

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We remember in our prayers Edmond Bresh, Helen Reynolds, Helen Popp, Irene Smith, Florence Rasmussen, Robin Lupinski, Judy DiLorenzo, Yvonne Walsh, Tom Milos, and Georgine Keeler.

The Saturday Vigil Mass is celebrated for the repose of the soul of Theodore McBrien. May he rest in peace.

NEWS

Regarding our policy for mask wearing in church, if you are not fully vaccinated then you must wear a mask while inside the building. If you are fully vaccinated, we encourage you to continue wearing a mask while inside the building. It is important to be mindful of safe social distancing. If you are coming forward to receive Communion, please allow time for the person ahead of you to step away after receiving before coming forward.

The annual gathering at the Cathedral of the Pines is scheduled for Sunday, July 11, 2021, at 3:30pm. Please let me know if you are planning to attend by Sunday, July 5. Also, please indicate if you will be attending the meal after the service. The diocese is picking up the tab for the meal if enough individuals sign up. Thank you.

A SURVEY OF THE BIBLE – THE LETTER OF JUDE

The letter is attributed to Jude, a slave of Jesus Christ and brother of James (1). Since he is not identified as an apostle, this is almost certainly the Jude named in the gospels among the relatives of Jesus (Mt 13:55, Mk 6:3). This letter is an urgent note by the author to an unknown group of readers warning them of the dangers of false teachers infiltrating their community (3-4), and to deliver some pressing Christian admonitions (17-23).

NOTEABLE SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor (d. 444) St. Cyril was born in 370 and lived a monastic life. He was ordained a priest and succeeded his uncle as bishop of Alexandria in 412. He had a preeminent role at the Council of Ephesus; he fought bravely against the doctrines of Nestorius and wrote many works explaining and defending the Catholic faith. June 27

Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr (d. ~200) St. Irenaeus was born around the year 130. Educated at Smyrna, he became the disciple of St. Polycarp, bishop of that city. In the year 177 he was ordained a priest at Lyons in France and shortly thereafter was made bishop of that city. He composed works defending the Catholic faith against errors of the Gnostics. June 28

Peter and Paul, Apostles. June 29

Thomas, Apostle. St. Thomas is remembered for his incredulity concerning Christ's resurrection from the dead. When confronted by the risen Lord, his disbelief gave way to belief and he proclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" Nothing certain is known of his life except for this evidence in the gospels. He is said to have subsequently preached the Gospel to the people of India. Since the fourth century the celebration of the transference of his body to Edessa has been commemorated on July 3.

From the Liturgy of the Hours, Volume III, Proper of Saints.

**St. Joseph of Stratford
National Catholic Church**

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~ Henri Nouwen



June 27, 2021 – Thirteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

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In today's gospel passage (Mark 5:21-43) we have in two parts the story of Jesus healing Jairus' daughter, and inserted between these two parts is the story of Jesus healing a woman with a hemorrhage. The story of the healing of the woman with a hemorrhage is intriguing because it draws a contrast between what it means to have an active faith versus what it means to have a passive faith, a faith that is not engaged.

The miracle of the woman's healing happens at the point of contact. She touches Jesus' cloak and is healed. Notice that she is not the only one touching Jesus. There is a large crowd following Jesus, pressing upon him. Many touch him but only the woman is healed. The difference is a matter of faith. To be healed there must be an intentional movement towards Jesus, a reaching out to him in faith. Just showing up confers no advantage.

Grace and peace,
Fr. Tom

Mass Times

Mass celebrations are Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm & Sunday Morning at 10:00am

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