

St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



Welcome to St. William the Abbot

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 27, 2021



He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" - Mark 5:41

PARISH INFORMATION

RECTORY

Office: 516.785.1266
2000 Jackson Avenue
Seaford, NY 11783
stwilliam.org

RECTORY HOURS

Monday - Friday
9 AM - 5 PM
Saturday
9 AM - 3 PM
Sunday
9 AM - 1 PM

MASS TIMES

The presider schedule can be found on the parish website stwilliam.org

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
8:30 AM

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday
8:30 AM & 5 PM
Sunday
7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM, & 12 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 27, 2021

Father's Day
Kristell Le Goff (LIV)
People of St. William
James Wheeler

Thursday, July 1, 2021

Michael Cannon

Monday, June 28, 2021

Father's Day

Friday, July 2, 2021

Collective Intentions
Kenneth Gallo,
Dennis DeMille,
Marie Santini,
Ruben Rodriguez, Jr.

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Father's Day

Saturday, July 3, 2021

Purgatorial Society
Collective Intentions
Anna Hillmann,
Daniel Buckley,
John Vitkevich,
Maria Lago

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

George Stephan

Baptism

Noelle R. Polacik

Cera E. Acosta-Sanchez

Daniel T. Schaefer Jr.

**Let us welcome those children who were
Baptized this past weekend.**

The Wine & Hosts used at mass this week have been
donated in loving memory of

Margaret Elliott

from Susan Peo.

The Altar Candles used at mass this week have been
donated in loving memory of

Theresa Prezioso

from The Kandy Bowicz Family .

The Sanctuary Candles used at mass this week have
been donated in loving memory of

Pasquale Serenita

from Loving Wife, Charlene Serenita.

Pray for the Deceased

Joanne Parasole

Thomas Edward Newby III

Pray for the Sick

Arlene M. Finlay

Louise Sullivan

Happy Saint William the Abbot Feast Day!!



Saint William has been a major part of my life since I was a little boy, coming to Aunt Sue and Uncle Ed Boden's house in the summer for BBQ's, pool parties, and even the festival when it was across the street at the school. But to be honest, I did not really know that much about him, until becoming Pastor of the parish. Seminarian Greg Marino has done a great job these past few weeks reviewing the history of our Patron Saint, and his story: born in Vercelli, Italy in the year 1085, even at a young age his devout life attracted others to Jesus; he had a great devotion to Our Lady, eventually founding a monastery in her name - Montevergine (the Mount of the Virgin Mary). We honor his memory on June 25th – the day he died in the year 1142. In 2021 we celebrate him and the history of our parish with the Saturday night outdoor 5 PM Mass and parish celebration.

Saint William spent his life pointing others to Jesus and Mary – in the high moments and the challenging ones. This weekend's Gospel reveals two people – Jairus (the synagogue official) and the hemorrhaging woman – who knew in their time of trial who they could go to for help. Do we know who to go to? Do our loved ones know because of us? The individuals knew about Jesus because so many others had spoken about the Rabbi who was compassionate, kind, forgiving, non-judgmental, and who desired to heal and transform the broken-hearted. Let's face it, we live in a culture and society, even in a town where some have found many other options to go to instead of Jesus and the Church. Saint William's was a place that all of Seaford came to for their spiritual needs, but for many today it is a place to use the fields or courts for sports, a parking lot to cut through between streets (or other shenanigans), or an adorable old country building that reminds people of different era.

The Pandemic has been a challenge for many people. There has been deep fatigue and hurt in our hearts, lives, and families. We were faced with separation and isolation from so many. As a parish we reached out to many of the homebound that we were aware of and were recommended to us. As we interacted with new families and individuals, we encountered the woundedness of so many who searched for ways to ease or numb that pain. Another glass of wine or scotch, overindulging in food, endless screen time of binge-watching movies and mindless social media scrolling. Those are the ones that we were actually able to call, speak to, or meet. But how many more are out there? How many more are alone and silently trying to cope with the trauma of the past 16 months? And... how are we as faith community going to respond?

Jesus in the Gospel, and our Patron Saint William lived a mission that ultimately brought others to God the Father, and a community that supported them. The first Apostles, Jairus, and the hemorrhaging woman, the monks, and lay followers at Montevergine were all attracted to the power of hope and love that Jesus made real in the world; the Incarnation – and then told others about Him. Today, in 2021, we are called to move that mission forward – and not like it ever was done before. The great gift of meeting with all the ministries these past few weeks is that some people have this sense that we will go back to doing things the way we did before the Pandemic. We had for many years been in maintenance mode, meaning, we have provided services and ministries and people came to them. And all we had to do is maintain those things. As I mentioned above, we live in a culture that is not receptive to God and faith, and in many cases is hostile towards our Catholic Values. It is okay, we have been there before. But our response now more than ever is to go to those who are isolated, alone, afraid, and to tell them about Jesus – and the parish. To invite them into a relationship, not to a meeting, or a committee.



The Parish celebration this weekend will cause many people to pause, and look, and question; what is going on there at Saint William? Obviously, we will celebrate Mass on Jackson Avenue, people will be inconvenienced, traffic will be re-routed, and the normal flow will be disrupted. This is a reality of life for all of us. But the question is, when that happens, do we know where to go? For all of us striving to be faithful disciples, the key is that we know, and we can direct others where to go. In our families, and in this community – we must point them to Jesus – as the woman in the Gospel - "She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak." She knew where to go because others told her about their experience with the Lord – and it was her faith in Him that saved her. Now it is our turn – to go and tell others, to encourage and invite so that they and we can hear Jesus' words of encouragement: "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured."

On behalf of Fr, Collins, Fr. James, and Kolbe, as we hit our 2-year anniversary of moving into the parish, thank you for your prayers, guidance, witness of faith, your presence, and incredible generosity.

Peace,

Fr. Joe



Rectory News

Wedding Banns III

Robert Weber II
St. William the Abbot
&
Shana Kase
St. Cyril, Deer Park

Christopher Piasecki
St. William the Abbot
&
Alexandra Taliana
St. Brigid, Westbury

Anthony Cardone
St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa
&
Christina Maffei
St. William the Abbot

Corey Till
St. William the Abbot
&
Kristen Ramirez
St. James Church, Seaford



Connor Waltman
Bellmore, New York
&
Melissa McFadden
St. Francis De Chantal, Wantagh

Wedding Banns II

Kenneth Lutz
St. William the Abbot
&
Christie Roell
St. William the Abbot

William Magenheimer
St. Gregory the Great Church, Plantation Florida
&
Caroline Scalamandre
St. William the Abbot

Dispensation from Mass

As a reminder, the dispensation from the requirement to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect. Those who are most vulnerable and at a greater risk (due to age, preexisting health conditions or being in close proximity to vulnerable people) are encouraged to remain home at this time.

If a person shows any symptoms of illness, they are asked to please not come to church. We encourage you to join us for Mass online on the parish website stwilliam.org

Emergency

If there is an emergency in which you need to contact a priest immediately, please call the Priest Emergency telephone - 516-312-7361.

Safety & Mask Protocols



We do ask that everyone arrive early so that we can seat everyone before the start of Mass.

We ask that all parishioners that are **NOT VACCINATED** wear their mask covering their nose and mouth at all times while inside the church.

Private Prayer

The Church will be open for private prayer Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM. If there is something taking place in the church such as a funeral, wedding, class, parent meetings, RCIA, etc., parishioners should understand that they should not remain in church during these activities.

Low Gluten Hosts Available at Mass

For those who must avoid gluten in their diet, the parish has low-gluten hosts available for Holy Communion. If you wish to receive such a host, please arrive prior to Mass and inform the priest and he will place your host in a oyx.

New Rectory Hours

The Rectory will be open
Monday through Friday - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Sunday - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Memorials Available

We are pleased to announce that the Sanctuary Candle and the Altar Candles that are used at Mass throughout the week are now available as memorials.

Anyone wishing to donate the Sanctuary Candle or the Altar Candles in memory of a loved one or on the occasion of an anniversary, birthday, etc., can make this request at the Rectory. Please call 516-785-1266. The offering for the Sanctuary Candle is \$15 and the offering for the Altar Candles is \$30. The name of the person will be announced in the bulletin for each week the candles are donated.



Take a walk with Father James and Kolbe! All dogs welcome! Email priests@stwilliam.org to schedule a walk.



Sacristy

For the safety of our Priests, we ask that parishioners refrain from entering the Sacristy. Please do not hand offering envelopes, letters etc. to the Priests. Please drop them off in the Rectory Mail Slot.

Have a question for the priests?



Stump the Priest questions can be emailed to priests@stwilliam.org.

Memorializing

The Rectory is issuing Mass Cards, enrollment in the Purgatorial Society, Memorializing the Wine, Host, Candles and Altar Flowers. Please call the Rectory for more information (516) 785-1266 or email information@stwilliam.org

LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

Join us online to view our live-streamed masses on the parish website stwilliam.org.

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 12:00 PM



St. Monica Prayer Group

Please join Father James for an evening of prayer and discussion about our friends and family that are not practicing the faith.

We will meet Tuesday, June 29 at 7:00 pm in the Church

All are welcome!

Holy Communion

Because of concerns regarding the coronavirus, we request that those who choose to receive on the tongue wait at the end of the line. Please present themselves to the priest only to receive Holy Communion, and are asked to open their mouth and extend their tongue so the host can be placed on it without the priest's hand making contact with the recipient.

If you choose to receive in the hand, please place your hand out very straight and flat to allow the priest or minister to place the Eucharist safely in order to avoid contact with your hand. We also kindly remind everyone to please remove your mask before receiving Holy Communion, whether you choose to receive on the tongue or in the hand. Please put it back on after you have consumed the host.

Pray for our Seminarians!



Herley Mendez



Joseph Lettieri



Gregory Marino



Light a Prayer Candle

Lighting candles has long been a sacred ritual in all traditions, creating precious moments in our own and other people's lives where we pray for loved ones, friends, and ask for or give support.

Stump the Priest

CAN CATHOLICS PARTICIPATE IN NON-CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS SERVICES?



The Code of Canon law states: "Whenever necessity requires or a genuine spiritual advantage commends it, and provided the danger of error or indifferentism is avoided, Christ's faithful for whom it is physically or morally impossible to approach a Catholic minister, may lawfully receive the sacraments of penance, the Eucharist and anointing of the sick from non-Catholic ministers in whose churches the sacraments are valid." (Can. 844 §2)

What the canon essentially says is that, in a matter of true necessity or real spiritual need and usefulness, a Catholic may receive the sacraments of Penance, Eucharist, and Anointing of the sick from non-Catholic ministers of Churches in which these sacraments are valid. However, this exception is granted only to the Orthodox churches whose Eucharistic celebrations are deemed valid because they preserve valid apostolic succession and valid priestly ordination. In the case of Protestant churches and Episcopalians, a catholic may join their celebrations on occasions when a relative or friend has a funeral, wedding, anniversary celebrations, special thanksgiving, and civic gatherings and so on for worship, prayer and praise.

So the Catholic Church always makes room for situations like emergencies, necessities, danger of death, impossibilities and the like in making regulations and guiding principles of the faith. However, what the Church discourages is making attendance of these non-Catholic services a routine in a manner that interrupts the fulfillment of the Sundays and holy days of obligation.

WHY DON'T CATHOLICS READ FROM THE BIBLE AND TEACH THE CONGREGATION FROM THE SCRIPTURES?

The Catholic Church reads and teaches from the Bible more than any other Church. Every single one of the church's celebrations- from the Mass, to funerals, weddings, baptisms, anointing of the sick, blessings of people and places, daily official prayers of the church, to mention a few- has readings from the Bible.

In all of these liturgical or sacramental celebrations, a common order that could be seen running through is: The sign of the cross, greetings, opening prayer, readings- at least three readings (1st reading, responsorial psalm and a Gospel) selected from the Bible to suit the occasion celebrated- homily, reflection or exhortation, prayers of intercession, the rites of the actual celebration, concluding prayers, final blessing and dismissal.

What actually happens is that for every celebration the Church selects readings that perfectly match the rites celebrated from the Bible. So a collection of the prayers, the words for the rites celebrated, the readings from the Bible plus the blessings are all put together in one book which are given such names as sacramentary(with regard to the one used for Mass) and rites(with regard to the ones used for the various sacraments).

Besides, the Church has what we call lectionary, which is also an intentional selection and compilation of texts from the Bible for readings on weekdays, Sundays, solemnities, feast days and memorial days.

The intentional selection and compilation of the biblical texts in different books called rites or lectionaries are for the following reasons:

- For the sake of uniformity-to make sure that the whole church throughout the world reads the same readings for every day, every occasion and for every sacramental celebration. This practice enforces the oneness of the Church.
- It is also to ensure that there is matching of what God has said in his Word and what the church celebrates in her various liturgies. So when we are celebrating the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ at Easter, then we go into the Bible to select readings about these events in the life of Jesus written in the various Gospels to match the celebrations. In like manner, a celebration of baptism will also have readings about baptism selected to match the occasion.
- A third reason is to also bring some orderliness, ease and comfort unto the minister leading the celebration. Instead of picking up two books- the Bible and the book of rites- at different times and flipping them over in the course of a single celebration, all of these(the texts of the Bible plus the prayers and blessings are put into one single book arranged in an orderly manner)
- One more reason to give is to make sure that every book or text of the Bible is read in a two-year cycle-I &II (on weekdays) and in a three year cycle-A,B,&C (on Sundays). This arrangement provides a reading plan for covering the entire Bible in three years as well as preventing ministers from picking and choosing in their reading and preaching of the Word of God to the faithful or congregation.

So in every way on any day the Catholic Church reads and teaches the congregation from the Bible but for the sake of uniformity, orderliness, smartness and a total coverage of God's Word we intentionally and purposefully select the biblical readings and arrange them in different books called Lectionary, Breviary, Sacramentally, Rites among others. We do it better and so we are the best.

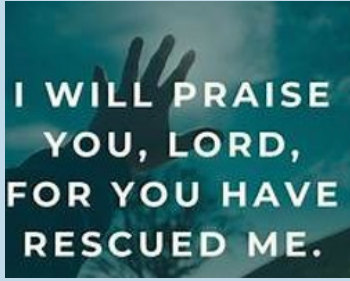
OR ARE YOU ALREADY BAPTIZED AND WISH TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS OF EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION?



BECOME CATHOLIC

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: JO-ANN METZDORFF AT RCIA@STWILLIAM.ORG

Faith Formation



I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. We hear in the Gospel of how Jesus performed miracles and healed 2 individuals who were ill and also about Jesus' kindness and his understanding. Normally when you are ill you can go to a doctor and get help that you need. Years ago, it was not that easy to go to a doctor. Today, in some countries the doctors or even clinics can be too far away for people to get to. We take things for granted and do not realize how others may be struggling and that we should be more patient and understanding. Jesus does not want us to struggle or suffer for we were brought into the world from God the Father and Jesus, his only son, suffered for us to give us Eternal Life. We should be as caring and loving as Jesus is to all of us. Pray especially when you think and feel that things are impossible to get better. We must keep our faith and believe that Jesus is here for us and will get us through illness or whatever it is that we need to get past. God is always good; he rescues all of us.

The Faith Formation Office has contacted the parents regarding students who still need to hand in completed work assignments so that their child/ren can move up to the next grade level. If a parent needs to have the link resent, please contact us through email at faithformation@stwilliam.org. The completed work needs to be handed in. It can be placed in the drop box, which is located by the Rectory. Please put the completed work in an envelope and label it for Faith Formation.

Purgatorial Society

Carmela I. Angelone, Michael Attilibale, Mitzi Babich, Veronica Bolonga, Richard Ford, Malcolm Hewitt, Peter Ponterio, Louis Romano, Carmela Salerno, Ernest Corsini, Hazel Arrwda, Peggy Francis, Barbara Hyland, Margaret Geis, Carl Ingrassia, Joseph LaBarbera, Laurie Palmieri, Gregory Sofia, Barbara Benoit, Doris Morris, Michael Meoni, Melissa Garvey, Marcello Ficarra, Timothy Harrigan, Carol Piscitelli, Rosemarie Liosi, Maryann Peduzzi, Matthew Elder, Nicholas J. Ortiz, Peter A. Puleo, Anthony Brennan, Mary Burns, Anthony Ciraldo, Wilma F. Diehl, Robert T. Hogan, Susana M. Iannucci, Maritza Miranda-Klee, Virginia Lehoe, Catherine Motley, Rose J. Pottanat, Peter A. Puleo, Joan Rice, Anthony C. Sorrentino, Richard T. Ledbetter, Jean Claude Lucas, Richard Emeran, John Augner, Charles Kane. Nugent Cantileno, Vierge Odette Geneve, Alexandra Carrero, Salvatore Conti, Helen Critelli, Laura Prager, Mildred Schifano, Karen Harris, Francisco Gonzalez, Giuseppe Carnevale, Emma Ustler, D. P. Woulfe, Girardin Mondesir, James M. Gallagher, Michael P. Keenan.

Seminarian Greg Marino's Corner



J.M.J.

To prepare for the upcoming weeks when I will be speaking about vocations that have come from St. Williams, I would first like to explain what a priestly vocation is, as well as some specifics about Herley's, and Joe's (Lettieri), and my path to priesthood.

A seminarian is simply a man who is studying to be a priest. More importantly, though, he is a man becoming a priest in his very person and inmost being. This entails study (philosophy and theology), but also service (volunteering, helping at parishes), sacrifice (no steady income, less family time), and of course, much prayer. To be called to something so great can only come from Someone so great, namely God. I felt the draw to seminary in the summer of 2017 and it took 3 years before I entered, so it is usually not a quick and easy decision, but I am very happy I did. Only Our Lord has the power to take a sinner and make him His representative, and the process of becoming that man takes time and cooperation with the Divine. He must learn to put others before himself and transform from being self-centered to being Christ and others-centered.

Seminarian Herley Mendez just finished his time in minor seminary, studying English, having completed philosophical studies in Colombia, and will be headed to St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, NY (Dunwoodie) to study theology. Seminarian Joe Lettieri just finished theology II at Dunwoodie and will be headed into a pastoral year where he will spend time with a parish for the 2021-2022 academic year. As for me, I just finished my first year of minor seminary, and I have one more year of philosophy at Cathedral Seminary House of Formation in Douglaston, NY (Little Neck, NY). As a summary, Herley has 5 more years, Joe has 3 more years, and I have 6 more years until we are, God-willing, ordained to the priesthood.

I hope this helped anyone who did not know what a seminarian is or what he does, but if you have more questions, you can always see me after Mass or contact me by phone at 631-428-0881.

Parish Social Ministry

Food Donations

The food donations bins will no longer be located in the Church. Please bring all donations directly to Parish Social Ministry Office, the church no longer has donation bins. The Social Ministry office is located South of the Church.

Monday - Friday

9:30am - 4:00pm

Sunday

By Appointment Only

Food Pantry

Toothpaste
Razors
Paper towels

Apple juice
Canned chili
Tomato puree

Parish Contact Information

CONTACT THE PRIESTS

Please send your email to priests@stwilliam.org to contact Fr. Joe, Fr. James or Fr. Collins directly.

CONTACT THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Please send your email to pastoralcouncil@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR COMMUNICATIONS

Please send your email to igomez@stwilliam.org.

QUESTIONS FOR THE RECTORY

Please send your email to information@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Please send your email to jgoldman@stwilliam.org.

CONTACT FAITH FORMATION

Please send your email to faithformation@stwilliam.org or contact the office directly at (516) 783-2528.

CONTACT SOCIAL MINISTRY

Please send your email to socialministry@stwilliam.org or contact the office directly at (516) 679-8532.

CONTACT THE SCHOOL

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NY Project Hope – Coping with COVID

The Mental Health Association of Nassau County is sponsoring NY Project Hope – Coping with COVID. NY Project Hope provides emotional support, public education and resources to help New York residents cope with the challenges of COVID-19. Services are confidential, free and anonymous. To connect with a trained crisis counselor call their free helpline at 516-500-4847 between 9am and 9pm seven days a week.

Thank You Seaford Wellness Council!



The Social Ministry was blessed this week to receive six bags of fresh meat and produce from the Seaford Wellness Council! Fresh items are a true gift to the 80 families we serve in the Seaford, Wantagh and Massapequa communities.

They also donated a generous amount of grocery store gift cards! Thank you so much Seaford Wellness Council, especially Coleen Graziose and Mike Di Silvio, for making this happen. We are so grateful!

Father James took some time to stop and smell the tomato plants!



The Social Ministry extends a huge thank you to Abby's Parkside Nursery for donating vegetable plants to our outreach program! These plants went to the families we support so that they can grow their own vegetables.

We also thank the parishioners that picked up plants to grow some vegetables at home for our food pantry! Special thanks to Fr. James, seminarian Greg Marino and outreach assistant Cynthia Bright for helping with the pickup and distribution of plants.

'So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.' - 1 Corinthians 3:7

Planning your July 4th Barbecue?

Are you shopping for your July 4th barbecue or family gathering this week? If you are, consider picking up an item or two for our food pantry! Any barbecue or picnic related items would be a great addition to our pantry. Help the families we support to enjoy a special celebration next weekend!



Music at St. William the Abbot School

St. William's music classes sounded a bit like popping corn as we navigated through class without instruments this school year. We snapped, clapped, patted bellies and legs and stamped. We listened for the differences in the timbre of our own voices, as well as other singer's voices. We listened to the music of Bach, Beethoven, Mozart, Schumann, Linda Rondstadt, Josh Grobin, Freddie Mercury, Chloe DeSeigny, Scott Joplin, Stephen Foster, John Philip Sousa, Maria Callas, and Big Mama Thornton. We composed on Noteflight. We mapped out popular music. We did parodies of "Mr. Jaws". We even went outdoors and kept a steady beat using tennis balls and bean bags while singing our names, Old Joe Clark and Pizza, Pizza Daddy-o! To quote our end of the year t-shirts, "We Prayed. We Learned. We Conquered!"







Catholic Kids

Bulletin

June 27, 2021
Ordinary Time
Color: Green



PW O E I P W I L L P P R A I S E P W H O

B W E P M E O W K J D O I E

I will praise
you, Lord,
for you have
rescued me.

B P W Y O U R P L O R D F O R

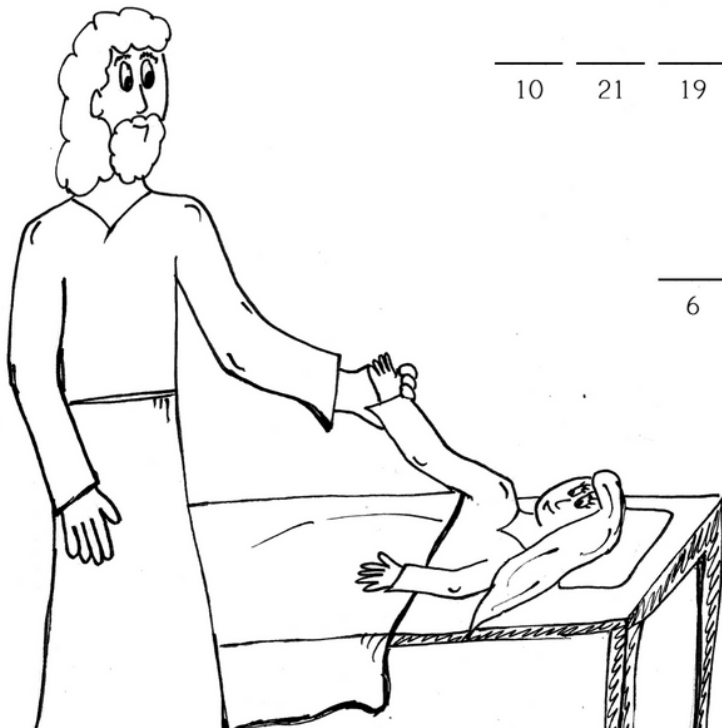
B P W Y O U P H A V E P E R E S C U E D P J E W I



Before Mass, dip your fingers in holy water and pray the Sign of the Cross. The holy water reminds us of our Baptism.

Saint Charles Lwanga

Saint Charles Lwanga learned about God and taught others about God. He protected boys who were told that they couldn't believe, and was martyred because he kept teaching about God.



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Gospel



A young girl had died, but Jesus brought her back to life!
Jesus said, "Do not be afraid; just have faith."