

ST. MARY

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
STAR CITY

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July 4, 2021 • 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times: Saturday, 6:00pm, Sunday, 8:30am, 11:00am, en español a la 1:00pm

Daily Mass*: Mon. 6:30pm, Tue.-Thur. 9:00am *please see schedule inside for any changes or cancellations.

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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" - Mk 6:2



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Are you registered in the Parish?

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of the parish family.

Clearly stating your Catholic commitment in all its dimensions brings many advantages, recognition, and responsibility.

At St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, our policy, is that you must be registered and participating in Sunday Mass regularly before a baptism can take place, or for the initial meeting with the pastor in the case

of marriage.

Regular attendance is also required for adults who are asked to be a godparent or sponsor at another parish, in order that a letter can be sent stating that they are a practicing Catholic and a registered member of a parish faith community.

Even though you may have attended Mass here for months, or even years, we would like for you to be registered.

Please pick up a registration form at the church or parish office, or register online at stmarystarcity.com
For more information, call the parish office at 304-599-3747.

Sacraments

Baptism: (Birth – Age 7) Parents are required to participate in a preparation program before the celebration of Baptism. Parents must be registered and attending Sunday Mass regularly. Please contact the parish office for information.

Reconciliation: 30 minutes prior to each daily Mass

Order of Christian Initiation: Children 7-14 years of age, and Children 15 years of age and older & Adults— *The Order of Christian Initiation*, RCIA please contact Please contact the parish office for information

Marriage: Engaged couples planning to marry at St. Mary Church should be practicing Catholics, participating in Sunday Eucharist regularly. Also, they must participate in a Marriage Preparation Program. Call the Parish Office for information. At least **six months notice** is required. *No date for a wedding will be set over the phone.*

Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound: When a parishioner is confined to home or hospital because of illness or advanced age, call the Parish Office. We will be happy to make arrangements to bring Holy Communion.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request and communally as scheduled

Bulletin Deadline:

Tuesday@Noon, email or written copy please,
no bulletin announcements will be taken over the phone

Email: stmaryschurch@comcast.net

Subject line: attn: Bulletin, and include topic of announcement

Spirituality of the Readings – Expectations



At last we are back to “Ordinary Time” for our liturgies. We have run through all the special times: Lent, Easter, Easter season, the Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Peter and Paul and so on. Time to settle down and have some ordinary weeks, to know Jesus in his ordinary life.

But what do we find as we return to the ordinary? We find Jesus preaching and nobody listening. He has come back “to his native place,” Nazareth, and even though the people were astonished at his wisdom, their immediate reaction is to “take offense at him.”

Why? Why did they not welcome him and

listen?

For one thing, it was his home town, so people already had him in a category—carpenter, the guy who lives down the street, son of that working couple Joseph and Mary. Who does he think he is preaching all this new stuff?

We do not have a record of what he said, although in chapter four of Mark he had told the story of the seeds that fell on different kinds of ground and how some grew, but the rest had only shallow or no soil from which to develop. The Gospel for this coming Sunday is an illustration of the parable. Nothing can grow from barren soil.

You and I should ask what kind of “soil” we ourselves are. When the Word of God has taken seed in us does it get any nourishment, or do we just go along like pre-programmed computers? This is a searching question, something to pray about, tough, likely to make us uncomfortable. If he preached that way in Nazareth, perhaps he was too rough on them and that is why they turned away.

Whatever the reason, the fact remains that “he was not able to perform any mighty deed there.”

This always has been a rather puzzling situation. After all, if Jesus is the Messiah, he should be able to work whatever deeds he wants to, no matter what the reaction.

But this is the underlying point of Sunday’s Gospel. Jesus’ healing and preaching are not something one person does in order to process another, sort of like a surgical doctor operating on a patient (or like a mechanic fixing a car). We sometimes picture it that way when we pray for things. Fix it, O God, fix it.

Instead, Jesus was always pointing to the relational nature of everything he did. When he did a miracle he would say “your faith has saved you.” What? I thought you saved me, Lord. Yes, but there has to be a fertile seed-bed first. Faith is the rich soil that lets God be planted in and flourish within our lives. He will never force teachings or miracles on us until we are ready to relate to him in love. This is why Sunday’s Gospel ends with the words “He was amazed at their lack of faith.”

We have to release Jesus and God from the categories we have fixed them into. We may have to have our own ground plowed up a bit to let the rich fertility inside us be opened to the seeds of love, wisdom, hope and faith that God wants to plant there.

We need to start putting love first.

John Foley, SJ

Giving Summary

Sunday Offering

\$5,910.00

Online Giving

\$1,736.35

Attendance: 313

Rate Your Generosity

Rate yourself on your generosity of Time, Talent, and Treasure for the month of June! (circle one)

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For ease of accounting, **separate checks are preferred** for all donations to different collections and purposes, including special collections, Mass intentions, memorials, and donations to different funds e.g. Trust Fund for the Poor, Debt Reduction, etc. Thank you for your help!



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www.stmarystarcity.com.

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

July 4, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 6:00pm For the People
 Sunday, 8:30am Intention of Celebrant
 Sunday, 11:00am Volley & Laura Abbott
 Domingo, 1pm Por la comunidad de la Parroquia

Monday 7/5 St. Elizabeth of Portugal
No Daily Mass

Tuesday 7/6 St. Maria Goretti
 9:00am For the People

Wednesday 7/7 Weekday in Ordinary Time
 9:00am Intention of Celebrant

Thursday 7/8 Weekday in Ordinary Time
 9:00am Intention of Celebrant

In the event of Closing of school due to inclement weather, there will be no Daily Mass or Prayer Service.

In the event of a funeral, morning Mass will be cancelled

July 11, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 6:00pm For the People
 Sunday, 8:30am Tony Antonini
 Sunday, 11:00am Krystyna Adamska
 Domingo, 1pm Por la comunidad de la Parroquia



The Bread and Tabernacle Candle the week of July 4th are in memory of **Andrew and Carol Mihallik** from Jeff and Mary Mihallik.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

30 minutes prior to each Daily Mass
 Saturdays from 5-5:40pm as scheduled
 (Mon: 6:00pm, Tue.-Thur: 8:30am)
 *times may change based on any changes to the weekly Mass schedule



We have Hearing Assistance Devices available for use during Mass. If you would like one, please ask an Usher.

Al-Anon (for those affected by someone else's drinking) meets every Thursday at noon at St. Mary Church. Information: call 1-888-425-2666 or WSO@al-anon.org

NA Meetings St. Mary Church, Star City
 Tuesdays-6:30pm, Sundays-1pm
To find other meetings near you, visit
<https://www.na.org/meetingsearch/>



Memorial Donations for Bread and the Tabernacle candle are **being accepted for the year 2021.** The requested donation is \$40. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested, 304-599-3747.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY

Sunday, July 4

1:00pm NA Meeting

Monday, July 5

Independence Day Observed—Office Closed

No Daily Mass

7:00-9:00pm Boy Scouts—Pavilion

Tuesday, July 6

6:30pm NA Meeting—Peace Hall

Wednesday, July 7

7:00pm Catholic Homeschoolers Bible Study

Thursday, July 8

12:00pm Al-Anon

5:30pm Spanish Mass Music Rehearsal—L/L

Saturday, July 10

5:00-5:40pm Reconciliation

Sunday, July 11

1:00pm NA Meeting



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day



We welcome Conor Ryan Hickey and Kian Patrick Hickey, who were baptized on June 23.

If you have signed up for online giving and are still getting offertory envelopes in the mail, please notify the Parish Office so that we can discontinue them. You will retain your envelope number for record keeping.

Donations for St. Ursula Food Pantry and Outreach may be **placed in** the labeled bins in **the church**, or **dropped off in the baskets in the CFC entry.**



Mass intentions are still being accepted for 2021. We have many weekday and weekend Masses still

to fill. The suggested donation is \$20 for a weekend, \$10 for a weekday. Please call the Parish Office if interested, 304-599-3747.

Please note that any Masses cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances such as a global pandemic, inclement weather, or a funeral, will be moved to the next available 'like' date and time e.g., Daily Mass on Tuesday moved to another Tuesday, 8:30 Sunday Mass moved to another 8:30, as available.

DROP YOUR BOOKS FROM NOW TILL THE END OF JULY!



Book Drive!

June 28 - July 31

Drop books (k-5) anytime :)



@St. Mary Parish



Place books in boxes located in the CFC Entry hallway and in the Narthex. All books collected will be donated to children in rural WV and orphanages/schools overseas. Thank you for your donations!

Thank you so much to the individuals who donated step ladders to St. Ursula!

We really appreciate your donations to keep our food pantry operations going.

We are still in need of an **iPhone 8 or greater** (new or used)



If you would like to donate a phone, or contribute to the cost, please contact St. Ursula, 304-599-3822.



St. Ursula Food Pantry needs:

**** Cereal and Condiments**** (ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise etc.)

Baby & Toddler Program needs: *Baby Wash & Shampoo

Thank you to everyone who donated to the sharing garden!

All your donations of supplies, seeds, and funds are super appreciated.

Calling all Ministry Volunteers! For each Mass, we need:

- 3 Altar Servers, 2 Eucharistic Ministers
- 1 Lector, And all the Ushers we can muster!

Please log onto the Ministry Scheduler app or website to sign up for weekends you wish to serve!

Use the sign in book when you get to Mass, or feel free to sign up for any open spots. Upcoming trainings will be listed in the bulletin

We appreciate your help!



FAITH FORMATION DIRECTOR

Position Opening

St. Mary Church is seeking a vibrant individual to coordinate formation programs, enable the gifts of the faithful, and to engage our youth to live a life of faith. We are located in Morgantown, WV, home of West Virginia University. Our parishioners are ethnically diverse. Our people have a deep love for celebrating Mass, gathering for fellowship, opportunities for adult formation and growth and for mission to the least of these. If interested please submit a letter of interest and resumé. For the full job description and responsibilities, please visit www.stmarystarcity.com



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Job Openings at St. Francis de Sales Central Catholic School

We are currently seeking qualified applicants for the **Middle School Religion Teacher** and **Custodian/Janitor** positions at SFdSCCS. Both are full-time positions. If you are interested in applying, please visit our school website at stfrancismorgantown.com, click on the "About" tab, then select "Employment" to learn more about the positions. All interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and 3 letters of reference to Principal Moore at amoore@sfccs.org or mail/deliver to his attention at St. Francis de Sales Central Catholic School, 41 Guthrie Lane, Morgantown, WV 26508. Call or email if you have questions or need additional information.

WVU LAW
Immigration Law Clinic

Sabe que hacer si Ud. es cuestionado por la policía? La WVU Clínica de Inmigración ha preparado este vídeo para informarle de sus derechos. El vídeo también explica como Ud. puede registrarse para recibir ayuda de la Clínica en el caso que Ud. sea cuestionado por la policía. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mCibfcbPLe8>
Call: 304-293-7249



The prayer ministry is seeking additional volunteers.

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.
304-599-3747

Saving Grace Support Group for Grandparents/Kinship/Foster/Adopted Families

meets at **Avery United Methodist Church** (1152 Cheat Rd. Morgantown, WV) **the Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month from 6-8pm.**

This support group offers:

- support from others in the same situation
- guest speakers from different agencies around the area
- training on many different topics from self-care to childhood trauma
- a safe place to express yourself and your concerns
- advice from other people dealing with the same things as you

Feel free to contact us at:

SavingGraceWV@gmail.com,

or join the facebook group:

"Saving Grace:Grandparents/relative With Custody Support Group"

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Monday
JULY 12, 2021

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Attention all former TECites in St. Mary Parish!

The Diocese is re-starting the TEC program for the entire state under one big umbrella. The first event that the leadership team is planning is a **TEC Re-Union at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston on August 28th from 10am to 4pm.**

We are encouraging everyone whose schedule allows and whose faith grew because of their TEC experience to join us for a day of prayer, singing, learning and seeing some of the people you may have met through TEC.

If this interests you, please visit <https://dwc.org/tec-reunion> and register for the event so we know how many people to plan for.

"How much do you love me?"

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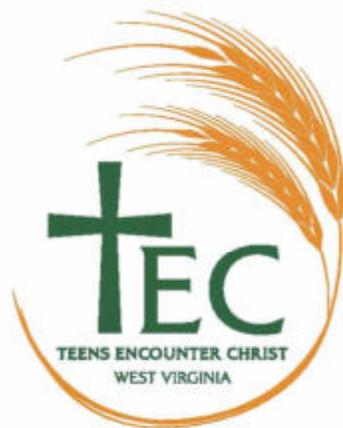
RE-TEC

A Re-Boot and Renewal of TEC in the
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2021

10:00am - 5:00pm

Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston, WV



The "Fourth Day" of TEC Never Ends!

Sunday, Jul 04, 2021

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Get Jesus right and get right with Jesus

With so many Christian "brands" out there—Catholic and Protestant, evangelical and contemplative, high church or pop church—it's easy to wonder who's got Jesus right. Interpreting his significance is key to the church's mission. Still, Jesus' identity has been debated since his own generation. Mark's gospel, the earliest written, betrays a perceived shadow on Jesus' paternity: He's identified as Mary's son rather than the son of Joseph, as would have been customary. Later gospels replace what was seen at the time as a less-than-honorable reference by calling Jesus the "carpenter's son." The question remains: Is Jesus more than a human sage? Is he Lord of your life?

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6a (101). *"Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon?"*

Monday, Jul 05, 2021

MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL

Seek the common ground of reconciliation

The world is rife with conflict. Many friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors are at odds over politics, racial strife, and pandemic behavior and vaccines. After all this, it can be hard to ever feel the same way about certain people in our lives. But we're called to be peacemakers nonetheless—and that starts with our personal relationships. Saint Elizabeth of Portugal brokered peace in her family to stop civil war. We've never needed her brand of reconciliation more.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26 (383). *"Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you."*

Tuesday, Jul 06, 2021

MEMORIAL OF MARIA GORETTI, VIRGIN, MARTYR

A mission of mercy

Pope Francis proclaimed an extraordinary Year of Mercy in 2015, but it was one of the Catholic Church's youngest saints—11-year-old Maria Goretti—who took the message abroad. The Pilgrimage of Mercy, featuring Maria's major relics, traveled across the United States that year, attracting multitudes to veneration, prayer, and the sacrament of Reconciliation. Canonized a modern-day "virgin martyr," dying at the hands of a would-be rapist in 1902, this humble Italian girl became "The Little Saint of Great Mercy" for forgiving her murderer upon her deathbed. Who do you need to forgive? Let Maria's example be a reminder of what is possible.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38 (384). *"His heart was moved with pity for them."*

Wednesday, Jul 07, 2021**Harden not your heart**

In 2018, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued a pastoral letter against racism: *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*. In that letter, the bishops remind us that as a nation "we have never sufficiently contended with the impact of racism." In a week when the United States honors the founding principles of this country and that all are created equal, people of faith are called to examine their own

perceptions and practices and do their part to ensure equality for all people. Embrace the bishops' invitation to fight the evil of racism and take time this week to read and reflect on their letter: *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Matthew 10:1-7 (385). *"As you go, make this proclamation: 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"*

Thursday, Jul 08, 2021**Sometimes the miracle is endurance**

The gospel for today refers to the amazing powers Jesus conferred upon his followers to cure and revive. But we know many people in Jesus' day and today do not experience a miracle cure but instead must bear a cross. Our faith gives us the wisdom to know how and when to bear suffering when a solution is absent and when to struggle against injustice; both can be paths to God. Indeed, miracles themselves, the church teaches, are not merely wondrous events; they are meant to transform us and bring us closer to God. Which way are you being called right now? To struggle against suffering and injustice? Or to bow to a cross in your life? Over a lifetime, we may be called to both paths.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15 (386). *"Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons."*

Friday, Jul 09, 2021**Hang in there**

Each of us will be put to the test when it comes to our faith. How we react to tragedy, scorn, injustice, boredom, betrayal, illness, and loss will present moments of truth for us. Will our faith endure? Saint Paul tells the Romans that "tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope." Paul knew a thing or two about perseverance. His lengthy missionizing sea journeys covered something on the magnitude of 10,000 miles and many months on often rough seas. When you feel tested, turn to Paul for inspiration. Stay the course!

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23 (387). *"Whoever endures to the end will be saved."*

Saturday, Jul 10, 2021

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Ever Virgin, ever esteemed

It is ironic but true that the Blessed Virgin Mary is mentioned more times in Islam's Qur'an than in the Christian New Testament. Parts of two chapters of the Qur'an are devoted to Mary. Much like in the gospel of Luke, one chapter tells the story of the events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The other speculates about Mary's family, her parents and siblings, making linguistic parallels to the family of Moses. As in Catholic tradition, Islam considers the Mother of Jesus the greatest of all women of faith. The spiritual influence of the Virgin Mary transcends even religious differences.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Matthew 10:24-33 (388). *"Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

*Salve, Guardián del Redentor
Esposo de la Bendita Virgen María.
A ti Dios te confió su único Hijo;
en ti Maria depositó su confianza;
contigo Cristo se hizo hombre.*

*Bendito José, para nosotros también
muéstrate padre
y guíanos en el camino de la vida.
Obten para nosotros gracia, misericordia y coraje
y defiéndenos de todo mal. Amén.*

Safe Environment Reporting

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

Will or Estate Planning

Are you thinking of remembering St. Mary Church in your will or estate plans? A bequest through a Last Will and Testament is the simplest way of creating a lasting legacy of support for St. Mary Church. Bequests should be made out to:

"The Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, or his successors in office," with a specification of the purpose for which the bequest is to be used, e.g. "for the use of St. Mary Parish"

READINGS FOR THE WEEK July 4, 2021

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13
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The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops, and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. Where a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential. If you have any other kind of complaint about a bishop—such as parish assignments, church closings, or homily contents—please address those directly to your diocesan or eparchial bishop instead. Sexual abuse by a priest, deacon or a staff member or volunteer of the Church should be reported to the Office of Safe Environment for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. So, to be sure you get the help you need, phone numbers and addresses may be found at www.dwc.org under the accountability tab. If you are the victim of sexual abuse (or any other crime), please contact local law enforcement.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 101

Reading I

Ez 2:2-5

As the LORD spoke to me, the spirit entered into me

and set me on my feet,
and I heard the one who was speaking say to me:

Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites,
rebels who have rebelled against me;

they and their ancestors have revolted against me to this very day. Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you.

But you shall say to them: Thus says the LORD GOD!

And whether they heed or resist—for they are a rebellious house—

they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

Reading II

2 Cor 12:7-10

Brothers and sisters:

That I, Paul, might not become too elated,
because of the abundance of the revelations,
a thorn in the flesh was given to me,
an angel of Satan,
to beat me, to keep me from being too elated.

Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me,
but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you,
for power is made perfect in weakness."

I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses,
in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.

Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults,
hardships, persecutions, and constraints,
for the sake of Christ;
for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Gospel

Mk 6:1-6

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples.

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue,
and many who heard him were astonished.

They said, "Where did this man get all this?

What kind of wisdom has been given him?

What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!

Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary,

and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon?

And are not his sisters here with us?"
And they took offense at him.

Jesus said to them,

"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place
and among his own kin and in his own house."

So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there,
apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them.

He was amazed at their lack of faith.



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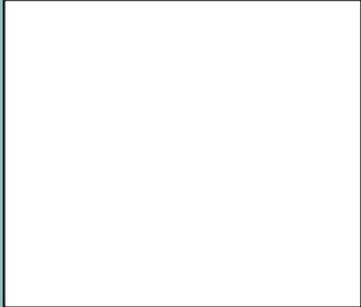
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