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Gospel Summary

A synagogue official named Jairus pleads with Jesus to cure his daughter, who is at the point of death. While on the way to the official's house, a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years comes through the large crowd that is following Jesus, and touches his cloak. She is instantly cured. Jesus, aware that power had gone out of him, asks, "Who has touched my clothes?" The woman in fear and trembling tells him that it was she. Jesus says to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction."

While he was still speaking, people from the synagogue official's house arrive and announce that the young girl has died. Jesus says to the official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." Taking Peter, James, and John with him, Jesus goes to the official's house. Upon arrival, the crowd ridicules him when he says that the child is asleep, not dead. He then takes the child by the hand and says to her, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl, a child of twelve, arises and walks around. Jesus gives strict orders that no one should know about what he did, and adds that the girl should be given something to eat.

Life Implications

The same Jesus, now Risen Lord, who reached out with compassion and with power to heal and to give life is with us. Gathered in his name, we pray that in our moment of affliction, we too will hear his words, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." Likewise, we pray that the Lord will extend his compassion and power through us to others who are afflicted. For one, it may be care given to an aging parent; for another, it may mean long hours spent in a laboratory searching for a cure for cancer.

Two things in today's gospel passage suggest further exploration of the mystery of Christ and its implication for anyone who wishes to follow in his way. Mark gives us the apparently needless information that Peter, James, and John witnessed the power of Jesus in raising the daughter of Jairus; secondly he tells us that Jesus gave the strange order about keeping what he had done a secret.

Jesus is quite aware of the large crowds that are beginning to follow him with the expectation that with his extraordinary power he will help them. Jesus recognizes their afflictions and responds with compassion. Yet, he must resist the temptation to reduce his mission for God's kingdom to pressing earthly afflictions like illness and hunger. He commands silence about the raising of the daughter of Jairus because he does not want the essence of his mission to be misunderstood. The fourth gospel also refers to the fact that many people misunderstood the mission of Jesus (Jn 6:2,15,26).

Mark tells us that Peter, James, and John were also with Jesus on the mountain of transfiguration (9:2-13) and in the garden of Gethsemane (14:32-42): even though beloved son of God, he will be stripped of power. In consequence of his trusting obedience to his loving Father, he will suffer greatly, be treated with contempt, and be killed. Dying upon a cross, he was in fact mocked for his loss of power: "He saved others; he cannot save himself" (15:29-32). Paul wrote that the message he preached, Christ crucified, is an obstacle to faith for Jews, and foolishness for the rest of us (1 Cor 1:23). Yet it is in dying powerless on a cross that Jesus reveals the ultimate meaning of divine power as self-giving love in response to his Father's love. In this action Jesus heals the ultimate human affliction-- separation from God.

Peter, James, and John, however, also witnessed the surprise of resurrection. Because Jesus emptied himself, becoming obedient even unto death, God greatly exalted him (Phil 2:5-11). No longer enjoined to be silent about what Jesus had done, they with other apostles have proclaimed the good news to the entire world. By following in the way of Jesus, each of us also as beloved son or daughter share in that life with God and with each other that no earthly affliction, death included, can destroy.

At our Eucharist today we might pray for the grace to grasp the meaning in our own lives of a truth that is as incomprehensible to human reason today as it was the day Paul wrote it: "The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor 1:18).

———— Campion P. Gavalier, OSB

As we end the Year of Saint Paul...

*I, Paul, am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance. [...]The Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly Kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen. **2 Tim 4, 6-8.17-18***

<p>Staff Pastor:Church & School Msgr: Labib Kobti Parochial Vicar: Fr Andrew Johnson Priest Brazilian Community Fr. Sergio da Silva, (415) 454-8141 Deacon: Khaled Abu Shaer Admin Assistant: Elvira Garcia Receptionist: Sr Teresa Malave, VDMF Campus Ministry: Verbum Dei Sisters Sr. Su Fern Khoo, VDMF (415) 573-9062 RCIC: Kathy Sanford 650) 738-0646 RCIA & Music: Suzanne Hockel (415) 826-6834 STM School: Principal, Joe Elsbernd (415) 337-0100</p>	<p><u>This week's</u> Parish Events</p> <p>Tue. June 29th Legion of Mary, Scanlan Hall, 6:30 pm Communion & Liberation, Scanlan Hall, 8 pm</p> <p>Wednesday, July 1st International Food Festival Meeting Scanlan Hall, 7 pm</p> <p>Friday, July 3rd, First Friday Adoration at 7:00pm & Healing Mass, 8pm in Church</p> <p>Saturday, July 4th, Burmese Community Mass 10am in Church</p> <p>Bible Study Group, Alma Via, 7:00 PM</p>	<p>SCHEDULE</p> <p>Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM</p> <p>Sunday 8:00 AM Portuguese/Brazilian; 10:00 AM English 11:45 AM Arabic; 8:00 PM English</p> <p>Weekdays: 8:30 AM (Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.); 5:30 PM (Tue., Thu.)</p> <p>Holy Days: 8:30 AM & 8:00 PM</p> <p>First Saturdays: 10:00 AM Burmese</p> <p>First Fridays: 8:30 AM 7:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Followed by Mass for healing at 8:00 PM</p> <p>Sacrament of Baptism (infants): Parents and godparents must attend Baptism Preparation Class. Call the office for Schedule.</p> <p>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sundays 9:30—9:45 AM; Saturday 4:30 PM. Any time upon request.</p> <p>Sacrament of Matrimony: Contact us at least 6 months prior to wedding date.</p> <p>Communion to the homebound and the ill: Anyone who is ill and unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Communion may call the office to schedule a visit.</p> <p>Anointing of the Sick: Any time upon request. If a parishioner is seriously ill at home, please inform the parish office regarding a visit for anointing.</p> <p>Funeral arrangements: Funeral Director should contact Parish Office.</p>
<p>For Children and Youth: Under 6 years old, STM offers a “Crying Room” where parents can follow Mass, while children play away from the community. Over 6 years old, we have the “Children’s Liturgy”, RCIC and RCIA and FLA groups and Summer Camps</p> <p>For Adults: English Charismatic group, Sundays 6:00 PM: St. Benedict’s Group (18-late 20’s) 2nd and 4th Saturday 2:00-4:00 PM; Arabic Youth Group, Fridays 6:30 PM; Brazilian Charismatic group, Mondays 7:00 PM; Burmese Youth Group, Sundays 2:00 PM; SFSU Campus ministry, Thursdays 7:00 PM (on Campus) <u>[Pls call the office for contact numbers.]</u></p> <p>For Families: Bible Study, Saturday at 7:00 PM; Couples For Christ: Saturday 5:00 PM; Legion of Mary, Communion & Liberation, Perpetual Novena to the Sto. Nino; Prince of Peace and Friday adoration</p> <p>Holy Land Museum & Shroud of Turin Exhibit Open 9-4:30 Monday-Friday</p>		

Regular Activities

Parish Council	To Be Announced	Bible Study & Prayer	Saturday, 7 PM at Alma Via
Liturgy Committee	As Announced	AACC Youth Group	Friday, 6:00 PM
Legion of Mary	Tuesday, 6:30 PM	Perpetual Novena: Sto. Nino	Last Friday, 7 PM
Communion & Liberation	Tuesday, 8:00 PM	Prince of Peace	Friday, 8:30 PM
Charismatic groups for different ethnics	See schedule	FLA Youth Group	1st & 3rd Wed. at 6:30PM

Full Plate Program: Thanks for your support of this program. Pls. bring your donations & place them in the green bins at the church entrance. Menu items: 1 can of vegetables, 1 can of fruit, 1 canned meat or tuna, 1 box of granola bars/healthy snack item. Pls., no glass items. Thanks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Friday

***July 3rd, 2009.** There will be **Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** at 7 PM on Friday, July 3rd followed by **Healing Mass** at 8 PM, as we do every month. We hope you will come and pray with us.

*End of Pauline Year.

Thank you to all who came and celebrated the conclusion of the year of St. Paul with us last night.

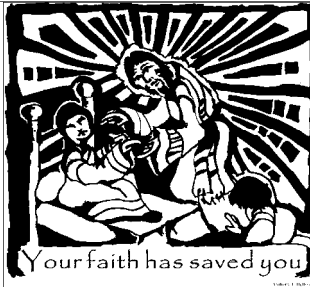


Please refer to the insert for info on the plenary indulgence gained in connection with the Pauline Year.

***Church office closed.** In observance of the Fourth of July holiday, the office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd.

***Raffles.** Those beautiful frames in the vestibule are our raffle prizes which will be drawn at 5 PM on September 27, the day of the International Food Festival. Raffle tickets will be out soon.

***Heads up.** Please keep July 18 open for our Parish Spiritual Retreat. All lay ministers are asked to be present.



***Year of Priests.** Pope Benedict has designated June 19, 2009 to June 19, 2010 the Year of the Priest. St. John Vianney, a 19-century saint, has been proclaimed the patron saint of all the world's priests. He represents a "true example of a priest at the service of the flock of Christ," the pope said.

***Holy Land Pilgrimage.** Please check our website (www.stmchurch.com) for more information on our Holy Land Pilgrimage on October 21 to November 4, 2009. To sign up or for more details, call Claudia Devaux at (805) 544-9088. Space is limited, so call soon.

***Blessed Junipero Serra, Priest.** *Short Meditation: On Wednesday, July 1, we honor Blessed Junipero Serra. He started out as a professor of philosophy but found himself plunged into a totally new work. With trust in God he tackled his new tasks & found himself not only a founder of missions but a champion of the Indians. We have no way of knowing where the will of God will lead us, but we must be prepared to follow it, wherever it leads. - The One Year Book of Saints.*

MASS INTENTIONS

June 28th— July 4th, 2009

6/28 Sun 10:00am Irene & Russell De Havent
8:00pm Reynaldo & Paulina Mendoza†
6/29 Mon 8:30am All Souls in Purgatory †
6/30 Tue 5:30pm Kate Ryan †
7/01 Wed 8:30am Sara & Colin F. Noguera (hlg)
7/02Thu 5:30pm All Souls in Purgatory †
7/03Fri 8:30 am Laura & Mario Biagini †
8:00 am William Cook †
7/04 Sat 8:30 am Irene & Russell De Haven †
5:00 pm Sara & Colin F. Noguera (hlg)
Please call the office to schedule your Mass.
Attending the Mass you offer is appreciated.

Pray for ...

All the sick people in our parish,

especially Joe Elsbernd, May Ann Cabrera, Christian Yousef, Lina Susbilla, Patricia Colburn, Barbara Cunningham, Carmel Desmond, Collin & Sara Fernando-Noguera, Catherine Moynihan, Mac Nuqui, Marie Paynor-Cia, John Schulz, Lourdes Tam, Filemon Trinidad, Alejandro Villavicencio, Ruby Jimenez, Gordon Lu, Rosauo Tan, Jean Lu, Bridget Suazon, Rhona Palencia, Annika de Leon and for all who are ill in our parish.

All the deceased in our parish.

Weekly Offering



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Weekend of June 21st, 2009

\$2,899

Thank you
for your generosity.

Today's 2nd collection is for
Peter's Pence.
Please be generous.



If you are new to the area and not yet registered at Saint Thomas More Parish, we invite you to fill this out, cut it out and return it to the parish office/rectory or drop in the collection basket.

I choose to become a member of St. Thomas More and commit myself to building a community that seeks to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God. I will commit myself to this mission by my active & consistent presence at worship financial giving even when I can't be present.

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City _____ Zip _____ Phone (s) _____

Email: _____ I want to receive the envelopes and commit myself to a weekly contribution.

Yes, please _____ No, thanks. _____ Subscribe to our mailing list by e-mailing us: stmchurch@aol.com