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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to
the woman,
“Daughter,
your faith
has saved you.
Go in peace
and be cured
of your affliction.”

Mark 5:34

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Centennial
September 28-30

Works of Power

Healing is something we all seek at some point in our lives. Whether we have battled a life-threatening disease or suffered through a common cold, we have all sought physical healing.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus reveals his power to heal and bring forth new life. He also longs to heal you of the things that are preventing you from growing in love for him—whether physical or spiritual. Have you ever approached him with the faith of Jairus or the hemorrhaging woman? How much do you trust his power to heal your body and soul?

First Reading Reflection

Wisdom 1:13–15; 2:23–24

This Sunday's Scriptures focus on the restorative power of God. The First Reading from Wisdom establishes the original goodness of the world as God made it and the fact that sin and death are the result of our turning away from God.

The reading is sandwiched by two statements about where death comes from. The first verse affirms that "God did not make death." The final verse explains that "by the envy of the devil, death entered the world." The central portion of the reading is composed from two sets of verses taken from the first two chapters of Wisdom, with the first set describing the goodness of the created world in general, the second focusing on the goodness of

man in particular.

The pattern of this reading mimics the opening chapters of Genesis, where we find the story of the seven days of creation (Chapter 1) and then the story of the creation of man (Chapter 2). Finally, we see an allusion to Chapter 3, where Adam and Eve fall. The



structure helps to reaffirm the truth that from the beginning, God intends good for man.

Wisdom literature aims to teach how to live our lives focused on eternity. As the next two readings illuminate the power of Christ, let's recall that his healing is part of an eternal plan of goodness and life.

Second Reading Reflection

2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13–15

At this point in his letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul makes a charitable appeal. But rather than focusing on the plight of those in

need, he presents this as a golden opportunity. He sees this "gracious act" he asks the Corinthians to do as a natural companion to their other virtues. Practical care for their brothers in need (in this case the people in Jerusalem) goes along with the practice of faith, knowledge, and devotion.

To further inspire them in sacrificial giving, Saint Paul points to Christ: "For you know the gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ." Thus, the term "gracious act," expresses more than mere politeness. It is an act imbued with grace, that is, with God's life.

As we reflect on the power of Christ to heal, it is good to recall that we share in his power by grace. While we may not raise people from the dead or heal them with a touch, we do have the ability to bring restoration. Our works of charity, our words of encouragement, our prayers, and our forgiveness continue to heal the wounds of the world. At the heart of all true deeds of mercy is the love of God, present in our souls by grace. Thus the most powerful work we can do is to surrender to that love completely. With Mary we say "be it done to me according to your word."

Gospel Reflection

Mark 5:21–43

Jairus's journey of faith reveals the process of surrender and trust in God. He begins with a plea to Jesus. At this point, everyone seems to be asking Jesus,

and Jesus is hemmed in by a crowd of people at the water's edge. Jairus had to trust that Jesus would listen to him and would act on his words despite all the other people who demanded Jesus's time.

As the crowd walks with Jairus and Jesus, Jairus is given an example of radical trust. The hemorrhaging woman has striven to be healed for years, to the point that she has "spent all that she had." With such a condition, she is unable to participate fully in the liturgical life of the community. All she has left is hope in Jesus. This woman doesn't even need to speak with Jesus—she believes that even touching his cloak will bring her the healing she so desperately desires. Jesus grants her both spiritual and physical healing because of her faith in him.

After witnessing the healing of the woman, Jairus is given a test: news of his daughter's death. Though Jairus's friends advise giving up, Jesus asks for trust. As

with the chaos on the Sea of Galilee, Jesus ignores the storm of despair and sorrow. And he asks Jairus to do the same. Leaving the crowd, Jairus follows Jesus into a quiet encounter, allows him to take control in the heart of his home, and it is there that the great gift of healing comes.

Discussion

As we read the Second Reading for this week, we notice Saint Paul calling us to be generous with the gifts we have, just as Christ emptied himself and bestowed his gifts on us. Are you generous with those around you? Or do you hoard your money and talents in fear that you will run out or from a lack of care for those around you?

This week's Psalm verse proclaims, "I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me." How has God rescued you? How has he lifted you up?

Take a few minutes to watch the short Opening the Word video re-

flection for today's readings on [StMichael.FORMED.org](#)

Digging Deeper: Unclean

Let's take a deeper look at the hemorrhaging woman in this week's Gospel. At the time of Jesus, when a woman was bleeding, she was considered "unclean." She was banned from all of society and would not have been allowed to be out among the crowds and townsfolk. If she touched anyone, they would be considered "unclean" by virtue of contact with her. But when she touches Jesus, he is not made "unclean" by her touch. Rather, he cleanses her of her "uncleanness." Whenever we come to Christ in faith, he receives our pain, sickness, burdens, sins, weakness, and replaces them with his grace and freedom.

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- 8:30am Jon & Pam Hamilton &
Family
5:00pm Jimmy Cortez †
7:00pm Peter & Stella Kachel

Sunday 7/1

- 6:45am Paquito & Prudencio
Prudencio †
8:00am Danielle Kiser
9:30am Joseph Santin
Anthony James Garcia †
11:00am Pat & Ray Werner †
12:30pm Shea Michael Eichenberg
and Shawn Eichenberg †
6:00pm Jon & Pam Hamilton &
Family

Monday 7/2

- 8:30am Raymond Werner †

Tuesday 7/3

- 8:30am Gus & Lucile Beach †

Wednesday 7/4

- 8:30am Reymundo Telles †
7:00pm Guillermmina & Marcos
Rodriguez

Thursday 7/5

- 8:30am Priscilla Perez †

Friday 7/6

- 8:30am Fernando Castro †

To arrange a Mass intention, please visit the Church Office.

The suggested donation of \$10 per intention goes to the priest who celebrates the Mass.



Prayer

Today's miracles are incredible. There is so much faith in those seeking healing and an unmistakable tender love that Jesus bestows on the people who approach him. Jesus is moved to help the father who requests healing for his sick daughter, and, as he follows him toward his home, a crowd presses in around them. People are everywhere, brushing against each other, loudly speaking, and bustling about. Even as Jesus pushes through the crowd, he stops and asks: "Who touched me?" Jesus was keenly aware that this woman of heroic faith stepped out and touched him. He saw her as she was—in need of great mercy and full of hope that Jesus could bring her to life. Jesus speaks with her, offers her the healing she had sought, and sends her forth.

The father must have been panicked at this point. Jesus has been delayed not just by a crowd, but by someone else on the way to his dying daughter. And then the father heard that his daughter had died. Imagine the way his heart must have dropped. What did he think of Jesus? Was he angry with him? Jesus immediately responds with encouragement to not be afraid and hold on to his faith. Jesus continued on to his home and cured his daughter.

Who do you most relate to? Is it the father who sought Jesus's help and whose faith is tested? Maybe you relate to the woman who had been hemorrhaging for twelve years, and whose only hope was in Christ. Or do you relate to the twelve-year-old girl, who is physically alive but appears dead? Are you physically alive, but spiritually dead and in need of Christ to forgive your sins?

Prayer Requests

For our country, its leaders, citizens, visitors and refugees.
For Fr Van Dinh and for our new pastor who will be assigned soon.
For the repose of the soul of Mary Josephi.



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Father Jerry Brown, ordained for the Diocese of Oakland, has served as pastor and associate pastor in multicultural parishes. Currently, he is the diocesan director of ongoing formation for priests. Ministering to all people, of particular interest is his work of helping to enfold Hispanic Catholics into local parishes, allowing all to work together and to enhance each other's experi-

ence of the Gospel. Traveling to Central America as a nurse, his experience of participating in medical missions has been a life-changing reality from which he believes he always received more than he gave. These experiences brought him to **Unbound**. He enjoys walking, reading, cooking and enjoying food and wine with friends.

Summer Vacation?

When you're out of town this summer, never miss an offering by setting up weekly, monthly or one-time donations on [FaithDirect.net](#)

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Bishop's Appeal

Thank you to all who have contributed to the "Lighting the Way" 2018 Bishop's Appeal. Because of you, our diocese will have the resources to train seminarians, support faith ministries, support clergy, assist local parishes in need, nurture ethnic ministries, help our retired priests and much more.

It takes a diocese to create a Catholic community throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties!

If you have not yet made your offering, there is still time to donate at [OakDiocese.org](#)

Number of Donors	96
Pledges	24
Pledge Amount	\$10,800
Funds Raised	\$30,706
Overall Goal	%77,500
Reached	39.62%
Average gift amt	\$320

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, JULY 2

Readings: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23; Mt 8:18-22

Suggestion

It's not too late to join the online *Heroes of the Faith* study! Receive a weekly video episode of Bishop Robert Barron's study on the saints. Join at flocknote.com/StMichaelLivermore/HeroesoftheFaith

TUESDAY, JULY 3

St. Thomas

Readings: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 10:24-29

Suggestion

Recent media stories have alerted the public to alleged other gospel writings such as the "gospel of Thomas" Watch *Lost Gospels or False Gospels?* on StMichael.FORMED.org

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

Readings: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34

Events

Parish Offices are closed for Independence Day.

Feel free to park in the church parking lot and walk down toward First Street to watch the Fireworks! The show starts at 9:30 pm, but spots fill up quickly.

THURSDAY, JULY 5

St. Elizabeth of Portugal;
St. Anthony Zaccaria

Readings: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8

Suggestion

Pray for our country this week, for our leaders, citizens, visitors and those seeking asylum. Pray especially for the children separated from their families at our southern border.

FRIDAY, JULY 6

St. Maria Goretti

Readings: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13

Suggestion

Watch the film, *Maria Goretti*, on StMichael.FORMED.org with your family to celebrate her feast day! See page two for details about one of the church's youngest martyrs.

SATURDAY, JULY 7

Readings: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17

Events

Anointing of the Sick takes place after the 8:30 am Mass. "The primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age. (CCC 1532)

SUNDAY, JULY 8

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a

Events:

Traditional Latin Mass at 8:30 am. Learn more about this ancient liturgy and download a Missal at StMichaelLivermore.com/Latin

Confession in July

Wednesday

July 4 & 15

at 2:30 pm in the Church
(instead of the Convent)

Saturdays

9:15 am, 3:45 pm and
6:45 pm in Spanish in the
church as usual.



Baptizing Your Baby at St Michael's

Please visit StMichaelLivermore.com/Baptism to download the Baptism Packet. Bring the completed forms to the Church Office. You will sign up for preparation classes at that time.

Baptism classes are held on the first two Saturdays of the month at 10:00 am in the Convent. Parents must attend both. Godparents must attend the second (unless they are attending classes at another parish).

For more information about Baptism, watch the video study Reborn on StMichael.FORMED.org, under "study" then "sacramental preparation"

Summer Office Hours

Church and Faith Formation

Church office hours are Monday-Friday, 9 am - 4 pm during July only.

Faith Formation hours are Monday-Friday, 10am-3pm, June 1 through August 27.

Many questions can be answered by visiting the parish website at StMichaelLivermore.com

Cantor Workshops

July 19, August 2, August 23 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the St Michael School 6th Grade Classroom

Experienced cantors and those who wish to explore this ministry at St. Michael are invited to attend a three part workshop this summer!

Topics of discussion include: Liturgy 101, Vocal and Psalm Preparation, Liturgical Teamwork within the Mass and Leading the Assembly into Full, Active and Conscious Participation. Much emphasis will be made on pray-

ing as you lead and developing an awareness of the cantor's ministerial presence and awareness. The last session will be a Master Class with each participant preparing a Psalm to demonstrate their skills for helpful critique.

Open to all interested parishioners. Requirements are a pleasant singing voice with the ability to sing in tune

and a basic music reading ability. There is no charge for registration but each participant must register in advance and be able to attend all three sessions. Materials included.

For more information or to register contact JaNet Hancock, Director of Music Ministries at 925-292-5071 or Music@StMichaelLivermore.com

Register for St Michael Faith Formation & Youth Programs by July 31

Download registration packets at StMichaelLivermore.com

Faith Formation & First Communion Prep for 1st-6th grades

Classes start the week of Aug 29
StMichaelLivermore.com/
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Baptism Prep for 1st-12th grades

Call Lourdes at 925-667-4096.

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Confirmation for High School

Classes start the week of September 18
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World War I Strains Fundraising Efforts for the New Church

Hardly had the parishioners at St Michael's launched their fund-raising drive when the United States' involvement in World War I began on April 6, 1917. This meant another call upon their resources of money, men and faith. The Catholic Church swung behind the war effort: Fr McKinnon took an active part, with his people, in working for the Liberty Loan Bond Drives, the Red Cross fund raising and for soldier welfare organizations. In the in-progress church construction picture to the right, workers posed waving American flags.

Despite the war's draw on resources, construction of our current church was completed in 1918.



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Oakland Civic Auditorium was converted to a hospital in response to the spread of the flu in 1918. Photo Credit: Oakland Public Library

The 1918 Flu Pandemic

The world wide influenza pandemic ravaged every corner of every country in 1918, and Livermore was no exception. Schools closed. People were mandated to wear masks for months.

Fr McKinnon visited every ill parishioner, bringing them food, medicine and the Blessed Sacrament. He even drove to ranches 15 miles out of town each day where often entire families lay sick. Some attributed Fr McKinnon's rapidly deteriorating health to his untiring efforts during this time. He died at age 45 in August 1920 and is buried at St Michael Cemetery on East Avenue.

RECOMENDACIONES DEL MES



Estoy en Casa: La división entre los cristianos

El Dr. Fernando Casanova nos explica cómo la división entre los cristianos no es parte del plan de Salvación de Dios. Él quiere que seamos uno, como el Padre y el Hijo son Uno.

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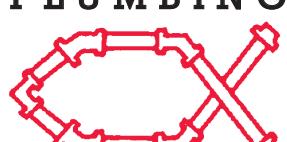


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Confession | Confesión

Saturday, in the church |

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