

SUNDAY JUNE 28, 2009

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b



Jesus was a healer. The Gospels are rich in telling us stories about the healing ministry of Jesus. In today's Gospel we hear about Jairus' daughter. Not only is she healed and restored to life; her parents are comforted and strengthened in the loving and compassionate action of Jesus. One of Jesus' missions was to heal the sick. Jesus is "God who saves". This reflects a meaning of the name: Jesus.

As Christians, we believe that the healing ministry of Jesus continues in our own day. Oftentimes people all over the world give witness and testimony about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit being instrumental in bringing about a transformation of their lives: physically, emotionally, spiritually. The healing power of God is active and present to all of us.

How might we be recipients of Jesus' healing ministry?

Call to mind when we were **STRENGTHENED** at a critical time. Remember receiving **HOPE** at a time of struggle, darkness or discouragement. Ponder our experiences of healing at a time of sickness, pain or suffering.

At moments and many others, Jesus is present in our lives; Jesus is loving us; Jesus is compassionate with us as he was with Jairus, his wife and, especially, his daughter.



Vasily Polenov, [Raising of Jairus' Daughter](#) (1871),
The Museum of the Academy of the Arts, St. Petersburg, Russia

My sisters and brothers, this week be attentive to moments of healing taking place... healing of body, mind and spirit... healing of relationships... healing of our memories. As we count our blessings of healing, we utter our praise and gratitude to God. We pray with hearts full of thanksgiving. We sing songs of joy. That is what we are about at this Eucharist. We are healing as we hear the word of God and receive Christ in Communion. The work of the healing ministry of Jesus continues these very moments. Truly, we are blest people!