

June 27, 2021
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24

Psalms 30

2 Corinthians 8: 7,9,13-15

Mark 5: 21-43

Justice

This week's selection from the Book of Wisdom makes clear, "Justice is undying." As humankind is made in God's own image we are to make God's Justice real in this life. Why is it important to bring about Justice? It is important to do so because, "God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living." God's creation is good. It is His aim to have harmony and good.

Saint Paul addresses the issue of Justice in his letter to the Corinthians. Corinth was a prosperous port city. Yet, the prosperity did not reach to all who lived and worked there. Thus, Paul makes clear those with much must share it with those who do not have much. Sharing what one has with others shows one to be a true imitator of Christ. As Paul writes, "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." There is reciprocity to Justice.

God always reaches to His creatures to rescue, protect and provide for them. This includes humanity and all other creatures. The psalm celebrates this. "I will extol you, O Lord for you drew me clear and did not let my enemies rejoice over me." Today's gospel passage most poignantly shows us examples of Justice.

Picture the first scene in the Gospel. A large crowd of people surrounded Jesus. His "handlers" were ushering him through the crowd. Any Secret Service officer of today would have been alarmed. It was too easy for someone to harm Jesus.

Surely enough the sick woman was able to press in undetected and touch Jesus. No one saw it happen. At first Jesus did not see her. Yet, he felt something happen to him. He felt power go out of him.

As it was said above, this story is poignant. Jesus is very sensitive to people's needs. He senses healing power go out of him. Without a conscious thought Jesus heals. It is God's nature to spread healing love to all who sincerely seek it. The woman's physical ailment is cured. Notice, however, what takes place next.

Jesus looks around. He wants to know who touched him. The woman was fearful. Yet, Jesus' intent was not to scold her or to punish her. Jesus wanted to face the person. God not only "fixes" a problem He walks with the person. The Lord develops relationships. In this case he commends her for her faith in him. He speaks soothing words to her.

As the Body of Christ, we continue God's healing ways. By the power of God's Holy Spirit we have the means to be touched by others permitting them to touch God, like the lady in the gospel.

Day after day we encounter fellow human beings reaching out for help. There are people who are out of work and hungry or working a job that is earning below what is needed to survive. Members of our community who have physical and mental health challenges need firm support and guidance. Whole communities of humanity who are persecuted for practicing their faith in God need a new homeland and protection in order to survive. Justice is due to all of us.

Justice is what every human being is due. Each of us has dignity. We all have been created by God. As we are followers of Jesus Christ we share in the responsibility for one another's needs, just as the scriptures have made known to us today. Justice is what disciples of the Lord practice. Filled with the Holy Spirit we have little choice but to work for Justice. We may not be consumers of religion who expect "the Church" to do for us. We are the Church. We must reach out and do with others. Such is a part of how we find our own salvation.

Brothers and sisters, even if we decide not to work for Justice it will be done. In some way the Lord God in all mercy finds the way to embrace and help people in need. God's Justice is real and it is undying.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
Ez2:2-5;2Cor12:7-10;Mk6:1-6a
Scripture Sharing is on Thursdays at 7:00pm.

<u>Stewardship</u>	
Attendance last week:	235
Tithes Collected:	\$4,015.00
Online Giving:	\$675.00
Total:	\$4,690.00

Thank you!

**Today's second collection is for Holy Father's Appeal
(Peter's Pence)**

LITURGY FOR JUNE 27, 2021
13th Sunday Ordinary Time (B)

- **HYMN #1: ALLELUIA! LOVE IS ALIVE**
(Angrisano/Mannibusen)
 1. People of God, see the morning is new; rise from your sleeping and run to the tomb. Come and see! Come and see! He is alive! A grave that is empty, a promise fulfilled. God who was with us is here with us still. He is here! He is here! He is alive!
 2. **Alleluia! Love is alive; conquered the grace and defeated the night. Alleluia! Love is alive! The Son has arisen for all. Your people sing alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
 3. People of God, let your fear fall away. Your chains have been broken; abandon your shame. Lift your hearts! Lift your hearts! He is alive! Here now is mercy embracing your soul; here the fulfillment that once was foretold. It is true! It is true! He is alive!

4. People of God now rejoicing in Christ, carry your joy to the darkness of night. Tell the world! Tell the world! He is alive! Hear the good news of this glorious day, every heart singing as heaven proclaims: He is Lord! He is Lord! He is alive!

• **PSALM 30:** I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

• **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (ALLELUIA)** Our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life to light through the Gospel.

• **HYMN #2: Shout to the Lord (Zschech)**

1. My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You; All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love. My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength. Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

2. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing. Power and majesty, praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name. I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand, nothing compares to the promise I have in You!

• **HYMN #3: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY (Foley)**

1. **One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.**

2. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.

3. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

4. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.

• **HYMN #4: HEALER (Fisher/Lee)**

1. You hold my every moment, you calm my raging seas. You walk with me through fire and heal all my disease. I trust in You, I trust in You.

2. **I believe You're my healer; I believe You are all I need. I believe You're my portion; I believe You're more than enough for me.**

3. Nothing is impossible for You. Nothing is impossible, nothing is impossible for You. You hold my world in Your hands.

• **HYMN #5: GO OUT AND TELL (Fisher/Lee)**

1. **Go out and tell, make disciples of nations; Go out and tell the good news. Sing from your heart, sing to all of creation. Go out and tell the good news.**

2. Go out and tell! God's love is everlasting. Go out and tell! He is a loving friend. Go out and tell! He'll never leave you orphaned. Shout it from the mountains, let the Word be alive in you!

3. Go out and tell! Give food to the hungry. Go out and tell! Be compassion to the poor. Go out and tell! Be a friend to the lonely. Come down from the mountain, let the Word be alive in you.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 26

4:00 p.m. Father's Day Novena

Sunday, June 27

9:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena

10:45 a.m. † David Franz by Vincent Plumeri

† Patrick Brea by Gladys & Ghislaine

Monday, June 28

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, June 29

8:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory by Richard & Margaret Schmelz

Wednesday, June 30

8:00 a.m. † Bernard & Eileen Flood by Flood Family

Thursday, July 1

8:00 a.m. † Alex Brommer by Anita

Friday, July 2

8:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory by Richard & Margaret Schmelz

Saturday, July 3

4:00 p.m. † Borbala Falatovics by St. Vincent de Paul Society

† Ryan Plateroti by Steven Baggiero & John Barlow

Sunday, July 4

9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish

10:45 a.m. † Tony Mazzurco, Jr. by Mazzurco Family