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# Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## June 27, 2021

### 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I am not a fan of large crowds. To be in a large crowd trying to hold on to someone else to keep from getting separated, being bumped and pushed apart is a scary thing. When we were in Italy, touring the Sistine Chapel, the crowds were so huge, you had no choice but to give into the movement and momentum and go with the flow of the river of people around you. It was impossible to move independently of those surrounding you.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is surrounded by people pushing and shoving to get a better look at the man they called Jesus. To them Jesus was a rock star, a celebrity. "There are three reasons that Jesus was really popular. I call them the three "P's" of Jesus popularity. They are his Preaching, Power, and Parables." (Steve Thomason, Power of Two Touches). Jesus attracted attention wherever he went.

With all those people around him, Jesus knew he had been touched by someone seeking to be healed. In this case, the woman initiated the miracle. All she did was touch his cloak and immediately her hemorrhage stopped, "and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease." According to custom- the woman touching Jesus would have made him "unclean", instead it makes her "clean"- the Power of God turns (or reverses) the powers of social custom.

The young girl, Jarius daughter, has been pronounced dead. The healing touch of Jesus restored her to life and gave her back to her parents. Jesus has made clean that which was unclean. In Jesus time, a dead body was unclean and was not allowed to be touched.

How are these two stories connected? Both are about the power of touch. Both are about daughters. Jesus says to the old woman, "Daughter, your faith has made you well." The little girl is the daughter of an influential leader. Jesus restores both to new life, a new life in him.

The power of touch is a wonderful thing. We can't live without it. How we have missed hugging people during the pandemic. In today's Gospel the power of touch restores two people back to new life. The old woman outcast by her peers as unclean, banished from being with others, deprived of the power of touch, is restored to life and is allowed to be part of her community once again. The little girl who once was dead, now has new life, and can once again be touched by her parents and others around her.

While living through Covid, we all lacked touch. We could not hug those we were familiar with; we could not shake hands with those entering our church doors, we could not shake hands with each other at the Sign of Peace during Mass. How will you be different once the pandemic is over and returns us to our new normal lives. Do you have people to hug? Do you know someone who needs to be touched, restored to life in Jesus? Will you allow yourself to be touched by God?

Reflection by Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister

# News for all parishioners ....

## Mass Intentions for the Week of June 22-25

### All Saints, Strathroy

Tuesday, June 29 @ 6:30pm

Jose Moniz – Laudalina Moniz



Wednesday, June 30 @ 9am

Lily Bini - Stanley Lunan

Special Intention for Kateri Koechl

- Justin & MaryAngela Hartwick

Special Intention for Fr. John Sharp

- Ruthann & Mels van der Laan

Thursday, July 1 @ 6:30pm- Canada Day

James Denny - Dupuis family

Friday, July 2 @ 9am First Friday (First Friday)

Laurindo Carvalho & Souls of Purgatory - Amelia Carvalho

Nicolau Paiva & Souls of Purgatory

### Sacred Heart, Parkhill

Tuesday, June 29 @ 6:30 pm

Nick Glowa - Mary Ann Taylor

Thursday, July 1 @ 9:00am - Canada Day

Deceased Members of O'Neil and Taylor Families

- Mary Ann Taylor

### St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe

Wednesday, June 30 @ 6:30pm

Ana Rosa Antunes - Americo Antunes

Bert Huys - David Skipper

Jesuvina Antunes - Felorina Assuncao & Family

ALL PERSONS ENTERING OR REMAINING IN ENCLOSED PUBLIC SPACES SHALL WEAR A MASK OR FACE-COVERING WHICH COVERS THE NOSE, MOUTH AND CHIN, AT ALL TIMES.



The West Middlesex Catholic Family of Parishes are open for all Masses !

Effective June 30, Ontario will be headed to Step 2 of it's re-opening plan and our capacity allowed will now be 25%.



Therefore, **no registration will be needed. Masses will be first-come-first-served.**

Please be mindful of the protocols in place to keep us all safe! Thank you for your patience and understanding in these constantly changing times, as we return to our weekend worship spaces at the 25% capacity level.



### Table of Plenty

As our gardens begin to grow and swell with vegetables and good things to eat, we ask if you would be willing to share your bounty with those in our communities who are less fortunate? When produce becomes available, a table will be set outside of both All Saints church and Sacred Heart Parkhill church for those who wish to donate food to it. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

### Preparation Retreat for Confirmation

Saturday, July 24, 2021

from 9:00am - 1:00pm

at All Saints Church Site



We hope to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation throughout the month of August. More details to follow.

If there is a conflict for you regarding the above preparation date, please contact Fr. Thom Blondin ASAP via email at [tblondin@dol.ca](mailto:tblondin@dol.ca).



**Pastoral Team/ Staff**

*Fr. Thom Blondin, Pastor ex. 22*  
*Fr. David Johnston, Associate Pastor ex. 23*  
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*Deacon Henry Tomaszewski*  
*Julie de Gouw, Pastoral Minister ex. 26*  
*Olga Ferreira, Office Administrator ex. 21*  
*Anna Garcia, Secretary ex. 0*  
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*\*personal emails can be found on the website*

**Note from the office ....**

Starting next weekend, and continuing for the summer months, the bulletin will be produced every two weeks instead of weekly.



The office is still closed at this time. If you require assistance, please leave a detailed message and someone will be back to you promptly.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this difficult time of transition and constant change in protocols.

**Sacred Heart Delaware**

We will be having a Sacred Heart Delaware Mass at **11:30 am on Sunday, July 4 and Sunday, July 11** at the All Saints church site. With the June 30 move to Step 2 of the Ontario re-opening plan, there is no further need for registration for Masses. They will be on a first-come-first-serve basis going forward.

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**Office Hours**

*Office remains closed.*

*Messages are picked up regularly.*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession)**

*By appointment. Please call the office.*

**Sacrament of Baptism:**

*Congratulations! Please call Julie to make arrangements at 519-245-0644 ext 26.*

**Sacrament of Marriage:** *Congratulations! Please call the office to make an appointment.*

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**WEST MIDDLESEX CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES**

All Saints, Strathroy	Saturday 5:00 pm
	Sunday 8:00 am/10:00 am
Sacred Heart, Delaware	
(at All Saints church site — July 4 & 11 at 11:30am)	
Sacred Heart, Parkhill	Saturday 5:00 pm
	Sunday 9:00 am
St. Charles Garnier, Glencoe	Sunday 9:00 am
	Sunday 10:30am

