



Sunday, June 27, 2021

13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Dear Friends,

We are approaching the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, and to assist us in preparing for this Sunday I invite you to enter into the following reflection on the Gospel reading:

"It is to be hoped that the whole of this gospel is proclaimed this Sunday, as the option for the shorter version cuts out the portrait of the woman with a hemorrhage that is framed by the two-part narrative of Jairus's daughter. Mark deliberately structures his narrative so that the two stories relate to one another.

Jairus, a synagogue official, appeals not to the synagogue but to Jesus for the healing of his daughter. As Jesus and Jairus are on the way to his house, they are interrupted. A woman who is hemorrhaging, probably from a gynecological cause, worms her way through the crowd and touches his clothes. In first-century Palestine, a menstruating woman was regarded as ritually "unclean," excluded from relationships with her husband, family, friends, and worshiping assembly. Anyone or anything with which she came into contact during those days was also regarded as unclean. For twelve years, Mark tells us, the desperate woman had wasted money on physicians, and becoming even worse she had endured a living death of alienation. Regarded as a "contaminant," she should not even have been out in a pressing crowd; but she is ready now to risk being identified in the desperate hope that if she could only touch

Jesus's garment she would be cured. (In Greek, the word translated here as "cured" is also the word for "saved.")

As she touches Jesus, the woman knows immediately that she is healed. In the depths of her body there is a sigh of relief and joy. When Jesus asks, "Who has touched my clothes?" the woman comes forward, falls down "in fear and trembling," but caring nothing now about who hears her story. Then from being nobody's daughter, disowned as wife, or mother, or sister, or friend, she hears herself named by Jesus as "Daughter." Jesus sends her away in peace, for her faith in him has brought not only physical healing that allows her to return after twelve years to her normal everyday relationships, but also establishes a new relationship as a member of the family of faith.

And so as Jesus continues to Jairus's house, now as someone who has violated taboos and been "contaminated" with ritual uncleanness by the woman, word comes that the girl has died. But Jesus encourages Jairus to have the same faith as the woman. When they reach the house, Jesus faces ridicule, scorn, and the ultimate enemy - death. With the girl's parents clinging desperately to the last thread of hope, Jesus takes the girl by the hand and tells her to "arise!" That Mark has retained in this narrative the mother tongue of Jesus and those with him, adds to the precious intimacy of the miracle. After rising from the dead, she begins to walk around, and Jesus tells the young woman's parents to give her something to eat—a sequence of events that parallels the resurrection appearances of Jesus himself and has eucharistic memories for Christian communities gathered as we are today for a meal of thanksgiving and nourishing.

The young woman is, says Mark, twelve years old. Blood now courses again through her body and, at about the age of beginning menstruation, she now has a future and a marriageable hope. The woman who had

hemorrhaged for twelve years, whose menstruation was her shame, is also healed and whole. Both women can now go and live their womanhood in peace and wholeness, for God's reigning presence has touched and restored their lives through Jesus. These women announce to us the situation of women throughout the world who, for whatever reason, are still conditioned or condemned to insignificance or abuse; all those women who are still marginalized by society, yet who grasp bravely at other possibilities. Nor can the church opt out of its responsibility. The church's teaching about nondiscrimination needs to be applied to its own affairs. It must refer constantly back to Jesus and his way of relating to women and men in the Scriptures." (Living Liturgy 2021)

According to the information that we received from the Diocese, on June 30<sup>th</sup> we will enter into the second stage of reopening. On that day we will be allowed to increase our Mass attendance to 25% capacity with all other pandemic protocols in place. This second stage is currently set to last until July 21<sup>st</sup>.

As you know, this coming Wednesday is the day when the pastoral moves take place. Please pray for the pastors and associate pastors who will be embracing their new parish communities. Fr. Ross Campbell will be arriving at St. Francis Xavier Parish at 12 noon that day to take over care of this parish family. Presumably his assistant Fr. Peter Robinson, who will be ordained to the priesthood tomorrow (Saturday), will be joining him either that same day or soon after. All the best to them in their assignment serving God's people in our Stoney Creek area.

This will be my last Friday email. I have been sending them weekly for the past year or so to all parishioners who were willing to share their email addresses with me in order to provide some spiritual preparation for upcoming Sundays and to help keep everyone posted on

the happenings at SFX. Thank you to all of you for your interest in the content, and to those who gave me some feedback. God bless you.

We are continuing to hold online gatherings on Zoom to help parishioners stay connected during this time when our regular ministries and programs can not take place in person. This week's gathering is Coffee With the Clergy on Monday evening, hosted by Fr. Claude and Deacon Carmelo. Please visit the online bulletin for more details, and contact Wes at [wmoga@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:wmoga@hamiltondiocese.com) if you would like the Zoom invite.

Registration is now open for our **summer online activities for students!** This summer we will be holding two weeks of an **online mini-camp for students entering Grades 3-6** in the fall. Each day of camp will focus on a different saint and will include games, prayer, videos, crafts, and outdoor activities! Kits with supplies will be delivered to campers in advance. Students going into Grades 7 and up can volunteer as leaders!

We will also be having an **online evening series for those entering Grades 7-12** called Coffee with Jesus. Through stories from Scripture, videos, small group conversations, prayer, and games, this 4-part series will encourage participants to accept Jesus' invitation to be refreshed and renewed by their relationship with him! More information for both of these online activities, as well as registration forms, can be found [here](#).

Join us this weekend for the celebration of the Lord's Day Mass in person at our three regular times if you are able. Parishioners who cannot be with us in person can access the livestream of the 9AM Sunday Mass on our YouTube channel as always.

God bless, everyone.

Fr. Mariusz

PS. To make the famous words of Captain Kirk from Star Trek my own: "Mariusz out!" 😊

# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## FIRST READING:

But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world,  
and they who belong to his company experience it.  
(Wis 2:24)

## PSALM:

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. (Ps 30)

## SECOND READING:

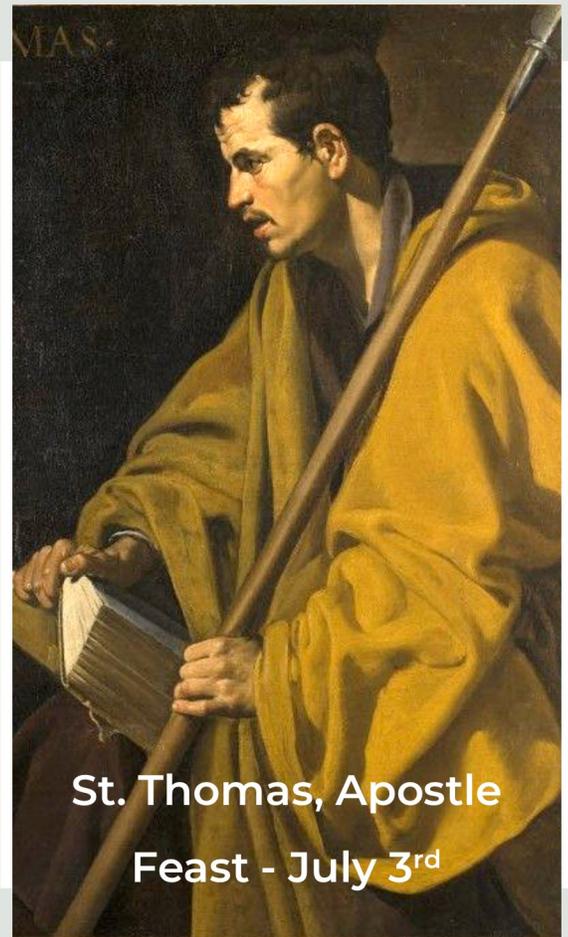
Not that others should have relief while you are burdened,  
but that as a matter of equality  
your abundance at the present time should supply  
their needs,  
so that their abundance may also supply your needs,  
that there may be equality. (2 Cor 8:13-14)

## GOSPEL:

He took the child by the hand and said to her, "*Talitha koun,*"  
which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" (Mk 5:41)

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 27, 2021

Sunday:	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr
Tuesday:	Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
Wednesday:	The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Thursday:	Canada Day
Saturday:	St. Thomas, Apostle
Next Sunday:	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Thomas, Apostle

Feast - July 3<sup>rd</sup>

## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

We learn from the Jewish Wisdom writer that God did not create death; rather, death entered the world because of the envy of the devil. How does this insight shape your understanding of death?

### SECOND READING

Paul encourages the wealthier believers in Corinth to share their surplus wealth with those in need in the church in Jerusalem. What do you find interesting in Paul's appeal?

### GOSPEL READING

In these two separate miracle stories, Jesus heals Jairus' daughter and the hemorrhaging woman because of their faith in Jesus. How does your faith in Jesus bring about healing in your life?

# Daily Schedule

Date	Celebration - Time	Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar
<p><b>Monday,</b> June 28:</p> <p>1st Reading: Genesis 18.16-33 Gospel: Matthew 8.18-22 <b>St. Irenaeus (Memorial)</b></p>	<p>Rosary – 7:30 AM <b>Mass</b> – 8:00 AM Chaplet – 3:00 PM (livestreamed)</p>	<p>Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday,</b> June 29:</p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 12.1-11 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 17-18 Gospel: Matthew 16.13-19 <b>Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles (Solemnity)</b></p>	<p>Rosary – 7:30 AM <b>Mass</b> – 8:00 AM <b>Liturgy of the Word</b> for Elementary Schools – 9:00AM (livestreamed) Chaplet – 3:00 PM (livestreamed)</p>	<p>Rev. Msgr. Martin Valley</p>
<p><b>Wednesday,</b> June 30:</p> <p>1st Reading: Genesis 21.5, 8-20 Gospel: Matthew 8.28-34 <b>The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church, (Optional Memorial)</b></p>	<p>Rosary – 7:30 AM <b>Mass</b> – 8:00 AM</p>	<p>Holy Ghost Congregation (Spiritans) (C.S.Sp.)</p>
<p><b>Thursday,</b> July 1:</p> <p>1st Reading: Genesis 22.1-19 Gospel: Matthew 9.1-8 <b>Canada Day</b></p>	<p>Rosary – 8:00 AM <b>Mass</b> – 8:30 AM</p>	<p>Rev. Jacek Kryn, S.A.C.</p>
<p><b>Friday,</b> July 2:</p> <p>1st Reading: Genesis 23.1-4, 19; 24.1-8, 62-67 Gospel: Matthew 9.9-13</p>	<p>Rosary – 7:30 AM <b>Mass</b> – 8:00 AM <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> – 8:30 AM –9:30 AM</p>	<p>Rev. Janusz Roginski, S.A.C.</p>
<p><b>Saturday,</b> July 3:</p> <p>1st Reading: Ephesians 2.19-22 Gospel: John 20.24-29 <b>St. Thomas, Apostle (Feast)</b></p>	<p>Rosary – 8:00 AM <b>Mass</b> – 8:30 AM <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> – 4:00 PM –5:00 PM (or by appointment, please call the parish office) <b>Mass</b> – 5:30 PM</p>	<p>Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki</p>
<p><b>Sunday,</b> July 4:</p> <p>1st Reading: Ezekiel 2.3-5 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12.7-10 Gospel: Mark 6.1-6</p>	<p>Rosary – 8:30 AM <b>Mass</b> – 9:00 AM <b>Mass</b> – 11:00 AM</p>	<p><b>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b></p>

# TOUCHING THE CLOAK OF CHRIST

Look to today's Gospel and you'll find one of the most arresting images in all of Scripture. Christ in a crowd, everyone clamoring for his attention, pressing against him. Several feet away, is a chronically ill woman, weak and desperate for help. She knows she doesn't have a chance of getting his attention. She has no connections. She has no strength. All she can do is lift up her hand.

So that's what she does. She reaches out.

There comes a time, or maybe several times, in each of our lives when we become this woman. We're tired and we're sick. Is it with sin? With fear? With anger? It doesn't matter. Whatever it is, it's made us weak, and we feel like we've run out of options. We've looked for help and

come up empty. We've consulted friends and gotten nowhere. We're lost in the crowd of life, unable to stick our heads above the pressing throng to wave for help.

And there is Christ, always passing by us. The hem of his cloak is never far from our grasp. We have no hope of a big miracle like the synagogue leader. We don't even bother asking for that. But that cloak ... we can touch that cloak. That's something we can do.

Do we do it, though? Do we have the confidence of that sick, beaten-down woman who knew so totally that healing was there for the taking? Or do we retreat back into the crowd, stumbling back home with our pain and our sinfulness? Reach out, friends. However, whatever, whenever — reach out. Christ will not fail you.

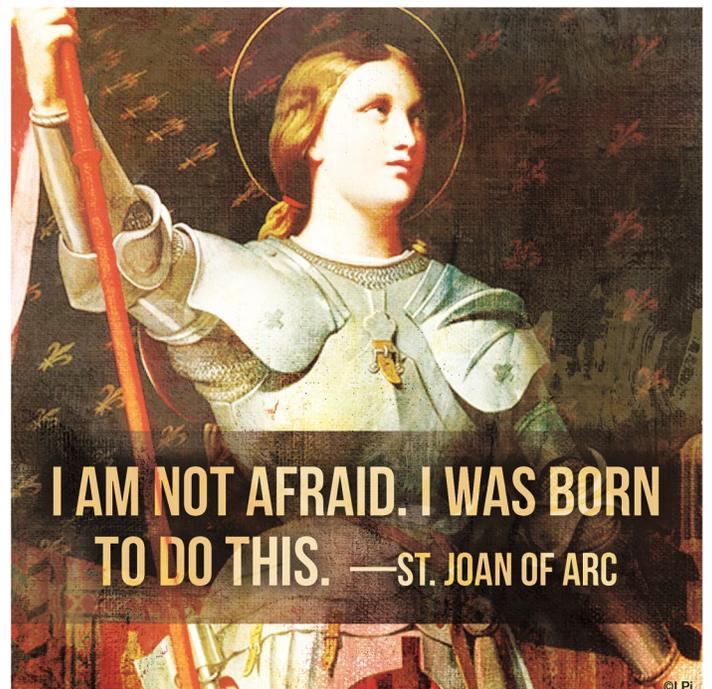
—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## WHAT IS THE “MIRACULOUS MEDAL” AND WHY IS IT CALLED THAT?

The medal of the Immaculate Conception that has come to be called simply the “Miraculous Medal” dates back to an apparition of Mary to Saint Catherine Laboure, who was then a novice sister with the Daughters of Charity. On November 27, 1830, Our Lady appeared to her standing on a globe, with shafts of light streaming from her hands and the words, “O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee,” surrounding the image. In the same vision, Catherine saw a capital “M” with a cross above it and below two hearts. Catherine seemed to hear a voice telling her to have what she saw struck as a medal and a promise that those who wore the medal would have the protection and intercession of the Mother of God. The first 1,500 of medals were distributed in 1832. Many miraculous favors were attributed to the use of the medal.

Saint Catherine's “Miraculous Medal” is among the recognizable and popular symbols of modern Catholicism. Reflecting on its widespread use, the 2001 Vatican document, “Directory on Popular

Piety and Liturgy,” observes that the medal “recalls the mystery of Redemption, the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of the Sorrowful Heart of Mary. It signifies the mediatory role of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mystery of the Church, the relationship between Heaven and earth, this life and eternal life.”



# THIS WEEK'S ONLINE GATHERINGS!



## Monday, June 28: COFFEE WITH THE CLERGY

**Host:** Fr. Claude & Deacon Carmelo

**Time:** 7:00-8:00pm

**Includes:** Faith-centred reflections and discussions, prayer time, Question & Answer period.

For the Zoom invite and to submit questions for the Q&A please contact Wes at [wmoga@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:wmoga@hamiltondiocese.com).

# LIVE THE LITURGY

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“Do not be afraid, just have faith.” God does not rejoice in our demise or our destruction. Rather, He made us in his image and desires that we have life. He also desires that we be healed and know His loving touch. There is great power in an embrace offered in love. The touch of another can heal wounds and restore life. There is also power in faith. Faith can turn us toward the truth and turn us toward God. Both love and faith can lead us to hope that no matter what we encounter, God will continue to sustain us in being. He will not allow us to perish. God can profoundly change how we see Him, ourselves, and one another. God desires that we turn toward Him and be healed of all that wounds and binds us so that we can be free and enjoy the fullness of life. We are asked to arise and walk proudly with this life-giving faith. Reach out and share this faith with someone this week so that they too can receive God’s life changing embrace and heed His call to wholeness. There are many in our world wandering around aimlessly without hope. Bring it to them.



### PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!



### 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# Coming this Summer!

A 4-week series for Grades 7 – 12



*“DRINK AND BE REFRESHED”*

Tuesdays on ZOOM

July 13 - August 3 from 7:30 - 9:00pm

**Just Be. Be Made New. Be Filled. Be Restored.**

This is what Jesus wants for each of us!

Through stories from Scripture, videos, small group conversations, prayer, and games, this 4-part series will encourage participants to accept Jesus' invitation to be refreshed and renewed by their relationship with him.

Registration opens June 9!

Visit <https://saintfxstoneycreek.com/youth-ministry/>  
for more information.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The author of The Cloud of Unknowing prays, "That which I am and the way that I am, with all my gifts of nature and grace, you have given to me, O Lord, and you are all this. I offer it all to you, principally to praise you and to help my fellow Christians and myself." Knowing that God sustains us in being is the key to faith. All that we need to do is to love God as God is and the rest will begin to fall into place. God made us in His image and desires that we have life. God also desires that we be healed of all of our wounds, especially those caused by sin, and know his loving touch. Being weighed down by negativity, imperfections, the cares of the world, and weakness is not something that God desires.

Faith can profoundly change how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It gives a clearer lens through which to see life and connects us with the powerful virtues of love and hope. Three friends journeying with us through all that we encounter, faith, hope, and love, help us experience God's embrace and heal us. All we have to do is let God be who God is and not foolishly try to make Him into what we need or want Him to be. Without God we cease to be.



It's that simple. The very blood that flows through my veins and the life that I have come directly from Divine origins. With this knowledge of who God is and who I am, I can open my ears and hear the powerful words Jesus speaks, "Do not be afraid, just have faith." Trust begins.

When we are struggling, we naturally reach out for God because we know that a divine remedy is the only remedy. But, in doing so we wrestle with letting God take charge. We want something more miraculous and visible than the obvious and have difficulty in finding consolation

simply resting in God's presence. Our naked being, stripped of any pretense or self-serving agenda, is being called to rest in and love the uncreated Presence of God. Reach out in love to God. Ask God to heal you from all that separates you from Him. Put aside any ideas of God that create barriers between you and God's tender and endearing presence. The Cloud of Unknowing leaves us with wisdom, "think of yourself and of him in the same way, that is, with the simple awareness that he is as he is and that you are as you are." This is a meeting of two friends who desire nothing more than to share life together.

*Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." - Mk 5:36bc, 38-39*

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*"The greatest kindness one can render to any person consists in leading them from error to truth."*

*St. Thomas Aquinas*

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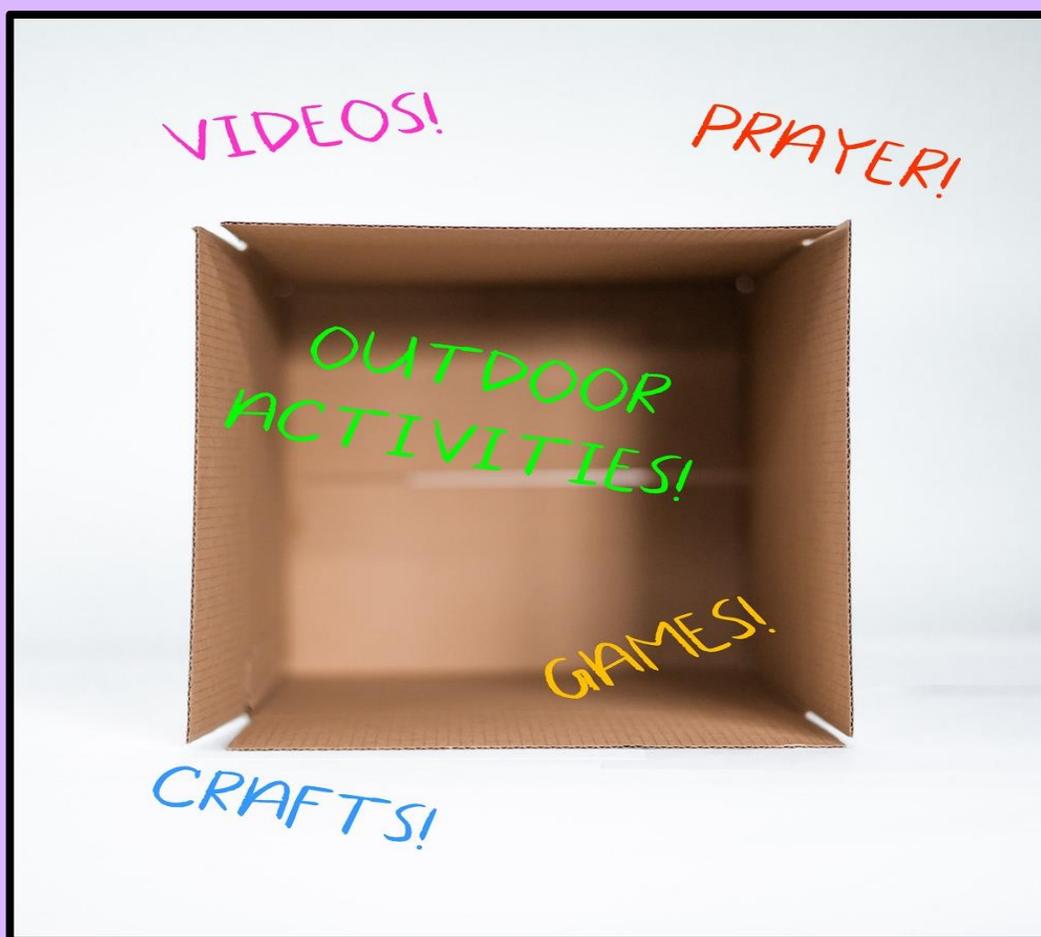
## CAMP IN A BOX

A week-long online Mini-Camp for Grades 3 - 6

Held on Zoom

Week 1: July 26 - 30

Week 2: August 16 - 20



2 time options:  
Morning  
(10:00am-  
12:00pm)  
or  
Afternoon  
(2:00pm-4:00pm)

Each day of  
camp will focus  
on a different  
saint!  
Kits with supplies  
will be delivered  
to campers in  
advance.

Registration opens June 9!

For more information, please visit

<https://saintfxstoneycreek.com/youth-ministry/>

# 3 EASY STEPS

## TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



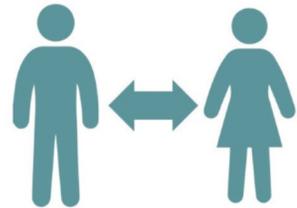
### WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



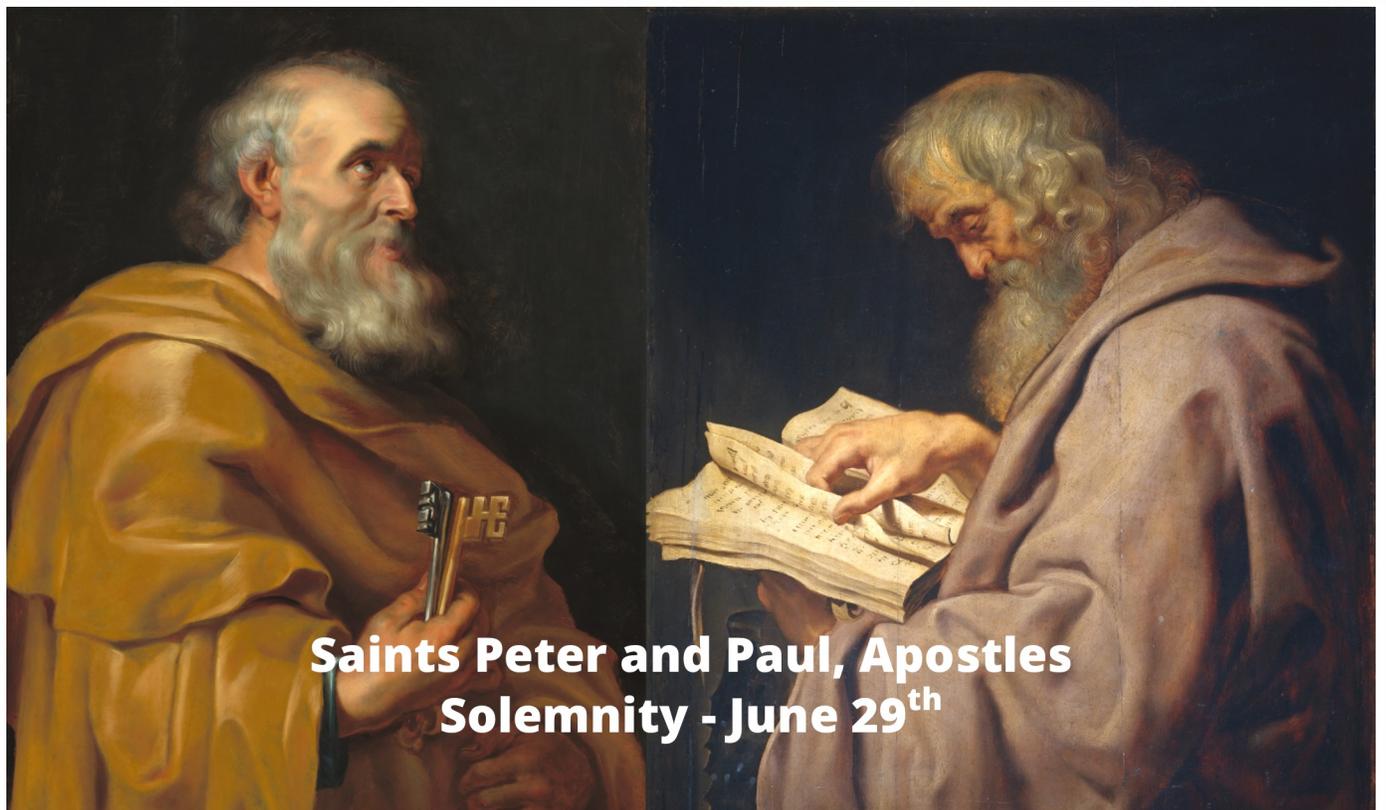
### DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.



### KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

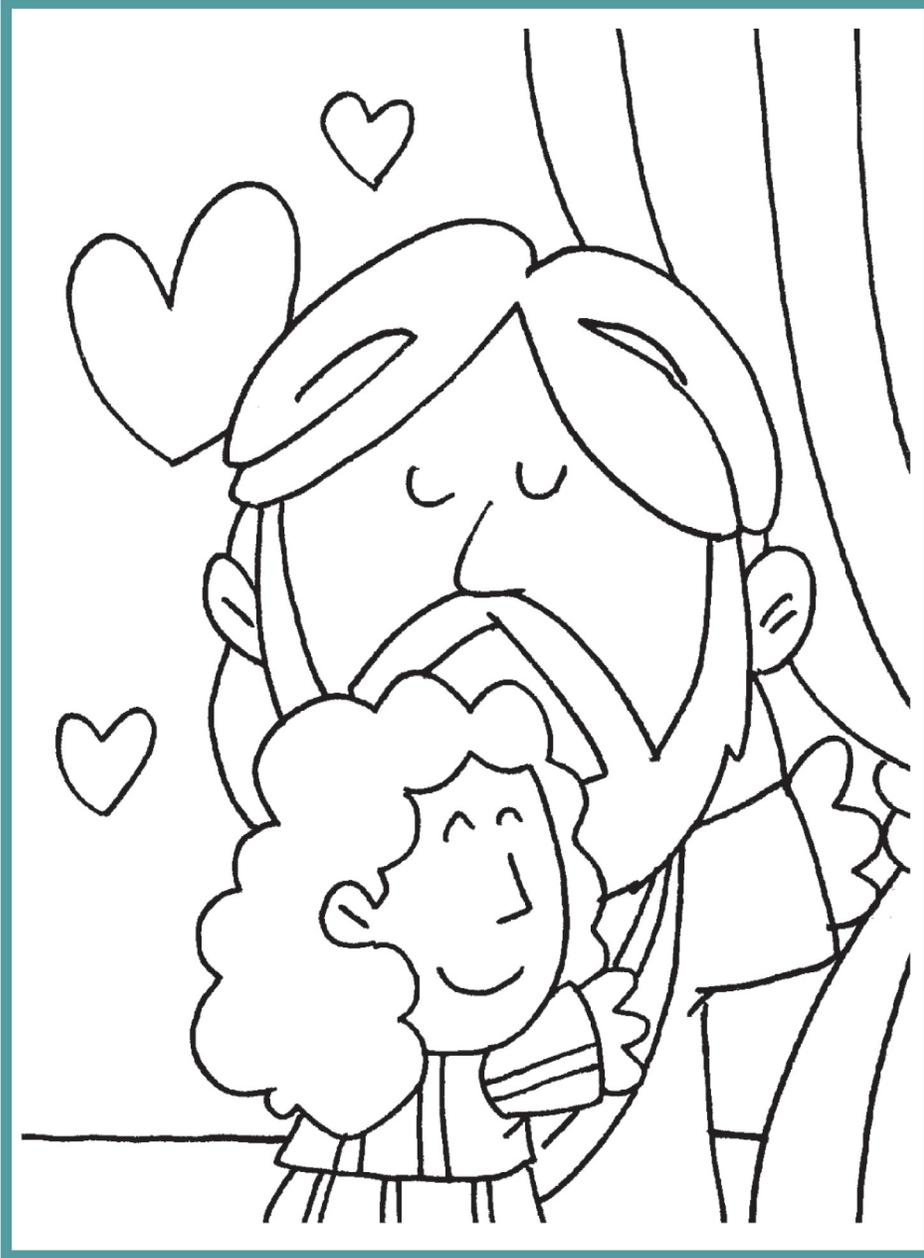
Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.



**Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles  
Solemnity - June 29<sup>th</sup>**

# Kids Corner

READ THE  
GOSPEL &  
COLOR



In today's Gospel a little girl was so sick that people thought she was dead.

However, Jesus said she was just asleep. He held her hand and said, "Get up, little girl." Every day you work hard doing chores at home and learning at school. If you are tired and do not want to get out of bed, Jesus will hold your hand and say, "Get up and enjoy the day."

## PRAYER

Lord, help me get out of bed quickly to learn about your world.

## MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Make a Get Well card and give it to someone who is sick.

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 28 TO JULY 4, 2021

DATE	MASS INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
<b>Monday</b> , June 28:	Mariella Bavaro Scivetti Intentions of Janina Pasadyn	Condo Family Ewa Nimcz
<b>Tuesday</b> , June 29:	Iolanda Bosica Stephen & Stephanie Podvinski	Antonietta Placidi Anonymous
<b>Wednesday</b> , June 30:	<b>MULTI-INTENTIONAL</b>  Special intention of well wishes for Father Mariusz Durbajlo's new parish assignment Ludwik Gebski Special Intentions Special Intentions Intentions of Janina Pasadyn Fred Mastroianni Annina Caldato Marco Amatucci	Rose D'Agostino  Janina Pasadyn Grazyna Chomicka Halina Kwasniewska Ewa Nimcz The Mastroianni Family
<b>Thursday</b> , July 1:	Gemma Chiola & Family	Mike & Ada Calcagni
<b>Friday</b> , July 2:	Antonio Placidi	Antonietta Placidi
<b>Saturday</b> , July 3: <b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Special intentions for Denise Carmel on her 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday tomorrow	Marc Carmel
<b>Saturday</b> , July 3: <b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>MULTI-INTENTIONAL</b>  Carmine Colalillo Zuzanna Iodlovski Souls in Purgatory Michael Litniansky Giulio Quercia Francesco Giangregorio Ursula Grace  Joe Biason	Angela Colalillo Marek Kulak Louise Kunkel Jeanette Litniansky Lidia Quercia & Family Angela Giangregorio Kindergarten Team for Our Lady of Peace School Bruno & Rosanna Toffolon
<b>Sunday</b> , July 4:  <b>9:00 am Mass</b>	Anna Maria Trivieri	Leonardo & Maria Burgio
<b>11:00 am Mass</b>	For the People of the Parish – Missa Pro Populo	