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“If I but touch his cloak, I will be made well.”

The situation of the woman with a hemorrhage has made a powerful impression on me for many years. The physical discomfort of a constant menstrual flow was compounded by strict Jewish laws that identified menstruating women as a source of ritual uncleanness. She was, like lepers, unclean.

Desperation. St. Mark tells us, “*She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had, and she was no better but rather grew worse.*” (Mk. 5:26) Sadly, many of us know the frustration of constantly perplexing medical practitioners with seemingly intractable illnesses. Further, we find it very easy to generate sympathy for children – like Jairus’ daughter – and mobilize resources for them while crafting legislation for “solving” the problem of chronic illness by euthanasia. God have mercy on our misguided country. Desperation.

But there was some news that came to this desperate woman - “*She had heard about Jesus.*” (Mk. 5:27)

And she dared to do something desperate, she “*came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his cloak, I will be made well.”*” (Mk. 5:27-28) This was audacious. This touch was dangerous. Touching Jesus as an “unclean woman” would render Jesus unclean (c.f. Leviticus 15:19-23). She could not do this face to face for all to see – this would unleash anger in the crowd. Or so she thought.



There are not anonymous touches for Jesus. There are no “faces in the crowd.” The power of God had gone forth from Him, and the power of God is Love, and Love is given particularly and tenderly.

The disciples, like the crowd, do not yet understand this kind of utterly personal love by God that Jesus brings. But the woman knows what happened to her. In her body she is healed. But there is one more healing that she must be given. And this will not happen through a touch of Jesus’s garment, but through Jesus’ eyes. And for this she must face Him.

And tell Him “*the whole truth*” – she had dared to make Jesus unclean. She had broken all the strict conventions of her people.

And the eyes of Jesus look at her. And Truth itself speaks, “*Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.*”

With these words all the foolish conventions of “shame” and “uncleanness” are washed away. Banished is the social disease she faced along with her physical illness. The eyes of Jesus gave her new eyes: she is “*Daughter*”. And those eyes command the disciples, the crowd, and us to have new eyes that are not judgmental of women, of the sick, of anyone named as “leper” by those who have not really *heard about Jesus*.

This passage has brought such healing in the lives of women – and men – who bear the internal incessant bleeding that comes with having experienced abuse, particularly sexual abuse. This violation so often brings a seemingly incurable social uncleanness for it is a violation that lies and tells the victim that they are guilty. I have witnessed the Lord look with healing eyes into the hearts of those made objects so that they might no the truth – they are *daughters and sons* – utterly loved in power by God.

So to us – who in Confession tell the Lord what we have laid on him – making Him suffer and hang as an unclean one on the Cross by our sins. There He tells us the truth. Each of us is *Daughter*, each of us is *Son*. And so we have new eyes – His eyes – with which to see and love each other.

MONDAY, July 1, 2024
Canada Day - Office Closed

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (*† Si Lucille Pillon*)
6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group

TUESDAY, July 2, 2024

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (*† Anne Heiland*)
7:45 pm - Holy Face Devotion

WEDNESDAY, July 3, 2024
St. Thomas (F)

11:00 am - Confessions, & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (*† Marry Nyssen*)
1:00 pm - Eucharistic **Adoration** until 5:00pm

THURSDAY, July 4, 2024
St. Elizabeth of Portugal (OM)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (*† Olga Kramchynsky*)
8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, July 5, 2024
St. Anthony Zaccaria (OM)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (*† Angiolino Di Santo*)
5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group

SATURDAY, July 6, 2024
St Maria Goretti (OM)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (*† Salwa Marks*)
2:00 pm - Baptism

SUNDAY, July 7, 2024
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am - **Mass**
10:00 am - **Mass**
5:00 pm - Eritrean **Mass**
7:30 pm - **Solemn Vespers**
8:00 pm - **Mass**

Monthly Devotion To The Holy Face Of Jesus

Tuesday, July 2 @ 7:45 pm

All are welcome!

Summer Office Hours in July and August

Monday - Friday 8:30am - 12:00pm

CLOSED in the afternoon



*He must increase
and I must decrease!*

**Help support Fr Penna in his
fight to get healthy and lose
45 pounds by Christmas!**



Help encourage him and **support the renovations** by pledging money per pound lost (\$1, \$5, \$10...)

Register your pledge by filling out the form at the back of the church, at the parish office, or on the website at stpaulscc.com.

An African-Canadian Catholic community monthly

Mass is held on the first Sunday of each month at St. Michael Parish with the next celebrations at 2 p.m. **Sunday, July 7, 2024**

The Cathedral of the Holy Family presents
“Beloved” on First Friday of the month, July 5, at 7 p.m., with confession, adoration and formation on the theme of “Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice”.

OFFERING for June 16, 2024

Cash Donations	\$ 793.70
Envelopes	\$ 2,725.00
Renovations	\$ 15,105.00

There is a promise of marriage between Carlo Schioppo & Osliany Gomez, if anyone knows of a reason they should not be married please contact Fr. Penna.