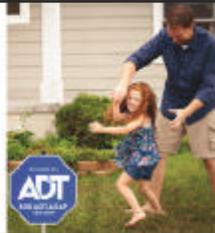
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