

2 Pastoral Letter

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Please complete the online registration form at www.stjosephplacentia.org/baptism and you will be contacted by a Deacon.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Parish Center office.

Funerals

Please call the Parish Center office.

Marriages

Please call the Parish Center office at least six months in advance.

Arise.

Today's gospel reading is one of my favorites. I remember as a teen the Holy Spirit stirred up something inside me when this passage was read aloud. I was experiencing health issues, was left uncertain and confused. After numerous doctor appointments and receiving the same answer of, "...I don't know what to tell you, something is not right, but you are a medical mystery..." the confusion and fear only grew stronger.

The story of the hemorrhaging woman inspired me to reach out to Jesus in the midst of my health journey. Her courage to one touch Jesus' cloak knowing how powerful His healing could be, and two speak the truth and say "...it was me..." left me amazed. Often times we get so caught up in the middle of our struggles we forget this power, we forget to reach out, to let the courage within us arise. We forget to include Jesus on our walk.

Jarius too, allowed for courage to arise in the situation with his daughter. This love is unmatched. It is the love we all desire. It is the love we were created to give and created to receive. During my health journey, I felt so alone and was often times afraid. Really, during any trial of life loneliness and fear make an appearance. Jesus' response spoke to my soul too, "Do not be afraid; just have faith."

It is during life's defining moments we are told to have faith; trusting that God's Will is far greater than our hopes and dreams. When Jesus took her hand and told Jarius' daughter, "Talitha kum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" he called out to each of us.

Trials are inevitable, it's life. Health will be a journey of good times and difficult times. It is our choice to arise. To stand up, to speak up and to have the courage to trust in Jesus. This vulnerability will lead to the spiritual healing we all desire.

Whatever it is you may need healing from, I hope you too will arise and trust that you are seen, you are heard, you are known and you are loved.

Many Blessings to all!

Katherine