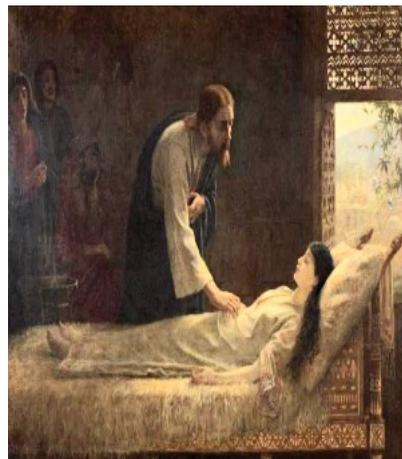


Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2015



1st Reading: *Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24(98B)*

2nd Reading: *2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15*

Gospel: *Mark 5:21-43*

'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they ridiculed him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At once they were overcome with astonishment, and he gave them strict orders not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18;

Matthew 6:13-19

Tuesday: Genesis 19:15-29; Matthew 8:23-27

Wednesday: Genesis 21:5, 8-20a; Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday: Genesis 22:1b-19; Matthew 9:1-8

Friday: Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29

Saturday: Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29; Matthew 9:14-17

Sunday: Ezekiel 2:2-5(101B), 2 Corinthians 12:7-10;

Mark 6:1-6a



Stewardship

Totals as of Sunday - June 21, 2015

Sunday Offering	\$2,500.05
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$2,612.00
Short	\$111.95

LAST WEEKEND ATTENDANCES

June 20-21 128

LAY MINISTRIES

Saturday July 4	Sunday July 5	Sunday July 5
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass	7:00 a.m. Mass	11:15a.m. Mass

Lector: David Didimamoff	Mary Kay L'Esperance	Patricia Hayes
Minister of the Cup: Barbara Dixon	Gerard L'Esperance	Marge Glauser

Saturday July 11	Sunday July 12	Sunday July 12
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass	7:00 a.m. Mass	11:15 a.m. Mass

Lector: Diane Begic	Denise Gelinis	Richardean Paige
Minister of the Cup: Ellen Heim	Roger Gelinis	Mary Rose



Refreshments

July 5th Open

Counters

July 5th Open

Promoting Parish Stewardship

Stewardship ^D A Way of Life

The rewards of stewardship are plentiful. Stewards happily accept the call to give of themselves in response to the gracious gifts given to them. By helping others, stewards show their gratitude to God through their loving care for others.



June 27th 4:00 PM Souls in Purgatory: from Joan Hesik

Second Collection: Is for Holy Father (Peter's Pence)

Please be mindful of the purpose of this collection. It allows Pope Francis to support victims of war and natural disasters and others most in need of assistance. Join Pope Francis and be a witness of charity in the world.

St. Gerard is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through time, talent, and treasure.. Thank you for all that you do!

Father Emmanuel's EMERGENCY ONLY NUMBER is 803-637-2027

Welcome: We extend a warm welcome to all those who are visiting or are here for the first time. If you attend St. Gerard regularly and consider this your Parish, please take the time to register by stopping by the church office or fill out a registration form found on the folder in the basket in the entrance in the hall.

Hospital Visits: If you or a loved one is in **Aiken Regional Hospital (ARMC)**. Please let St Gerards know. Remember - ARMC does not inform us of Catholic patients, even if you register as a Catholic; it is up to the patient or family to do so. You can: **ask the ARMC Chaplain to call the Catholic church, ask your nurse to inform the Catholic church (name & room number), call-St. Gerard at 649-3203 and leave a message or email St Gerard at: stgerardscatholi@Atlanticbbn.net.**

Our Sick: Please remember: **Gary Gilbault, Leonard Saunders, Shirley Paige, Williams (Bill) Cobbs, Jackie Cobbs, Woody Alexander, Lena Mickens, Frank and Shirley Acosta, Rosa Johnson, Brenda Ligons, Meg Schaeffer, Joe Fulmer and Patricia Bailey.**

Gracious Healer, I entrust my loved ones into your care. Ease the burdens that this illness brings. relieve the sharp edges of pain. Stir up hope amid adversity. Give them spiritual strength to cope with the difficulties of this situation. Encourage them to lean on you and to find comfort in your presence. Hold them close with your love as you gather them under your wing. Amen.

In Harms' Way: Please remember in your prayers our Nation and loved ones of our parishioners Currently serving in harms' way: **James Ligon, Robert McHugh, Jacob Hershey, and James Rossini.** Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

Father has proposed that we look into spending a couple of hours once a month on outside maintenance and landscaping. Anybody that would be willing to volunteer should contact the office and I will pass it on to Jackie Brown. Then we can decide on what days will be best.

Dr. and Sheila Goetowski of Myrtle Beach, SC have made a Memorial in the name of Helen Ott and Father has determined that donation should be expressed in our altar flowers as a reminder of Helen. For the next few weeks our flowers are provided by this memorial.



Last Chance

The Office of Family Life is taking official registrations for our Diocesan trip to Philadelphia, PA for the World Meeting of Families through July 1, 2015. We depart from Columbia, SC on Monday September 21, 2015 and return Monday, September 28, 2015. We will be staying in Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families Conference through the papal Mass on Sunday. Total costs for this trip will vary per individual, as we are providing transportation and lodging ONLY. Individuals and families **will also need to register through the event website** (www.worldmeeting2015.org) for the conference *in addition to* registering with our office for the lodging and transportation. Individuals and families will be responsible for all meals.

Anticipated Total Cost to Attendees:

- Individual: Approximately \$2,000- \$2,200*
- Couple (one hotel room): Approximately \$2,700-\$2,900*
- Family of Four (one hotel room): Approximately \$4,100-\$4,300*

Cost Breakdown:

- \$150 basic registration fee, which we recommend (completed through World Meeting of Family website)
- \$30-50 per person in food allowance each day (may vary depending on individuals)
- \$250 per person bus transportation from Columbia, SC to Philadelphia, PA (register with Family Life Office)
- \$1,500* per room approximate hotel costs (final costs to be announced soon, register with Family Life Office)

*We are still waiting for confirmation on hotels for Saturday and Sunday September 26 and 27 which are the dates Pope Francis will be in Philadelphia. As soon as we have this information we will update prices accordingly.

Important dates to remember:

- June 1, 2015: Partial payment deadline of \$500 down payment to reserve your place
- July 1, 2015: Full payment deadline and deadline to register with full amount paid and deadline for cancellation with partial refund

If you are interested in joining us, please get back to us as soon as possible. Your spot will be reserved upon our reception of your \$500 down payment. Please state your name, parish, number of people planning to attend, if you will take the bus, and staying at our hotel. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at FamilyLife@catholic-doc.org or call Kathy Schmutge at 803.547.5063 or Julie Hall at 803.627.5491