

The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Today's Gospel offers a rare framework -- a story in a story. Most of the healing miracles are standalone encounters. One person approaches Jesus, demonstrates faith, and is healed. The evangelist tells the next story. This Gospel, however, is different. Jesus is on his way to heal one person, a young girl of twelve, and is interrupted on his journey by "a woman afflicted with hemorrhages." She bravely approaches Jesus in a crowd, despite being ritually unclean from her bleeding, and stretches out to touch his cloak. She is healed! Jesus meets her eye, confirms her faith, and continues on to resurrect the young girl. Reading this passage, it might be easier to identify with one story -- the long-suffering woman or the young, innocent girl -- and to move past the other. But here they sit side by side. The girl is twelve. The woman has been suffering for twelve years. For the Gospel writers, number parallels have deep symbolic meaning.

Between the woman and the young girl, we are not one or the other. We are both. None of us had a perfect childhood, perfect families, or a perfect peer group. As we endure pain, disappointment, or unmet expectations, it can feel like a part of our childhood hopes have died. Our coping mechanisms, social adaptations, and hidden secrets can make us the "walking wounded" in some respects. Jesus wants to do more than simply staunch the bleeding. His healing hand makes dead things come alive. He awakens the dreams that are asleep. This process requires prayer, conversations with trusted community and spiritual mentors, and critical looks at difficult areas of our life. However, we can believe the words of our Lord. If we approach Jesus in faith, believing that he wants to heal and save, we, too, will hear his calming words spoken over the hurts of our life. "I say to you, arise!" "Go in peace."

Readings for the Week of July 1st, 2018

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: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [22a]/Mt 8:18-22
 Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29
 Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17 [23b]/Mt 8:28-34
 Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10cd]/Mt 9:1-8
 Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131 [Mt 4:4]/Mt 9:9-13
 Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 9:14-17
 Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

Prayers for the Sick: Merciful Jesus, onto your Compassionate Heart we recommend Charlene Bonnet, Laverne St. Julien, Jaiden Gardner, Mark Domingue, Sylvania Cormier, David Bernard Sr., Mary Jane Jacquet, Mercedes St. Julien, Gustavia Thibeaux, Reginald Brown, Betty Broussard, Bessie Jones, Florena Landry, Daffoney Anderson, John Albert Ledet, Marie Lopez, Emery Joe, Andre' Serio, Mayola Williams, Shavwana Flugence, Roy Brown, Lisa Trahan, Charles Lee, Joel Rivera, Wilfred Flugence, Mayola Williams, Salasha Lee, Lorena & Lester Mouton and those in the following nursing homes:

Landmark of Acadiana: Elise Jean-Baptiste
Maison de Lafayette: Dorothy Lavan #217
 and all of the sick of our parish.

NEXT BAPTISM: Baptismal class for the parents and God parents will be held on Monday, **Sept 3rd, 2018** at 7pm in the Bishop Perry Learning Center. The actual baptism date will be Saturday, **Sept 8th** following 5pm mass. Parents are required to bring a copy of the baby's

birth certificate to the church office by noon on Monday, June 4th, 2018 and register for the class. The registration fee is \$25.00 per child.

Mass Intentions

Sat. 5:00pm: Hilda Johnson, Alexson Mathieu, Audrey Mathieu, the deceased members of the Mathieu & Mouton families, Wilbert & Thelma Jeanlouis, Christopher J. Anderson, Harold Anderson, Sr., & Ethel Mae Decuir, Curtis & Gladiola Breaux, Mary Lou Breaux, Viola & George Sonnier Sr and all deceased Ushers of the Parish. Special Intentions for all of the church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

Sun. 8:00am: All deceased Ushers of the Parish. Special Intentions all of the church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

Sun. 10:00am: All deceased Ushers of the parish. Special Intentions for all of the church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

God's Housekeepers:

St. Joseph: Thanks to all of the ladies in **Group B** that cleaned the church on June 30th, 2018. The next group is **Group C:** Cynthia Jacquet and Pamela Seville – June 7th, 2018.

St. Anthony-July, 2018 Group A: Loucinda George, Mary Alice Cormier and Jeanette Mitchell.

The hard work and time you dedicate is greatly appreciated!

PSR (Parish School of Religion) Corner:
Classes are on Saturdays from 9am – 12 Noon

Our program is in need of support volunteers and volunteers to share the Faith Catechist for our 2018-2019 school year religion sessions. **You can help the youth of our parish to learn and grow in faith by becoming a Catechist or Support Volunteer!** Contact Charlotte Milson for more information.



2018 – 2019 classes TBA

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR 2018

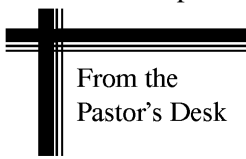
- **PARISH FINANCE MEETING:** Tuesday, July 10th at 6pm in the Bishop Perry Learning Center.
- **ALTAR SERVER MEETING:** Saturday, July 21st at 10am at St. Joseph Church.
- **ST. JOSEPH FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION:** Saturday and Sunday, July 14th & 15th, 2018. Honoring the founder of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Broussard, LA, (1952) Bishop Harold Perry and his family.



Wednesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

| Parish Masses | Lectors | Extraordinary Ministers of Communion | Altar Servers | Ushers |
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| SATURDAY July 7, 2018 5:00pm | Melanie Sam Melanna Sam | Linda Johnson Patty Derouen Cathy Sigur Barbara Thomas | Raymond Sigur, Jr. | Gertrude Batiste Anthony Smith Linda Alfred Russell Flugence |
| SUNDAY July 8, 2018 8:00AM | Mary Alice Cormier Godfrey Robertson | Rosemary Lee Godfrey Robertson | Jarvis Berard | Loucinda George |
| SUNDAY July 8, 2018 10:00AM | Claudette Nickerson Helen LeDet | Edith White Homer White Carolyn Flugence Shawvana Flugence | Todd Cross, Jr Jori Jordan | Ervin Flugence Danny Flugence Troy Mitchell Lucius Savoy |

ATTENTION: Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers and Ushers are required to call in a replacement when you are unable to serve when you are unable to do so. Your commitment to doing this will help to insure that there are no interruptions for the mass. **Thank You!**



From the
Pastor's Desk

PASTOR'S

CORNER:

As we celebrate the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are inching closer to the date of our Tri-Parish-Centennial Celebrating, focusing on the founding of St. Joseph and Fr. Harold Robert Perry S. V.D., becoming the first black Bishop in America. On July 14th, 2018 we will have a Prayer Breakfast of Thanksgiving as we remember and honor him and some of his family members. Everyone must purchase of ticket for this event. On Sunday July 15th, 2018 following our 10:00 am liturgy of thanksgiving, we will have a little reception. This reception is free and your pastor will seek the proper funding so that you can enjoy with and mingle with your former pastors, the Perry family, friends and visitors. Let us enjoy this special moment in our lives and the history of our faith community. As we approach this event, let us pray that God continue to bless us each day.

Today the gospel reading touch experiences we have all had in our lives. Jairus and the woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years. Jairus wanted help with his unbelief. The woman had great preservice she did not give up, she had preservice. Many had unbelief about St. Joseph, others did not have perseverance in St. Joseph and gave up. The gospel reading connects each of us to our personal live and the place we worship. The lesson is that we put our trust in God and not in Men.

TRUSTING IN GOD

- 1) DON'T DEPEND ON YOU
- 2) CRY OUT TO GOD
- 3) RUN FROM EVIL
- 4) PUT GOD FIRST IN YOUR LIFE
- 5) CHECK YOURSELF BY GOD'S WORD
- 6) LISTEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT
- 7) REST IN GOD'S LOVE

~ Rev Thomas James, SVD~



Inspiration for Your Week

The Web Site for St. Joseph/St. Anthony is: stjostant.org

Our Giving
June 23rd & 24th, 2018

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| St. Joseph | (79 Envelopes came in out of 213) | \$1,123.00 |
| St. Anthony | (26 Envelopes came in out of 84) | <u>800.00</u> |
| Total | | \$1,923.00 |

"No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord, your God, has bestowed on you" - Deuteronomy 16: 16c, 17

Happy 4th
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