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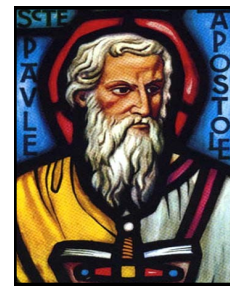
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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Summary

Today's Gospel reading contains two stories that feature the healing ministry of Jesus. In the first story Jairus falls at Jesus' feet and begs Jesus to go and lay hands on his daughter, who is at the point of death. In the second story the woman who had been long afflicted with a hemorrhage touches Jesus' cloak, saying, "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured" (Mark 5:28).

To the woman Jesus says, "Daughter, your faith has saved you" (Mark 5:34). To Jairus Jesus says, "Do not be afraid; just have faith" (Mark 5:36).

Reflection for Parents

Parents and caregivers can understand Jairus's desperation in seeking out Jesus. Who wouldn't try everything possible to save his or her child? Today's Gospel reminds us that we need God's help. We must stay strong in faith and continue to trust in God's plan for us and for our children.

Bringing the Good News Into Your Family

As a family, make a list of those you know who are sick and in need of healing. Put the list on your family prayer table or post it on your refrigerator. Encourage all family members to pray for those on the list each and every day. As an alternative, bring the list to the dinner table each night and begin your meal by praying for those on the list. Also take time to create and send a Get Well card or note of encouragement to each person on the list.

Discussion Starters

1. Someone I know whose faith is strong is . . . because . . .
2. One area of my life where I need to have stronger faith is . . .
3. One way I can grow stronger in my faith in God is . . .

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 29

- 4:30pm**
- Vanessa Bielecki (birthday)

Sunday, June 30

- 9:00am**
- +Sam Fenech
- 10:30am**
- +Natalino, Rosa, Albert, Charlie & Anthony Taliana
 - +Sylvana Dewe & Grace Bugeja
 - +Emanuella Micallef & Joseph Bugeja
 - +Tony Axiak
 - +Frank Zammit
 - +Paul Caruana, Marlene McCrae, Dorothy Hall & Giovanna Bartolo

- 12:00pm**
- +Carmen Piscopo

Monday, July 1

Tuesday, July 2

- +Maria Bonello

Wednesday, July 3

- St. Thomas, Apostle*
- +Doris Micallef

Thursday, July 4

Friday, July 5

- +Deceased members of the Camilleri Family

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MASS SCHEDULE
Daily morning Mass:
 Monday, Wednesday & Friday
 9:15am (Maltese/English)
 Tuesday & Thursday
 9:15am (English)
Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 4:30pm (English)
Sunday:
 9:00am (English)
 10:30am (Maltese/English)
 12:00pm (English)
Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every
 Wednesday 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Secretary
 Mrs. Rita Apalit

OFFICE HOURS
 Monday to Friday
 9:00am to 4:30pm
 (Priest is always available by appointment)

SACRAMENTS
Baptism: Please contact the priests. Baptisms are held on the first Saturday of the month at 10:30am
Marriages: Contact the priest one year in advance of the wedding. A marriage preparation course is mandatory.
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
 First Friday: 8:40am to 9:10am
 Saturdays: 3:45pm to 4:15pm
 Anytime by appointment.
Anointing of the Sick:
 Contact the priests. Parishioners are reminded that this is not a sacrament that should be left for the last possible minute. It is a Sacrament for the sick, not just for the dying.

June 30, 2024

From our Pastor's Desk...

As we approach the end of June, I wanted to share some important updates with you. Let's make the most of this beautiful summer season together!

Summer Bulletin: During July and August, we'll be transitioning to a one-page bulletin. This condensed format will keep you informed while allowing us all to enjoy the warmth and beauty of summer.

Embrace Summer: Rest, Read, and Connect: Take this opportunity to rest, recharge, and appreciate the simple pleasures of summer. Whether it's relaxing with a good book, spending quality time with family and friends, or enjoying the great outdoors, let's savor these moments.

ShareLife Campaign: Making a Difference: Our ShareLife campaign is still ongoing, and I'm thrilled to report that we're more than halfway toward our target of \$16,000. Every dollar matters! Remember that these funds directly impact our community, supporting those in need. Let's continue to give generously.

Parish Bills During Summer: While summer brings a change of pace, our parish responsibilities remain constant. Just like any other time of year, bills need to be paid. If you're away during the summer, consider participating in our Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) program. It's a convenient way to support the parish even when you're not physically present.

Thank you for your continued dedication and support. Together, we can make this summer a time of growth, connection, and compassion.

- Fr. Roy



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION Summer is a great time to travel with friends and family. It is also within these days that we have the opportunity to slow down from our fast paced lives and enjoy some rest and leisure time. However, while the summer may be a time for vacation, it should never be a vacation from God. We should still strive to be committed to our prayer life, although adapted for summer time and different daily routines. We should still make it a priority to attend Sunday Mass even when away on vacation in another city, province, or foreign land. We can even use the extra free time to attend daily Mass when possible. Essentially, if we want to make the best of our summer, we should use it to grow deeper in our relationship with God. Summertime is either a time of recreation or re-creation. We can relax, go on vacations with family and friends, which are all good and beautiful. However, if we're not using the summer as an opportunity to grow deeper in our relationship with Christ, we are not making the most of our time. Moreover, as we utilize the summer to grow in our own relationship with Christ, as true stewards we should look outward to our neighbour. One beautiful practice we can adopt is to volunteer as a family with various ministries or organizations. There are also many Catholic summer camps for children that we can take part in, whether as a participant or adult volunteer. Let us use this beautiful time of summer to grow in our stewardship.

While summer is a beautiful time for rest and vacation, it should never be a vacation away from God. If we're not using the summer as an opportunity to grow deeper in our relationship with Christ, we are not making the most of our time. Along with our time of leisure, we should try to use our time to volunteer with various summer programs including Catholic summer camps across the diocese.

Taken from excerpts from the Archdiocese of Toronto website.



**WE ARE SEEKING
LITURGY TEACHERS
AND CATECHISTS!!**

We anticipate that classes in preparation for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation will begin in the fall, while Children's Liturgy presently takes place every Sunday morning during the 9:00 Mass.

If you would like to help by becoming a Liturgy Teacher or Catechist please contact the parish office at 416-767-7054.



The **RCIA** stands for the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**. It's a program within the Catholic Church that helps individuals who are interested in becoming Catholic.

Here are the key points about RCIA:

PURPOSE:

RCIA informs those who wish to be confirmed what it means to be a member of the Body of Christ—the Catholic Church established by Christ Jesus.

PARTICIPANTS:

Catechumens: These are unbaptized individuals.

Candidates for full communion: These are people baptized in another Christian denomination. Both groups undergo an educational process through RCIA.

PROCESS:

RCIA involves several stages marked by study, prayer, and rites at Mass.

It gradually prepares participants for full initiation into the Catholic Church.

The goal is to deepen their understanding of the faith and prepare them for the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist).

Contact Information:

If anyone is interested in joining the RCIA program, they can contact the parish or speak directly to Fr. Roy or send him an email, to fr.roy@rogers.com



The next **ST. THERESE PRAYER GROUP MEETING** is Monday, July 8th following the 9:15 morning Mass. **Please note that we will not meet during the month of August.** Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 9th following the 9:15 morning Mass.

ShareLife 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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GROWING IN YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH is a beautiful journey that involves both spiritual practices and intellectual exploration. Here are some practical ways to enhance your faith:

Daily Prayer and Reflection: Set aside time each day for prayer. Whether it's the Rosary, the Liturgy of the Hours, or heartfelt conversations with God, regular prayer helps you commune with the Divine. Consider reading *The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas à Kempis for guidance on deepening your prayer life.

Attend Mass Regularly: The Eucharist is central to Catholic faith. Regular Mass attendance isn't just an obligation; it's an opportunity to receive the Body of Christ. For deeper insights into the Mass, explore *The Lamb's Supper* by Scott Hahn.

Study the Bible: Dive into Scripture! Attend Bible studies or join a Catholic reading group. The Catholic Study Bible with commentary is an excellent resource for understanding the Bible's teachings and their relevance to your faith.

Read Catholic Literature: Immerse yourself in books that nourish your faith. Consider classics like *Introduction to the Devout Life* by St. Francis de Sales or *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis.

Seek Spiritual Guidance: Having a spiritual director or mentor can be immensely beneficial. They offer insights and support as you grow spiritually. Explore *Spiritual Direction: A Guide for Sharing the Father's Love* by Fr. Thomas Acklin and Fr. Boniface Hicks.

Remember, faith is a journey, and each step brings you closer to God.