

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YR B)

### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom (1:13-15;  
2:23-24)

Death was not God's doing,  
he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.  
To be – for this he created all;  
the world's created things have health in them,  
in them no fatal poison can be found,  
and Hades holds no power on earth;  
for virtue is undying.  
Yet God did make man imperishable,  
he made him in the image of his own nature;  
it was the devil's envy that brought death into the  
world,  
as those who are his partners will discover.

**The word of the Lord.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 29:2,4-6,11-13. R. v.2)

**R. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.**

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me  
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,  
restored me to life from those who sink into the  
grave. **R.**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,  
give thanks to his holy name.  
His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life.  
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **R.**

The Lord listened and had pity.  
The Lord came to my help.  
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing,  
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R.**

### SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the  
Corinthians (8:7,9,13-15)

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of  
eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any  
cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we  
expect you to put the most into this work of mercy  
too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was:

he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to  
make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean  
that to give relief to others you ought to make things  
difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing  
what happens to be your surplus now against their  
present need, and one day they may have something  
to spare that will supply your own need. That is how  
we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who  
gathered much had none too much, the man who  
gathered little did not go short.

**The word of the Lord.**

### Gospel Acclamation (Cf. Jn 6:63,68)

**R. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Your words are spirit, Lord,  
and they are life:  
you have the message of eternal life.

**R. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
(5:21-43)

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side,  
a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by  
the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials  
came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his  
feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little  
daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your  
hands on her to make her better and save her life.'  
Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him,  
they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a  
haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful  
treatment under various doctors, she had spent all  
she had without being any the better for it, in fact,  
she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus,  
and she came up behind him through the crowd and  
touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,'  
she had told herself 'I shall be well again.' And the  
source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt  
in herself that she was cured of her complaint.  
Immediately aware that power had gone out from  
him Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who  
touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You  
see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you  
say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look  
all round to see who had done it. Then the woman

came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

### **The Gospel of the Lord.**