

JUNE 28, 2015



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WISDOM 1:13–15; 2:23–24

PSALM 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11, 12, 13

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7, 9, 13–15

MARK 5:21–43 OR 5:21–24, 35B–43

REFLECTION

“Miracles happen every day.” “I believe in miracles.” We hear statements like these pretty frequently. We hear stories about a doctor who loses hope but then the patient recovers. Someone with very little chance to live is restored to health with no medical explanation. We also talk about the “miracle of modern medicine.” All these things have three things in common with today’s Gospel—sickness, healing, and a miracle. The thing that is different about the Gospel healings is the physical presence of Jesus. In both instances there is despair until Jesus enters the situation. A woman with nothing—no money or status—needs healing for herself, and a man with everything needs healing for his daughter. Do you need a miracle? Today’s Gospel reminds us that we shouldn’t be afraid to ask for one!



This short video from Busted Halo explains the Anointing of the Sick.
www.youtube.com/watch?v=hEppjWNO2y4

ACTION

Be on the lookout for modern miracles this week. We can sometimes be cynical and skeptical these days about good things but miracles are all around us. If you don’t know about the Anointing of the Sick take some time this week to learn how the modern Church continues Jesus’s ministry of healing and presence.

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- Imagine you have the chance, like Jairus, to ask Jesus for health for someone you love. What would you say and on whose behalf?
- Have you ever needed healing yourself? Did you think to ask God for help?