

11, 12 March 2017 * Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman



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The Hemorrhaging Woman

“The Eastern Rites are the Treasure of the Catholic Church”

St. John XXIII, Pope of Rome

- Liturgies:** Saturday 4:00 p.m., * Sunday 10:00 a.m. * Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. in the St. Jude Chapel
The Miraculous Medal and the St. Jude Novenas are on Tuesday following the 9 a.m. Liturgy
- Sick Calls:** To receive the Eucharist and/or the Anointing of the Sick, Please call Fr. Larry.
- Confessions:** A Half-hour before all scheduled Liturgies, emergencies, and by appointment.
- Baptisms:** Call the Office
- Marriage:** Call the Office **6 months** before you finalize a date for your wedding and book your reception.

*Suggested donation for the Sanctuary Candles, St. Jude Chapel \$20, St. Joseph Church \$20, for the Altar Bread, \$25, and the Wine, \$25.
Suggested offering for Liturgies: \$10 for weekdays - \$15 for weekends.

Choir Director: Fefa Deeb	Sacristan: Laurie Nale	Parish Secretary: Paula Mitchell
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Luke 8:40-56

When Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. Just then there came a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. He fell at Jesus' feet and begged him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying. As he went, the crowds pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. Then Jesus asked, **“Who touched me?”** When all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the crowds surround you and press in on you.” But Jesus said, **“Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me.”** When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. He said to her, **“Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.”**

While he was still speaking, someone came from the

leader's house to say, “Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer.” When Jesus heard this, he replied, **“Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved.”** When he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him, except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother. They were all weeping and wailing for her; but he said, **“Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping.”** And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and called out, **“Child, get up!”** Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then he directed them to give her something to eat. Her parents were astounded; but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Some cultures still believe bleeding makes a person unclean, regardless of the reason, and needs to be purified through a ritual. Blood represents life, and the loss of blood is a form of dying. Since the doctors could not stop the bleeding, she was considered perpetually unclean and was not permitted to worship in the

temple. Jesus makes all creations clean, it is our actions in the use of creation that can be unclean.

All of us are in the same situation. No purification ritual, no doctor, no material possession, can replace what Jesus Christ can do for us by faith. We all can bleed to death if we do not respond to our wounds in a grace-filled way. Often this means we must study and learn the deeper meaning of life and God's message for life. The joy of living can flow out of us if we cannot find, or are unwilling to face, the causes of our wounds. His blood is life-giving and in our Catholic Faith, our belief in the words of Jesus, the blood "flows" back into us through the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is meant to be a living witness of our faith, our changed life, our actions of charity, hope, and faith. When we take the Eucharist as just some formality, Jesus is truly present, **but we still have yet to be in a real life-giving relationship with Him.**

Jesus was truly present to those who mumbled about His teaching of His Body and Blood being real food. The lack of their faith and belief prevented the real message of salvation to transform their lives and hearts.

Reach out to His power! Faith in Him saves us, cures us from our afflictions. Faith is a gift, a power that has to be used in order to keep growing in faith. Faith is not memorized facts about Him; they can't get us through the crises of life. From her wounded heart, the woman told Jesus everything and her everything, good and bad gave her a new life cleansed and free.

Aboona

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

*Heal Your servants, who are sick,
O Lord, and send them help
And comfort from Your holy place.*

Those who seek our prayers: **Jerry Fortin, Dorothy Furgus, Albert Joseph, Darrell Mitchell, Mary Morneau, Debbie Pomelow, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Gordon Webber.**

Be sure to let Aboona know if you would like a name added or removed.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections Mar. 11, 12 Fuel Collection

Liturgy: Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman
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Page numbers for the Prayers and Songs are on the back cover of the Bulletin.

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 11 4:00 pm

H David Joseph

By Sandy Napolitano

Sun 12 10:00 am

† Theresa Lee (40 Day Liturgy)

By The Family

When the servers go to the side altar, those who will be carrying the gifts may go at this time.

Mon 13 Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 14 12:00 noon

† Amin Mikael Saad & Hoda Honeine

By John Sleiman

Wed 15 12:00 noon

† Theresa Casavant, John & Marietta Thomas

By Dan & Pam Casavant

Thu 16 12:00 noon

† Theresa Lee

By Louise Saliem

Fri 17 12:00 noon

† Lester Giguere

By Ann Giguere

Sat 18 4:00 pm

H David Joseph

By Sandy Napolitano

Sun 19 10:00 am

† Mary Bellamah Maroon

By Paul & Stephen Maroon

Liturgy Codes: † = Faithful Departed, SI = Special Intention, AV. = Anniversary, H = Health.

A Change in the Weekday Liturgy Schedule

I strongly encourage you to make weekday Liturgy during the Lenten Season. I am hoping that with **Liturgy at noon** more people will find it possible to attend. After a period of time we will evaluate whether to continue during Lent to have it at noon.

Lent is here; now would be a good time to pray for discernment in how you can make this Holy Season a spiritually enriching one for you.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence from meat is observed on all the Fridays of Lent by all faithful from the ages of 18 to 65. Fasting from all food and drink (except water and medicine) is to be observed from midnight until noon **on Ash Monday and Great Friday of the Crucifixion.** Optional would be the traditional abstinence from meat on Wednesdays. Those who are unable to fast because of health must perform other penances and acts of charity.

Church Etiquette

Refrain from long and loud conversations, **no food or drinks in church**, no leaving of pews during the reading of the Gospel and the Consecration of the Bread and Wine. Check to see if your cell phone is off.

March Food Pantry

Ravioli Stews
Jiffy Mixes Personal care items

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$.00
God bless you for your generosity.

If you are not receiving envelopes and would like to start, please let the office know.

March Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For Special Intention
By **Ruth Lunn**

St. Jude Shrine 7 day Sanctuary Candle

For Special Intention
By **Ruth Lunn**

Altar Bread

For Special Intention
By **Ruth Lunn**

Altar Wine

For Special Intention
By **Ruth Lunn**

READERS SCHEDULE

Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

2 Corinthians 7:4-11 Luke 8:40-56
March 11 Ruth Lunn
 12 Lauraine Mansur

Parable of the Prodigal Son

2 Corinthians 13:5-13 Luke 1:11-32
March 18 Lenore Boles
 19 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR MARCH

Sun 12 Rosary Sodality Meeting 11:30/45 am
Fri 17 Haddock Chowder Supper 4:30 -6:00 pm
 6 pm Lenten Devotions
 Stations & Veneration of the Cross
 Lenten Retreat Begins 6:30 pm
Sat 18 Second Session of retreat 10:30 am
 Break for lunch
 Retreat Continues 1:00 pm
 Liturgy 4:00 pm
 St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Supper
 4:30 – 6:00 pm \$10
Sun 19 Retreat concludes with 10 am Liturgy
Fri 24 Haddock Supper – Station of the Cross

EVENTS FOR APRIL

Sun 9 Palm Sunday – Holy Week Starts
Sun 16 Easter Sunday
Sun 30 Lebanese Supper

Coffee Schedule

Mar 12 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton
Mar 19 Shana Page & Dale Sturtevant
Mar 26 Jody Veilleux & Susan Webber
Apr 2 Elizabeth Wilson & Rosanna Joseph
Apr 9 Mary Bard & Jan Bourque (Palm Sunday)
Apr 16 Need Volunteers (Easter)

Vocation Icon – Prayers for Vocations

"Request therefore of The Lord of the harvest to send out laborers to his harvest." Matt. 9:38
Mar 11 Ann Giguere (Sat)
Mar 12 Larry & Lisa Grard
Mar 19 Lowell & Mary Hawes
Mar 25 Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)
Mar 26 David & Jody Veilleux
Apr 2 Larry & Paula Mitchell
Apr 8 Audrey Yotides (Sat)
Apr 9 Greg & Marianne Gillespie
Apr 16 Pearley & Alice Lachance

**"We either make ourselves miserable,
or we make ourselves strong.
The amount of work is the same."**

- Carlos Castenada