

# St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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## 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!"  
- Mk 5:41

**June 30, 2024**

### Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Sin isn't given its due these days. Downplaying sin is dangerous. But there is also another spiritual misstep in which we make way too big a deal out of sin. It happens, for example, when we persistently wonder if our confessed sins are "really" forgiven, or suspiciously ponder what God "really" thinks about us, behind His merciful face. Or when someone returns to Church, and we question whether his or her conversion was genuine. Or when we commit some sin and put on a sad face for days, thinking, "Maybe my sins are too great for God to deal with." God save us from that attitude!

Well, he does just that, this week, in the raising of Jairus' daughter. The dead twelve-year-old's house is filled with a spirit of excessive moaning and groaning, tumultuous weeping and wailing. They even laugh at Jesus in a mocking tone. It's shocking how easy it is for him to raise the dead child. It is equivalent to gently waking a kid from a light nap. And then he sends her off to get some lunch. No big whoop. The overactive drama is actually part of the problem, and removing it is a key part of the miracle.

Friends, sin can and does kill, but Jesus is always ready and able to raise us back to life, often without much hullabaloo. His ease of forgiving should never be a pretext for presumption, minimizing sin, or taking lightly the cost he pays for our sins on the cross. But for God's sake, we often need Jesus to put out the weepers and wailers. He's the Lord. And remember, the girl is not dead, she's just sleeping.

~ Father John Muir ©LPi

### Mass Schedule SJB/HT

Sunday - 9:00 am

Reconciliation Thursday 4:00-5:00 pm

### Office Hours SJB/HT

Monday - Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm Friday 9:00am - 2:30pm

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## Welcome To Father Brandon Foley

Let us all make welcome Fr. Brandon Foley to SJB/HT parish as our new pastor/administrator as of July 1, 2024. Fr. Foley is a native of Binghamton, graduated from Seton Catholic central High in 2010, attended the University of Scranton graduating with a degree in exercise science in 2014, attended St. Mary Seminary and University graduating in 2021. Fr. Was Ordained a Roman Catholic Priest on June 5, 2021 and his first assignment was with Holy Cross Church. He is also the Spanish Apostolate for St. Anthony's Parish.



## A Family Perspective Family Life Education

The healing of the woman and the child in today's Gospel is a reminder we are all wounded. We retreat to those we love looking for acceptance, listening, understanding and support. Families must be healing communities where Jesus is present in our care for one another.

## Pray For Vocation

"She fell down before Jesus and told him the whole truth." Let us lay down our lives before Jesus and share the whole truth with him. He may be calling you to follow Him as a priest, sister, or brother. Listen. Reach out to the Vocation Office via email: [vocations@syrdio.org](mailto:vocations@syrdio.org) and follow us on Instagram @vocationssyracuse.



## Independence Day Prayer

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

We all know these words by heart. They are from the United States Declaration of Independence. However, are these words held with the same reverence around the world as they are held here at home? Sadly, no. There are many places in the world where it is a life-threatening endeavor to practice one's faith, that faith that was given to each human by that Creator who endowed us with inalienable rights.

Let us take a moment to remember all those people in the world who are not free to seek life, liberty or happiness.

Let us pray...

O God,  
you willed that the Jewish people be free from slavery by their Egyptian captors.  
You will that all people should be free to worship you without fear  
and to celebrate their religious beliefs freely,  
even if they have not yet found you.  
Grant that those of us who live in this great nation will thank you daily for our freedom,  
and work for the freedom of others around the world that do not yet have the freedom to practice their faith openly and proudly.

We seek your wisdom where hatred abounds,  
and ask for humility to offer our good works to others who live in fear and bondage.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord,  
who frees us from sin and death through the wood of the cross.  
Amen.

## (Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman The Touch of Christ



For a long time, I didn't understand why the virtual Masses of the pandemic were so wearisome to me. Theoretically, shouldn't it be a tired mother's dream, fulfilling her Sunday obligation from the couch, not having to worry how much noise the kids are making?

But it wasn't. Seeing Mass without experiencing it left me hungry. It left me starving.

Then a wise priest explained it to me. "Watching virtual Mass is like taking a virtual shower," he said.

Grace might not be something we can see with our eyes, but it is very much something that is transmitted physically. Jesus has a human body for a reason. He needs to touch people.

We see that nowhere more clearly than in this Gospel. The crowds are pressing on him, everyone trying to get close, everyone trying to share his space. The hemorrhaging woman claws her way through, desperate to make physical contact with him, any part of him, even his cloak. The synagogue official begs Jesus to come and "lay hands" on his daughter, knowing that this is the only way for her to survive. He doesn't ask for Jesus' good thoughts or approving gaze. He knows that isn't what he needs.

In the Gospels, Jesus saves people chiefly through his own touch because he wants to show us — you and me, sitting in the pews — something very important about how we are saved.

But where do you and I find the touch of Jesus Christ? Where do you and I find salvation?

It's in the water flowing over the infant's forehead. It's in the Host dissolving on our tongues. It's in the oil that is pressed to the skin of the confirmand, the dying man, and the brand-new priest. It's in the embrace of the newly married couple. It's in the extended hand of the priest as he says, "Your sins are forgiven."

It's still here, two thousand years later. It's still waiting for us to reach out and grasp it.

*"If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured."* — Mark 5:28 ©LPi



## Reflect: Readings and Gospel

### 13th Sunday In Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Our wisdom writer teaches us that God did not create death, rather, death entered the world from the envy of the devil. How should a Christian think about death?

**Second Reading:** Paul encourages the community of believers in Corinth to share with others out of their abundance as a means of establishing equality. What could you share with others among your family and friends this week?

**Gospel:** Mark presents us with independent healing stories of how faith in Jesus saves. What needs healing in your life? ©LPi



**Call the Rectory to arrange** for marriages, arrangements made six months prior to date. Contact our organist directly. Information will be provided. Call the rectory for baptisms and hospital/home visits.



**Lector Schedule - Sunday July 7th**

9:00 am SJB/HT: John Robinson

**Mass Schedule for SJB/HT & OLP/SP****Saturday June 29, 2024**4:00pm OLP/SP - Bruce Corbett - Sandy, Dan & Danny  
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph

5:30pm SJB/HT - Thomas Klotz - Marie Klotz

**Sunday June 30, 2024**

7:30am OLP/SP - Mary Klaska - Son, Paul

9:00am SJB/HT - Bill Judge - Ed McGuire

Pat Wall - Husband, John

David McLaughlin - Mother

Karin Airel - The All Faith Food Pantry

11:30am OLP/SP - James Arena - The Family

Josie Torillo - Ralph Torrillo

Pasquale Sisera - Wife, Gilda

Rocky Barbuto - Kathie Grassi

Florance Ribqas - Fran &amp; Joanne

Frances DiPietro - Joanne Krzykawski

Rosario Mancuso &amp; Family -

Granddaughter, Rosemarie Emmi

Dominick Falcone &amp; Family -

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Cindy Caruso - John &amp; Angela Cappuccilli

Henry &amp; Esther Pagano - Steve &amp; Wendy Shoen

Peter &amp; Mary Caruso - John &amp; Angela Cappuccilli

5:00pm OLP/SP - Libby Scalzo - Joanne Lictra

**Wednesday July 3, 2024**

9:00am OLP/SP - Sue Tortora - Michele Chiodo

4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession

**Thursday July 4, 2024 Fourth of July Observed**

9:00am OLP/SP - No Mass

4:00-5:00pm SJB/HT Confession

**Friday July 5, 2024**

9:00am OLP/SP - Donald Ryan - Mary &amp; John D'Amato

**Saturday July 6, 2024**

4:00pm OLP/SP - Marilyn Cox - Frank &amp; Sue

Ruby Lashway - Debra Wade

Joseph DeLorio - Frank &amp; Sue

Anthony Merluzzi - Debra Wade

Bruce Corbett - Sandy, Dan &amp; Danny

Benny &amp; Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph

Frank &amp; Carmine Carapella - Frank &amp; Sue

**Sunday July 7, 2024**

7:30am OLP/SP - All the people of OLP/SP

9:00am SJB/HT - Gerry Klink - Pat &amp; Norm Jaquin

Francis Galimi - Theresa &amp; Daryl Hegarty

11:30am OLP/SP - Vito Toia - Betty &amp; Family

Carmen Emmi, Sr. - Rosemarie &amp; Family

Peter Ilacqua - Love Anne, Joanne &amp; Patty

Ann &amp; Gus Mancuso - Rosemarie &amp; Family

Rev. Michael Dietrich - Rosemarie Emmi &amp; Family

Rev. Msgr. William L. Walsh - Rosemarie Emmi &amp; Family

**SJB/HT Mass Schedule Changes**

As of July 1, 2024, there will no longer be a Saturday 5:30pm Vigil Mass as well the Mon., Tues., and Fri. 12:00 Noon Mass has been cancelled at SJB/HT. I will try and contact all with intentions which I will be happy to move into the 9:00am Sunday Mass or refund you your money. I appreciate your understanding and your patience with this task. ....Nancy

**SJB/HT and OLP/SP Rectories Closed**

The rectories will be closed on Thursday July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Have a safe, happy and blessed holiday.

**BUNKO!**

We will be playing Bunko on Saturday July 13th in the Parish Center. All are invited to play. We start with a meal (Summer Picnic this time) at 6:30pm and start playing at 7:00pm. We are usually done by 9:00pm. The cost is \$10.00 per person which includes food, beverages, and prizes. Please let me know by Wednesday July 10th if you want to play. My phone number is 315-420-6357. Betty Warren.

**Sacrificial Giving**

Please contact Fr. Dan if you have any questions about our parish finances.

Week June 22nd &amp; June 23rd

SJB/HT Collection: \$2,686.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$4,401.00



**Remember:** Mike Affleck, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, B.J. Bubniak Family, Arlene Bukowski, Ashley Caiello, De De Calkins, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Theresa Domathowski, Hank Donohue, Ginny & Erin Donovan, Jenny Emmi, Tenley Farrow, Marilyn Ferretti, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Mary Isgar, Carla Johnson, Tony Lauretti, Shirley Kerr, Emma Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Judy & Skip Marioritti, Michael & Darlene Morga, Diane Moro, Peggy Palerino, The Pavia Children, Antoinette Perotta, Cherie S., Cathy Galutz Sacco, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Esther Sindoni, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Timothy K. Suppes, Barbara Traino, Gerry Vaccaro, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins and Fred Wheeler. **We also remember in our prayers our Service Men and Women & our Health Care Workers.**

**St. Elizabeth of Portugal | July 5**

St. Elizabeth was born to Peter III of Aragon and his queen Constantia in 1271. Like most royal girls of the time, she was betrothed at an early age, and was married to King Diniz (or Dinis, English: Denis) at the age of 12. Although her husband's infidelities and life of sin caused much scandal, Elizabeth was a good and pious queen. She attended Mass daily and dedicated her life to helping the poor. She established orphanages and shelters for the homeless. She also founded a convent of Poor Clares at Coimbra, Portugal.



Often called Peacemaker, Elizabeth was from her birth a reconciler of conflict. Her birth brought her father and his estranged father James to peace. Later when her own son and husband came to war out of jealousy, she rode between armies and reconciled the two men.

After King Diniz died in 1325, she went to live as a lay member at the convent of Poor Clares that she had founded. But her fight for peace was not over, she undertook a long ride to keep the army of her son Afonso IV, from fighting that of Alfonso XI of Castile. Although she was successful, she died shortly after from a fever.

Saint Elizabeth was canonized on May 25th, 1625, by Pope Urban VIII. In the United States her memorial has been transferred to July 5th since July 4th is Independence Day, a national holiday.