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These two women present us with seemingly different and tragic situations. Yet both their experiences confront death. This is why St. Mark intimately unites the two stories. The events provoke the same reaction from Jesus and are inspired by the Book of Wisdom. *God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living. For he created all things so that they might exist.* (Wisdom 1:13-14)

Biological death and exclusion are integral issues of our human condition that Jesus encountered that morning. He was confronted by the reality of a girl who was dying at the age of twelve and of a woman, who for twelve years, had suffered from chronic hemorrhaging. Twelve years of age is very young. Twelve years of suffering is very long.

Jesus confronts death without hesitation. He presents himself as the One whose words and actions bring life. Jesus is an icon, an image that reveals the face of God.

That day Jesus revealed God's tenderness and goodness. These narratives open our minds to contemplate God's involvement in people's lives. Christ proclaims explicitly that we are to live and not die.

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## Sunday July 1, 2018 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We read the conclusion of St. Mark's Gospel: ... *and (he) told them to give her something to eat.* Christ would not have Jairus' daughter go hungry. Christ had just brought her back to life and she began to walk about. With these words, Christ brings us to a simple and normal dimension of life: you have to eat to live. Our mission is to live and not die.

We do not even know their names. The younger one was only twelve years old and at the age when she would mature into a woman. It did not appear that this would happen. She was near death and had very little time left when her father, a man named Jairus and a leader in the Synagogue, went to Jesus.

The older woman had been hemorrhaging for twelve years and her disease prevented her from entering the Temple and taking her place in society. Who was she? She knew that in her culture a woman who could not have children was not considered whole. Moreover, her illness made her unclean. Jesus was dealing with two women: a little girl who was dying and another already dead, killed by prejudices.

## The Week at a Glance

Sat June 30	7:30pm Mass in Arborfield <b>For †Aurel Soucy</b>
Sun July 1	9:00 am Mass in Carrot River <b>For the people</b> 11:00am Mass in Zenon Park <b>For †Donald Perrault</b>
Mon July 2	<i>Fr Travis' day off</i>
Tues July 3	no mass
Wed July 4	9:00am Mass in Zenon Park <b>For Gary Laliberte</b>
Thurs July 5	no mass
Fri July 6	10:00am Mass in Arborfield Care Home 7:00pm Adoration in Zenon Park 8:00pm Mass in Zenon Park <b>For †Laurent Leblanc</b>
Sat July 7	7:00pm Mass in Carrot River <b>For Victims and Families</b>
Sun July 8	9:00 am Mass in Zenon Park <b>For the people</b> 11:00am Mass in Arborfield <b>For †Jack Lalonde</b>

### NOTE MASS TIME CHANGE

#### Mass time for July/August

Sat 7:30pm – Carrot River

Sun 9:00am – Zenon Park

**Sun 11:00am – Arborfield**

*(changes will take place July 7/8)*

The **ordination of Deacon Kendrick Beler** will take place July 11, 2018 at St. Joseph Calasanctius parish in North Battleford at 7 pm. Bishop Thevenot invites all to attend.

## Announcements and Activities

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>June 30</u>	<u>July 8</u>
<b>Commentator</b>	Neil	Liz
<b>Reader</b>	Mark	Mary
<b>Cup</b>	Guy, Sue	Sue, Beatrice
<b>Hospitality</b>	Liz, Guy	Bronners
<b>Offerings</b>	Louis, Jean	Brian, Pam
<b>Sacristan</b>	Sue	Pam

### Cleaning Schedule

July 2-8, 2018	Brian & Pam Wassill
July 9 - 15, 2018	Guy & Liz Hudon

Last week's collection total: **\$540.00**

Special collections: **\$25.00** Catholic Missions in Canada

**Thank You**

St. Lucy's will be hosting **Vacation Bible School Day Camp** for youth this summer July 23 - 27 9am to noon each day. All are welcome - admission is free!! Games, music, crafts, snacks, fun bible stories. Please pick up a flyer at the back of the church for more information and to register call Father Travis 767-2458.