

June 30, 2024

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 | 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15 | Mk 5:21-43

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THE  
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DISCIPLE

### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

“If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured.” The assuredness with which the woman in today’s Gospel, afflicted with hemorrhages, speaks, is something I aspire to. She is at her wit’s end, with nothing to lose and everything to gain, and she simply determines what she will do, bolstered by her faith in Jesus Christ. Notice how she doesn’t approach Jesus directly, engage in conversation, or even *ask* anything of him. And Jesus, for his part, doesn’t actively seek her out or call her to him. But the woman *knows*. “She had heard about Jesus,” and she just *knows* that by simply touching his clothing, not even touching his human flesh, that the power he has within him will cure her. Her actions reflect the virtues of fortitude and hope, but it is her faith that has allowed her to see and understand the divine nature of Jesus – to see the God of healing standing before her. And she is not afraid. She trusts in his promises and compassion, and gives herself over to him with full vulnerability, achieving healing and being granted peace in response. If only we could do the same every time we are at *our* wit’s end ... or maybe even long before we get there.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

If we are to follow Jesus we’re instructed to imitate him – giving people hope in situations that can seem hopeless. The promises of Christ are real, and through him God’s original order for Creation is restored. Death is defeated. The sick are healed. The kingdom of God, inaugurated by Christ and in which we participate here in this life, will be brought to fullness and fruition in the next. Being people of faith doesn’t mean we won’t suffer or die, but it *does* mean that suffering and death don’t have the last word with us. When we know and understand this, it affects our whole approach and way of relating to one another. When we know the words of Jesus *are* the truth, we take them into our hearts, live them in our actions, and share them by our witness.

### **ACCOMPANIMENT** Who around you could use this hope?

Think of someone to whom you might bring the healing power of Christ, through listening and presence. Pray for someone who needs the peace of Christ in his or her life.

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Masses: (Sat) 5p;

(Sun) 7a, 9a, 11a, 5p

(Mon-Fri) 8a; (Sat) 9a

Confessions: (Sat) 4p - 4:45p

## What's In Your Heart?

Scripture's marvelous word this [Sunday] is that God wants creation to live and to be whole. You get to wholeness, the readings say, by healing—or, maybe one should say, by getting back to the original wholeness God gave human beings. How do you get the healing that makes you whole? Through faith. Whether you're like the psalmist who had recovered from a serious illness or the woman with a hemorrhage or the little girl thought dead, the message is the same: "Do not be afraid; just have faith." How can your faith bring you healing and wholeness so that you "may get well and live"? - *Preparetheword.com*

## Popes on Freedom

"From the beginning of America, freedom was directed to forming a well-ordered society. Freedom was channeled to the fullness of human life, to the preservation of human dignity and to the safeguarding of all human rights. An experience in ordered freedom is truly a cherished part of the history of this land. [It was this] freedom that America is called to live and guard and to transmit." - *St John Paul II*

"We have received from God the great gift that is freedom. If it is not used well, freedom can lead us away from God, can make us lose the dignity with which He has clothed us." - *Pope Francis*

## Prayer on Independence Day

God, source of all freedom,  
 this day is bright with the memory of those  
 who declared life and liberty are your gift  
 to every human being.  
 Help us to continue a good work begun long ago.  
 Make our vision clear and our will strong: that only in  
 human solidarity will we find liberty,  
 and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life  
 on earth.  
 Turn our hearts toward the family of nations:  
 to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship,  
 and to find safety only in the common good of all.  
 We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- *From Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*

## Peter's Pence Special Collection

June 30

This collection enables the Holy Father to respond quickly to those who suffer from war, oppression, natural disasters. Thank you for your support.

### WEEKLY OFFERING - JUNE 23

-**\$6,918** (baskets: \$5,832; online: \$1,086). Goal: \$6,500.  
 -YTD: **\$319,540**. Budget: \$331,500.  
 Thank you for your generosity.

### MASS INTENTIONS

June 30	Sun	11 am	Scott Burley (L)
		05 pm	Marie Firato (L)
July 01	Mon	08 am	Carlo Santiago +
July 02	Tue	08 am	Chit De La Rosa +
July 03	Wed	08 am	Walter Whelan (L)
July 05	Fri	08 am	The Rios Family
July 06	Sat	09 am	The Weeks Family

Correction - The 5pm Mass' intention last Sunday was for Marie Firato, who is living.

## This Week on FORMED

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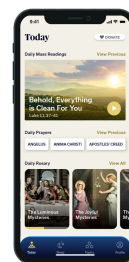


## Amen App

Amen is the *free* Catholic app that brings you beautiful prayers, faithful meditations and nourishing Scripture to draw your mind, body and soul to rest in God.

The content is designed to connect you with God, help put your mind at ease, and release the tension of the day.

The Amen app's goal is to help you increase Christian mindfulness, reduce stress, anxiety, improve your sleep and build a better relationship with Jesus Christ.



## Holy Father's July Prayer Intention

*For the pastoral care of the sick*

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

## Parish Office Closed - July 4

Our parish office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

## Funerals & Memorials

- **Yvonne Christofferson**: July 11 (Thursday), 10am at Saint Catherine Church, 17400 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill.  
 - **Christopher Kelley**: July 19 (Friday), 11am at Ascension.  
 May they rest in peace.

## Ascension Commemorative Book

To honor our Church of the Ascension's 60th Anniversary, we plan to publish a commemorative book that will include the parish's history, stories, historic documents and pictures, and photos of our parish families.

We need volunteers with skills for  
 -Photographs -Photo session coordination  
 -Layout & Artworks -Content editing.

Please contact Fr. Hao at [ascensionpastor@dsj.org](mailto:ascensionpastor@dsj.org) if you, or someone you know, can work on this book.

## Agnus Day Comic Strip - Mark 5:21-43

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