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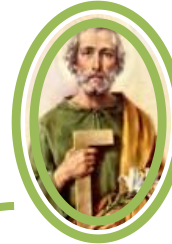
We would like to thank Father Gustavo for all of his hard work and dedication to our parish. Involving himself within our community and helping to take care of both St. Joseph's & St. Patrick's churches. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors and pray for his health and happiness. Thank you, Father Gustavo and Blessings, to you!

Welcome

Our parish would like to give a warm welcome to Father Alan Sanchez! We thank you for taking on this new role. Let us give Blessings and pray that Father Alan feels comfort within our community and helps our parish to further thrive in the future!

Reminder

Just a reminder that for all of quinces and other masses that we offer in our churches there is to be a code for dressing properly administered in our St. Joseph and St. Patrick Churches. If the candidate and parent come to Mass with a short dress, I am going to be in the position to ask them kindly to step out of the church, and go get dressed decently for the occasion. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. Blessings to all!



LA PRYOR, TEXAS

June 30, 2024

**St. Joseph Catholic Church and
St. Patrick Catholic Church**
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Touching Jesus

She said, "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured." [Mark 5:28](#)

Here is an example of one who comes to Jesus with great faith. It's a fascinating story in that we are given the gift of being able to know her thoughts. This woman had suffered greatly for many years. She tried everything she could to be cured by doctors. She spent all she had. And then, in this desperate state, the woman turned in faith to Jesus. Perhaps she had had great faith throughout her life; we do not know. What we do know is that in her suffering, she was greatly humbled and was out of options. In this humble condition she did what any saint would do. She held on to the conviction that Jesus was the answer. When all else failed, Jesus would not let her down. Perhaps she didn't know if she would be physically healed, but she did know she had to turn to Jesus nonetheless. There is a great lesson in this story in that we must have the same depth of trust and the same commitment to turn to Jesus with our life. Turning to Jesus with deep certainty and faith means we know that His will is all that matters. It means that we choose Him above all else and in every circumstance of life. It means we do not only turn to Him with our problems, we also turn to Him with our joys and in our blessings. Everything we do must come from a deep interior conviction that Jesus is the answer to everything in life. Perhaps that sounds like a bit much. Perhaps we have a habit of turning to Him only when everything else seems to fail us. But it shouldn't be so. We are called to build a daily habit of seeking to "touch His clothes," so to speak. This is a way of saying we must turn our heart, mind, will and soul to Him always. Reflect, today, on how deep your habit is of reaching out to Jesus. Is He the first one you praise in your blessings? And is He the first one you turn to in your fears and struggles? Build this interior habit and you will see miracles of grace in your life.