

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 27, 021.

*All three readings today are an invitation for you and me to take the risk of **believing** - of growing in **Faith**. The first reading from the Book of Wisdom calls us to really believe that you and I are created in God's image and are destined to live forever. It invites us to really believe that God sees all of creation. We are simply asked to be good stewards of the earth and all creation. It goes on further encouraging us to hang on to the conviction that God is a God of life not of death, and He will be victorious over death for all who have Faith in him.*

*In our Second reading St. Paul explicitly prays that you and I will **excel**, in **Faith**. A **Faith** that will move us to share with the poor all that we do not really need. Two times in that short reading he says that it is a matter of equality, a matter of justice. The goods of Mother Earth are meant for the welfare of all people. That means every human has a right to food, shelter, clothing and medicine.*

*Twice in today's Gospel, it mentioned the power of **Faith**. Jesus tells Jairus "Do not be afraid; just have Faith." And to the woman with twelve years of health issues he says, "Daughter, your Faith has saved you. Be cured!"*

*St. Paul in his letter to the Romans defines **Faith** as "The assurance of things hoped for; the conviction of things not seen."*

*Both Jairus and the woman hoped for a healing from Jesus. Because of their childlike **Faith** with Jesus all things are possible, they witnessed a miracle. Isn't it interesting - Jesus asks, "Who touched me?" In so many words Peter replies, "You are surrounded by wall-to-wall people - everybody touched you!" True, but only one was cured. Why? Because she touched him with **childlike expectant Faith!***

*In a few minutes every one of us here will be touching him in Holy Communion. Will anything happen? just beforehand we all pray, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, but only say the word and **my Soul shall be healed**" Do you believe that? Jesus says, "Take the **risk** of trying me. Put me to the test. If you come with **expectant Faith**, you will be utterly amazed at what will take place on the inside!"*