



Notes from Fr. Nick

Ember Days

Do you remember Ember Days? They were a Wednesday, Friday and Saturday within a single week at the start of each season of the year. The Church set these dates aside so that every season would begin with a time of prayer and fasting. Today, Ember Days are observed mainly in monasteries, as observance was left to local councils of bishops after the revision of the liturgical calendar in 1969.

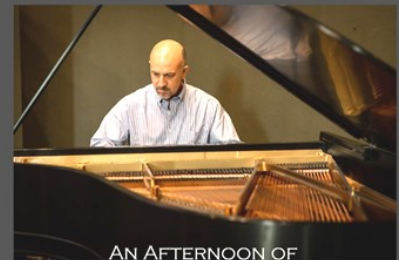
There were difficulties with these dates, since they didn't coincide in different parts of the world and they could conflict with local celebrations. Mainly, they lost their significance as we moved away from an agrarian world. In the past, when families returned home from their crops and livestock for a meal, fasting and prayer were much more easily observed. By the time I was a child in the 1950s, I remember my mother and aunts finding them mostly an annoyance. And today, we often eat takeout in front of a computer screen.

Yet, with the elimination of Ember Days, something was lost. The world now views time in a radically different manner than we did even a few decades back — we now see time as a linear progression of numbers. This Sunday is no longer considered the first day of the week and the 27th day of the month of June. We are more likely to note it as "062721".

Ember Days were from an age when time was measured by what the Greeks called *kairos*. In other words, time was measured by its quality. Today we have shifted to *kronos*; a quantitative measure.

Nevertheless, we do shift gears with the seasons. School's out, vacations have begun, and we relax a little bit over the summer. Maybe it's too bad that we abandoned the Church's acknowledgement of the quality of time. As it says in the Book of Ecclesiastes, "*To every thing there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.*"

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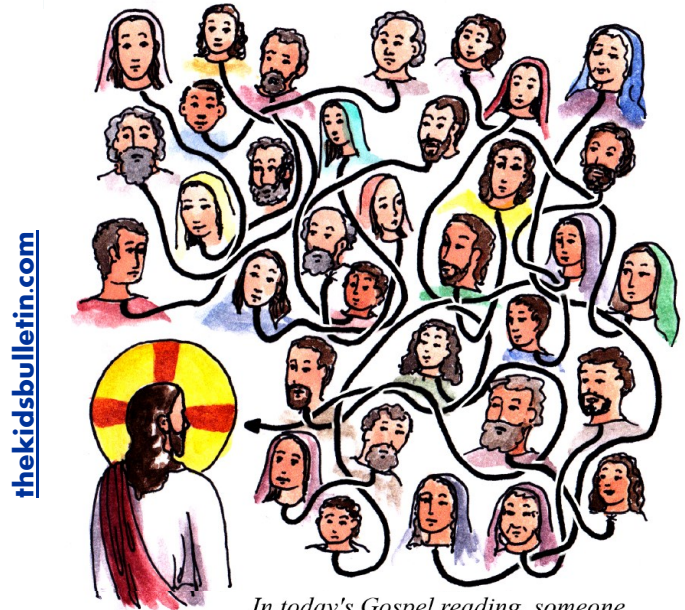
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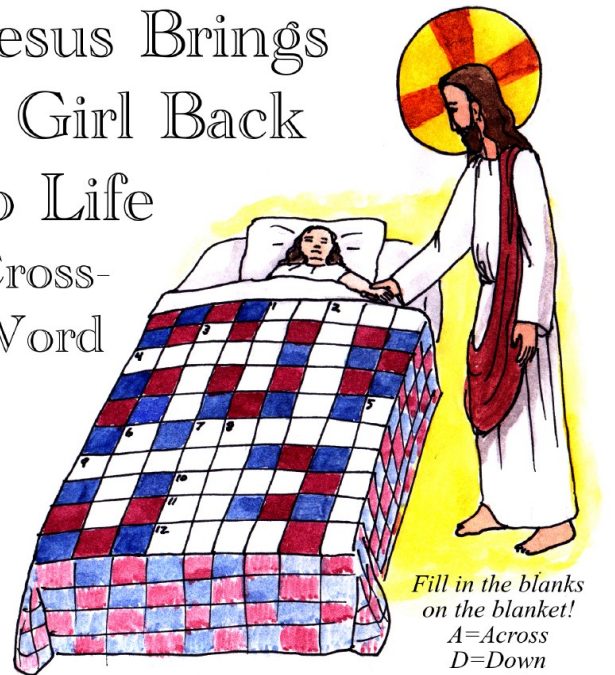


In today's Gospel reading, someone believed that they would be healed from their sickness if they touched Jesus' clothes. The person touched Jesus and was instantly healed! But Jesus knew that power had gone out of Him, so He asked who had touched His clothes.

Who was cured? Follow the dark lines and see whose line points to Jesus.

Jesus Brings a Girl Back to Life

Cross-Word



A man called 7A came and begged 7D to heal his daughter who was very 10A. So Jesus went, but on the way some people came from Jairus' house and said that the girl was 6D. But Jesus went anyway, and said that the 3D wasn't dead, but only 5D. He only took three of His apostles when he went in to see the girl: 9A, 1A, and 1D. He 12A everyone else out of the room, except the girl's father and 2D. Then Jesus took the girl's hand and said, "8D." She got up and started walking around! God let this happen to show 11A what He can do when we have 4A in Him.

June 27th, 2021 ~ 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Collection for the Week Ending June 20 th , 2021			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
06/20/2021	\$7,065.01	\$8,471.00	-\$1,405.99
Year-to-Date	\$204,222.81	\$222,304.00	-\$18,081.19
<i>Thank you!</i>			

New Gospel Reflection Groups (1 hour weekly)

Starting the week of July 4th, you are invited to join a Small Faith Group to reflect on the Gospel of Sunday. The sessions will last for six weeks, at the times below:

- ◆ Tuesday at 2:00 pm with Joan Bell: will begin **via Zoom**. BellFamily1523@outlook.com
- ◆ Tuesday at 7:00 pm with Deacon Jeff Burns **via Zoom**. jmburns@sandiego.edu
- ◆ Thursday at 6:00 pm for Young Adults with Natalia Miano **in person**. mianonatalia@gmail.com
- ◆ Friday at 9:00 am with Ann Fitzgerald and Georganne Perkins **in person** at Norton Hall. fitz1607@gmail.com

If none of these times works for you, contact Deacon Jeff!

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 27th *THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*
Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 / 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 / Mark 5:21-43
- 28th *Memorial: St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr*
Genesis 18:16-33 / Matthew 8:18-22
- 29th *Solemnity: SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES*
Acts 12:1-11 / 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 / Matthew 16:13-19
- 30th *Weekday [The 1st Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church]*
Genesis 21:5, 8-20 / Matthew 8:28-34
- 1st *Weekday [St. Junipero Serra, Priest]*
Genesis 22:1-19 / Matthew 9:1-8
- 2nd *Weekday*
Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67 / Matthew 9:9-13
- 3rd *Feast: SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE*
Ephesians 2:19-22 / John 20:24-29

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Joseph McWalters, Sr. RIP
Sunday	9:00	For the People of the Parish
	11:00	Intentions of Eamon Fitzgerald
Monday	8:30	Librada Donor RIP
	5:30	Mario Arcayena RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Intention of the Donor
	5:30	Intentions of Fr. John Winkowitsch, OP
Wednesday	8:30	Eunice Jackson RIP
	5:30	Claire McWalters RIP
Thursday	8:30	Barbara Gamba RIP
	5:30	Barbara Gamba RIP
Friday	8:30	Intentions of Roberto Rodrigo
	5:30	José Ras RIP
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of Mike Stewart

Peace & Justice Notes

Helping Immigrant Families – Thanks to your generous donations, *Peace & Justice Committee* members recently delivered three carloads of supplies for immigrant moms and their young children. Thank you, *St. Mary Magdalen*, and *St. John the Baptist* and *St. Jerome* parishes in El Cerrito – it was a truly collaborative effort! The donations went to immigrants served by *KIND (Kids In Need of Defense)*, which serves clients throughout the Bay Area who need support. See: supportkind.org.

Our Sunday project also brought *P&J* members together in person for the first time since the pandemic, reminding all of us that being together in community is a joyous celebration of our faith!

Stand up for immigrants – Our country still has not responded to the need for comprehensive immigration reform. Instead we are left with ever-changing and unpredictable policies and court-decisions that promise hope ... or despair:

- ◆ *Sanchez v. Mayorkas* - The Supreme Court ruled unanimously this month that people with *Temporary Protected Status (TPS)* who entered the United States unlawfully are ineligible to obtain a green card in most cases. Thousands of long-time *TPS* holders who acquired *TPS* status after illegal entry (fleeing the disasters that make them eligible for *TPS* status) have been denied the possibility of obtaining permanent status in the U.S..
- ◆ *The Dream and Promise Act of 2021*. The *Sanchez* decision means the fate of *TPS* holders rests with Congress. Justice Kagan made clear that this pending legislation would give *TPS* holders what the Supreme Court was not able to find in the text of the current immigration statute: "... a chance at permanent residency and a path to citizenship for thousands of people who have called the United States home for decades."
- ◆ **Immigration Court** – This court functions as a department within the *Department of Justice*, **not** as an independent judiciary. U.S. Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-San José) is writing a bill to make the courts independent from the *DOJ*, reform backed by the immigration judges' union.

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