

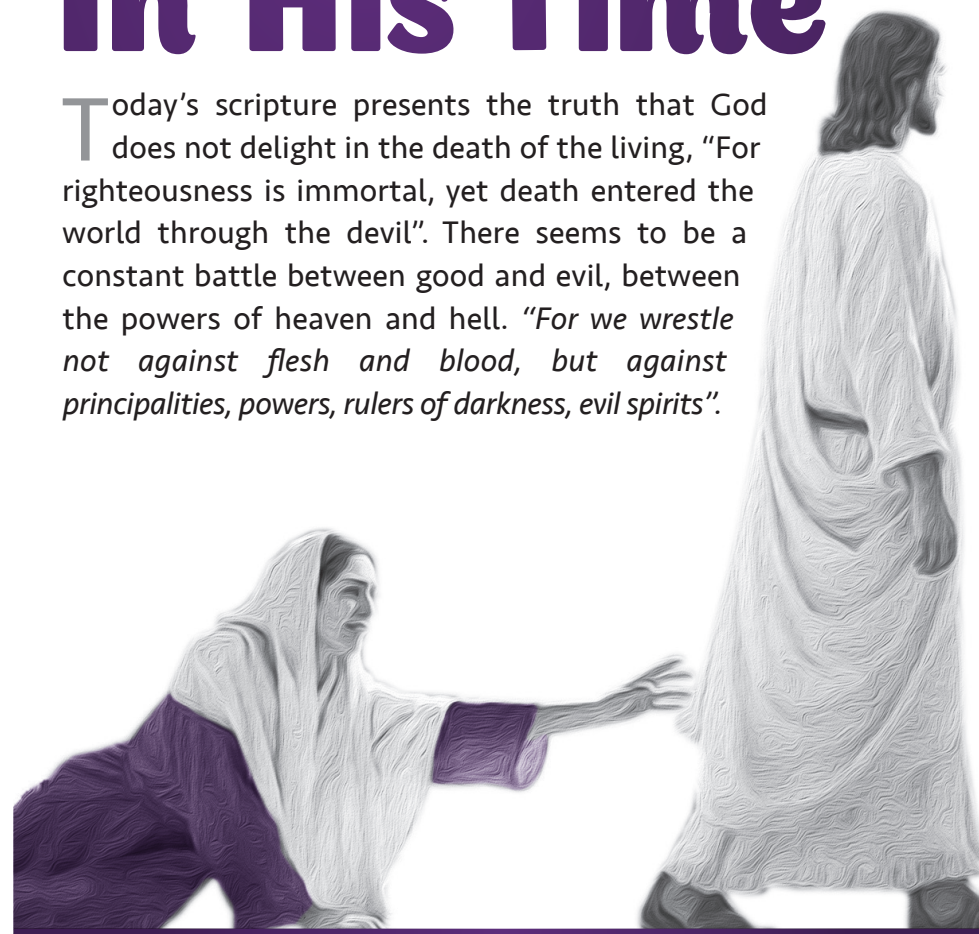
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SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD:
CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING TOGETHER IN A SPIRIT OF COMMUNION
PARTICIPATION AND MISSION (MATTHEW 5: 13-16).

MONTHLY FOCUS
LET OUR CHILDREN GROW

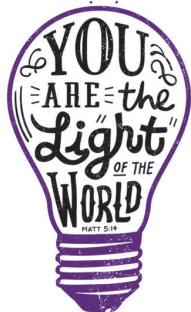
In His Time

Today's scripture presents the truth that God does not delight in the death of the living, "For righteousness is immortal, yet death entered the world through the devil". There seems to be a constant battle between good and evil, between the powers of heaven and hell. *"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers, rulers of darkness, evil spirits"*.



"Love the children first, and then teach them."

St Mother Theodore
Guerin



However, God has power over sin and death, He alone is Lord and is the Master over all the wickedness, cruelty and blasphemy we witness today. Indeed, in our perverse world, we need the Lord in life and in death.

The Gospel today presents a powerful story about Jesus raising a young girl back to life. He goes late to the home of Jairus, the father of the dead girl, with a throng of people following Him. It appears that Jesus takes His time. Perhaps we can conclude that He is never in a hurry but always on time! With a touch and a command Jesus orders the young girl to awake and even begin walking. Jesus does this to the wonder and amazement of all who were present. It is a reminder to us that in all our situations and circumstances, we must give the Lord time, to be patient. **For He is at work, although sometimes we do not see His work in action.**

Jesus also heals a woman hemorrhaging with a discharge of blood. She had spent everything in her pursuit to be healed and was possibly at her wits end. Her faith to touch the Master's garment was enough to experience His power. The two stories in the Gospel today narrate the power of Jesus to those with faith. Jairus had faith that Jesus would heal and raise his daughter. The woman with the hemorrhage had faith that Jesus could cure her even if she touched his cloak. It is stories like this that help us understand that the Master wants to help us, that He is in charge. We pray today that in all circumstance we will always submit wholly to Jesus, every day and in every way and hear Jesus say to us, *"Your faith has made you well... do not fear, only believe"*. ❖

SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Wisdom 1: 13-15, 2: 23-24

Psalms 29: 2, 4-6, 11-13

2 Corinthians 8: 7, 9,
13-15

Mark 5: 21-43 (or 5: 21-24,
35-43)