

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 30, 2024

‘For God created humans for incorruption, and made them in the image of His own eternity.’ (Wisdom 2:24)

This phrase from our first reading this Sunday from the book of Wisdom beautifully incorporates a profound understanding of the meaning of each of our lives. Being from the wisdom writings it shares the insight from Genesis of humans being created in God’s image, female and male. This image captures the dignity and inestimable value of each of us as God’s daughters and sons.

St. Paul in our 2nd reading, his 2nd reading to the Corinthians, is encouraging them to support their sisters and brothers who are experiencing difficulties and need their help. The fraternal support is a concrete expression of the interconnectedness of all people, and participating in support and encouragement. Living at a time when we are aware of the needs and challenges of our fellow humans, our sensitivity and outreach are an expression of our hearts’ concerns. The needs of all are calls to the heart to concretely respond.

In the Gospel today, Jesus responds to the needs of two individuals: the daughter of Jairus, a synagogue official, who is gravely ill and a woman suffering hemorrhages. His heart is profoundly touched by their plight and responds with a healing touch with an invitation to get up and be on their way. As the passage from Wisdom says – we are meant for eternal joy and life!

Blessings of peace! Fr. Don

Happy Canada Day!