

Sunday Connection



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B

Sunday, June 27, 2021

First Reading

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

Death entered the world through the work of the devil.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 30:2,4,5-6,11,12,13

A prayer of thanksgiving to God for having rescued us

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15

As Christ became poor for our sake, so must we share with those in need from our abundance.

Gospel Reading

Mark 5:21-43 (shorter form, Mark 5:21-24,35b-43)

Jesus heals a woman afflicted with a hemorrhage and raises Jairus's daughter from death.

Family Connection

There are many ways in which we can compare the request for healing made by Jairus and the request of the woman with the hemorrhage. One comparison helps us think about prayer. Jairus asked Jesus for healing on his daughter's behalf; the woman with the hemorrhage had no one to speak for her and bravely approached Jesus on her own initiative. In our prayers, we do both. We intercede for others' needs, and we also courageously express our own needs to God. We find hope in Jesus' response to both of these people, who sought him out in their hour of need. As you gather as a family, talk about some of the things you have prayed for this week. Notice that some of your prayers may have been for other people, and some of your prayers may have been for your own needs. In today's Gospel we find encouragement for both kinds of prayer. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 5:21-43. Talk about the similarities and differences between the two people who presented their needs to Jesus in this Gospel. Notice that both people received the healing they sought from Jesus. We want to pray for the needs of others and for our own needs with as much faith and hope as Jairus and the woman with the hemorrhage did. Pray together in thanks and praise to God, who hears our needs and answers them, by praying today's psalm, Psalm 30.