

**Deacon Tony's Homily for June 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**For**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

WE WANT TO MAKE GOD HAPPY!

For God formed us to be imperishable;  
the image of his own nature he made us.  
But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world.

“God did not make death,  
nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living”.

This is a good thing to remember when we take the abortion issue lightly  
and vote irresponsibly.

God is about healing and bringing things to life.

In our Gospel, Jesus is confronted by a woman and a father of a little girl  
that found themselves in life and death situations and that the laws  
called for them to be shunned and avoided.

But they had hope that God would have mercy on them and offer  
healing.

“...be always ready to give an answer concerning the meaning and the  
reason—of your hope” (cf. 1 Peter 3:15),

“Hope” is equivalent to “faith”. It is needed when we cannot see the  
answer to our prayers.

We see a great example of faith from Jairus when they get the news that  
his daughter had died so there was no need to trouble the teacher. Jesus  
encouraged him to disregard the message and do not be afraid but have  
faith.

The hemorrhaging woman who touched Jesus' garment knowing that  
she was breaking a law, showed much faith and courage. They both had  
faith and trust in Jesus. The same trust that we are called to have today.

In our bible study yesterday, in the Book of James, we read that we must care for widows and orphans. The thought occurred to me that I don't know any orphans. But as soon as I convinced myself that it would be rare for me to have to care for orphans, God reminded me that there are many spiritual orphans who are not receiving good catechesis and don't know about God's call to a loving relationship.

They need to hear about a trustworthy God that longs to have a Father / child relationship. And then I was reminded of the elderly widows and widowers in homes that could use some company.

They too are neglected.

There is plenty to do when Jesus calls us to arise and go forward.

When He takes us by the hand to get us started.

And it **MAKES GOD HAPPY WHEN WE PARTICIPATE IN LIFE.**