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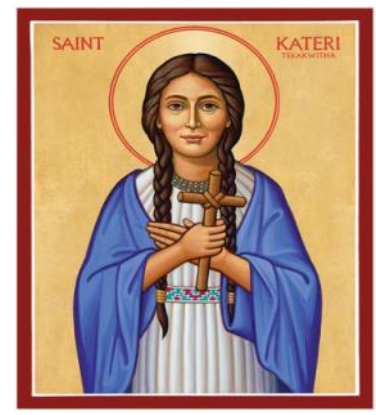
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Sunday August 30, 2020  
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Parish Ministries**

**"Truly I tell you whatever you bind on earth, will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Matthew 18.18**

We are a curious bunch are we not, human beings? We decry foul play when our rights are infringed upon, demanding that justice be done. We will go to almost any length to hold another accountable when he or she has said one thing, but does another. We hold others to a standard that we believe to be just and good ... but what happens when the tables are turned? When these same upright principles now become our judge and jury; how comfortable are we in that moment? Jesus would gently remind us that it is the measure by which we 'judge' others, which will in turn be used upon ourselves, not because God is "doing this to us", but because we have chosen it, and God will graciously comply out of love for us. It would appear that it is our nature to judge others, all too often unfairly and harshly, but why is it in our nature to do so, and, could there possibly be an alternative to judging another?

Though this above passage from scripture can easily be associated with the Sacrament of Reconciliation: that whatever is forgiven or not, here on earth, is also forgiven, or not, in heaven. I would like to suggest that we may look at this passage from a different point of view. Perhaps, Jesus is subtly attempting to teach us that until we become keenly aware of the importance of the immediate and ongoing impact that our thoughts, words and actions have on ourselves, and in turn upon one another, we may be doing more harm to ourselves and to the other, either willfully, or more likely, because we are simply not aware of what we are doing. Upon reflection, it seems to me, that judging another person, (outside of a criminal context), has more often to do with who we are, or at least perceive ourselves to be, than it does with who the other person is, or what they are doing. Consider this: what if the binding and loosening that Jesus is speaking of, is to be directed at our need for interior reflection as to who we are, or who we perceive ourselves to be, rather than about condoning our ability/authority/right to judge another's behaviour. That through mindful intentionality we may come to appreciate that within us, we are in need of being lovingly bound and/or loosened, and not the other. The result may be us acknowledging that this unqualified judging of another has its roots in our lack of compassion, understanding and ultimately, misplaced or lack of love that we unknowingly have for ourselves. What if Jesus is attempting to teach us that we have been given the ability, the power, to loosen the self from being bound to the smallness of thinking and imagining, from the guilts and shame of past voices in our heads, so that we may ultimately be in this world, fully alive and free to love compassionately. Let us look then at the meaning of these two words, to bind and to loose, and see how they apply to ourselves.


The word to bind may mean: to hold together so as not to fall apart, to keep something in place, to limit something it its ability to move freely, or to cover or wrap so as to secure. Fundamentally it is to hold something in place so that it may not come apart or move about. This in and of itself is not a bad thing, unless this binding becomes an excuse for not growing in our appreciation of who we are and the world around us. If when confronted with something we are neither familiar nor comfortable with, we are presented with a choice. We may wrap ourselves up in a wall of protection that is not only cautious of the "new", but is suspicious, leading to the growth of fear within, opening the door to dismissal of the new. **This is where judgement comes from.** If it is not part of what I presently know and accept to be true, then I will either at best, dismiss what I am presented with because I am unable or unwilling to understand it, or at worse, I will set out to destroy what I am confronted with, legitimizing my actions by judging myself to be right.

There is however another choice we may make when confronted with something new, and that is to loosen our mind, heart and perception of the "new" that is set before us. It is the opposite of to bind. One instead eases up their hold upon something, allowing oneself to let go and to consider that which is before them, no longer according to one's definition (s) but allowing the other to inform us of who he or she is. The result is that our receptivity and openness to grow and to expand in our perception both of self and the world around us becomes a freedom. Our fears are addressed by engaging the unfamiliar, whereby replacing judgment with understanding. Jesus was providing us with an insight as to how to accept and to embrace our full potential, by our realizing the importance of being self-aware. To the degree we are more self-aware of who we are and what we are doing, has a direct impact upon the health of how we relate to others, how we relate to God, and how God is better able to relate to us. God has given us the freedom to choose the consequences of our actions, which are contingent first upon how we choose to act. Twice Jesus will say "whatever you" do, whether it be to bind or to loose, is placing it squarely with us; it is you and I, who are either binding or loosening. There is a direct and an immediate effect in the here and now, in this life time, and so what is to come. As well, this effect has personal implications as well as communal consequences. It is both of these points that Jesus wants us to know very clearly in our minds and hearts; whatever we say and do, it is us who are saying and doing it. This places a great deal of responsibility upon us to become evermore aware of the importance of how accountable we are in what we say and do. This responsibility is not a burden, it is freedom to be alive.

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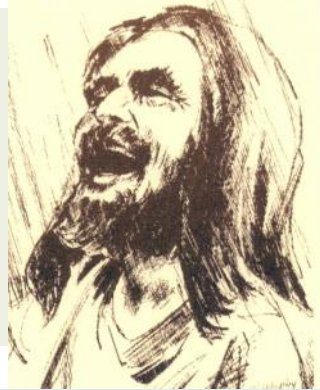
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# 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 30, 2020

## Jesus Laughing



“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect.” Romans 12.2

The ground of fearlessness is fear.  
In order to be fearless, you have to stand in the middle of your fear.”

Larry Rosenberg

*Here are a few quotes on the topic of pain. I hope they are words of encouragement for us all.*

“The most beautiful people we have known are those who have known defeat, known suffering, known struggle, known loss, and have found their way out of the depths. These persons have an appreciation, a sensitivity, and an understanding of life that fills them with compassion, gentleness, and a deep loving concern. Beautiful people do not just happen.” Elizabeth Kubler Ross

“Your pain is the breaking of the shell that encloses your understanding.” Khalil Gibran

All pain in life comes from wishing things were different than they are. Conversely, peace and happiness must come from accepting life as it is and breaking through the barriers of illusion to do so... All things that we label good or bad often hold in them surprises if we stay open. Each of us has choice in how we interpret life's events and in this way we are each responsible for our own reality.” Kristine Carlson

“There are no times in life when opportunity, the chance to be and do, gathers so richly about the soul as when it has to suffer. Then everything depends on whether the man turns to the lower or the higher helps. If he resorts to mere expedients and tricks the opportunity is lost. He comes out harder, poorer, smaller for his pain. But, if he turns to God, the hour of suffering is the turning hour of his life.” Phillips Brooks

“Grief is neither a disorder nor a healing process; it is a sign of health itself, a whole and natural gesture of love. Nor must we see grief as a step toward something better. No matter how much it hurts- and it may be the greatest pain in life-grief can be an end in itself, a pure expression of love.” Gerald May

### Ministry Schedule - Weekend of September 5th/6th

	Sat. 4pm	Sun. 9:00am	Sun 11am (B)
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Tuesday Sept. 1st Counters: Wanda Roberts & Brian Hayward			

### Mass Schedule Week of August 31st - September 6th

<b>Monday</b> 9:00AM	<b>August 31st</b> +Glen Murdy
<b>Tuesday</b> 9:00AM	<b>September 1st</b> OPEN
<b>Wednesday</b> 11:00AM 12:00Noon*	<b>September 2nd</b> Adoration +Rennie Melnyk
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00AM	<b>September 3rd</b> <b>St. Gregory the Great</b> +Peter & Catherine Treacy
<b>Saturday</b> 4:00PM	<b>September 5th</b> +Jim Tremblay Jr.
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00AM 11:00AM (B)	<b>September 6th</b> People of the Parish SI Lane and Anita Verzyden

\*Wednesday Mass / Sunday Obligation (B) Baysville

**Confessions Sat. 3:15pm - 3:45pm or by request.**

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*If there is someone you would like added to this list, please contact the office.*

## Next Sunday September 6, 2020 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”  
Maya Angelou

### YOUR STORY / OUR STORIES - Living in a COVID-19 World

What truly makes a family or a community for that matter, is that we intentionally take the time to create opportunities where we can share our stories, reflect on our common experiences, and express our highs and lows with one another, in a setting where it is all received through respect and honour. Over the past number of months we have collectively experienced something quite unfamiliar to us all. We were asked to radically change our style of living, something we would not have readily chosen. For that reason, most of us were ill prepared to change and to adapt to a new way of living. But we did, we have, and to a certain extent, we still are. I invite you to please send me a short reflection as to what you, your family or someone else you care for, experienced during the COVID-19 that reshaped your world. I would like to put them in our bulletin. There may be some similarity in our stories, or they can be radically different. There will be some stories that will make us cry, and others help us to laugh. How you coped, or how it took the stuffing out of you. When we share our stories we are not alone, and hopefully we are now stronger and better for it. If you would prefer to remain anonymous, please indicate so. I ask that you keep your reflection to 275 words, more or less. We are in this together. You may send your reflection to me, at [Frpaulhogan@peterboroughdiocese.org](mailto:Frpaulhogan@peterboroughdiocese.org). Thank you. > > >

“I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.”

Nelson Mandela

*Patience with others is*

**LOVE.**

*Patience with self is*

**HOPE.**

*Patience with God is*

**FAITH. ~ Adel Bestavros**

### A COVID 19 Story

### Masked Smile.

A protective mindset was my first reaction when this pandemic broke out. I was protective of my spouse and loved ones. This protective sense was so overwhelming that it became somewhat aggressive (in my mind) towards those who came closer than 6 feet, those not wearing mask, those who walked in the wrong direction in stores etcetera.

One day, this peculiar woman walked the wrong way in the store and kept on doing so throughout the whole store. She was in every aisle that I visited...I had the creeps. So, I thought to just stand and look at her sharply but for whatever reason I decided to just smile from behind the mask (within myself) and that made all the difference. She then appeared to be someone who was struggling to adjust.

Driving home, these words struck me “What does it benefit a person to gain the whole world but lose his very soul”. Thus, began the journey of being cautious yet respectful, of understanding that everyone needs to feel consoled/accepted irrespective of my faults, my limitations and my incompleteness and all it takes is to smile behind the mask (smile within).

Perhaps we are all wounded/broken/warped in some form or another yet still capable of reaching out to assist or be compassionate...I am realizing that I do not need to be perfect in order to serve others. Perhaps imperfection is an empty glass waiting to be filled with the imperfections of others (two negatives make a positive)...for by His wounds we are healed and not by magnificence. Becoming perfect is perhaps journeying with crutches of imperfection.

Anonymous Oaf.

“The art of living is to enjoy what we can see and not complain about what remains in the dark. When we are able to take the next step with trust that we will have enough light for the step that follows, we can walk through life with joy and be surprised at how far we go.”

Henri Nouwen

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