

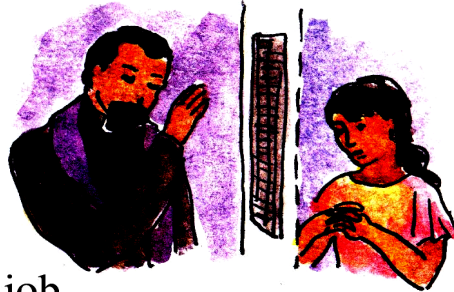


Priests

Take the Place of Jesus

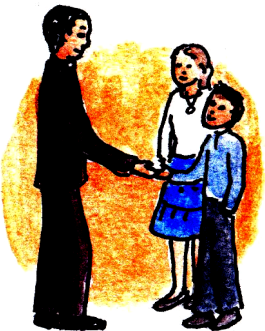
In today's Gospel reading Jesus was preaching in the synagogue. (A synagogue is kind of like your local church building.) The people there didn't believe in Him because they thought they knew Him. They didn't take Him seriously because they knew His family.

Do you know the priest at your church? He takes the place of Jesus at every Mass and when you go to Confession. God gave him a very special job.



However, even though priests have a very special job, they are still people like you. They need lots of help from God to do their job well. We should pray for our priests every day!

Here is a prayer you can say:

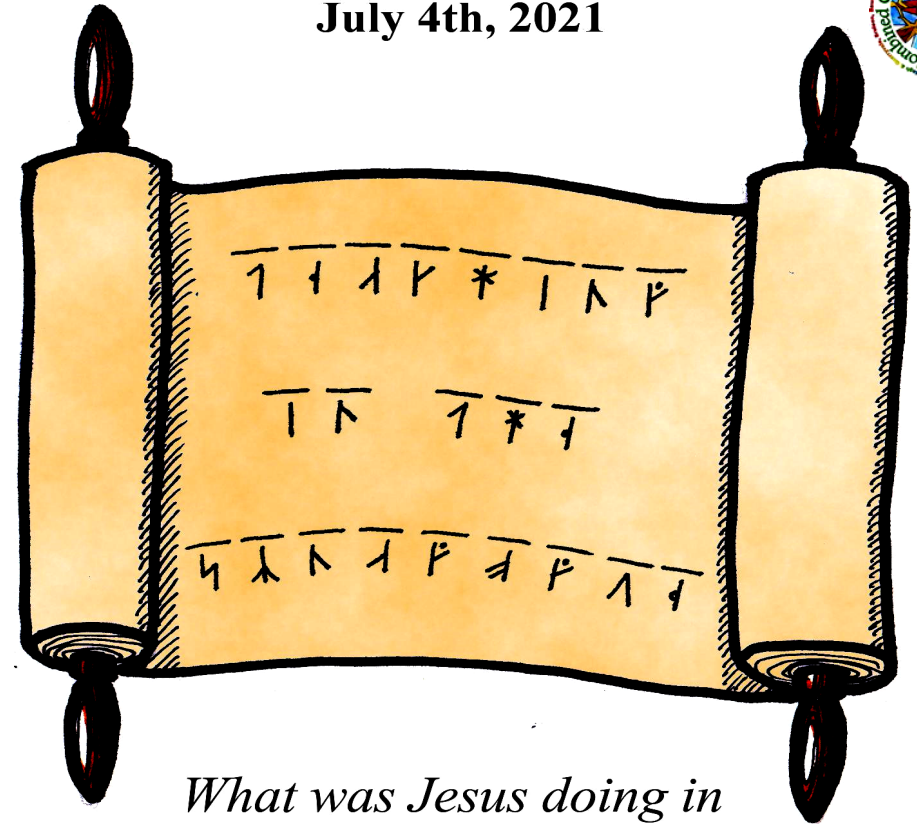


Dear Jesus,
Please bless all priests. Make them be like you. Give them all the help they need to lead us to Heaven.
Thank you for all the priests who have helped me, and please send more good priests to the Church. Amen.

Answer to front page: Teaching in the synagogue.
 Answer to Word-Find: "That the Power of Christ May Live in Me"



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 July 4th, 2021



*What was Jesus doing in today's Gospel reading?
 Use the secret code to find out!*

A C E G H I N O S T U Y
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Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

July 4

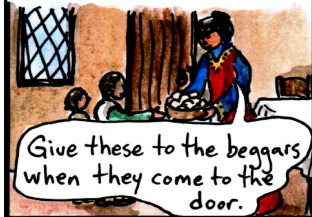
ELIZABETH WAS A SPANISH PRINCESS IN THE 1200'S. AT THE AGE OF 12 SHE WAS GIVEN IN MARRIAGE TO KING DENIS OF PORTUGAL.



SHE WAS DEVOTED TO HER HUSBAND EVEN THOUGH HE WAS UNFAITHFUL TO HER.



ELIZABETH WAS KIND TO THE POOR AND SICK AND RAISED HER SON AND DAUGHTER WELL.



O Jesus, please help my husband.



FINALLY THE KING ADMITTED HE WAS LIVING AN EVIL LIFE AND CONVERTED.



ELIZABETH HAD MADE PEACE MANY TIMES BETWEEN ARMIES AND KINGS, AND NOW SHE BROUGHT PEACE BETWEEN HER HUSBAND AND GOD.



The king has agreed to the terms of peace.



SAINT ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL IS AN EXAMPLE TO US BY HER LIFE OF VIRTUE AND LOVE OF PEACE. GOD WANTS EVERYONE TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH EACH OTHER SO THAT WE CAN ALL GROW IN HOLINESS TOGETHER. WE CAN ALSO LEARN FROM HER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WE LOVE WHO HAVE TURNED AWAY FROM GOD.

Saint Paul Accepts Suffering from God

P O W W E B O A S T P
R P E R F E C T C H E
G R A C E G L O R D R
L R K H I G E S P T S
A I N R M E A A A C E
D N E I Y D V L U O C
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Y U S T R O N G E T T
O L E I N W M A D E I
U T S D W E L L M N O
E S A K E R M O S T N

Find the words in
CAPITALS,
The leftover letters
tell you why Saint
Paul said he
would boast of
his weakness.



Saint PAUL tells of asking God to take away his suffering: "Three times I BEGGED the LORD about this, that it might LEAVE me, but he said to me, "My GRACE is sufficient for YOU, for power is MADE PERFECT in weakness." I will rather BOAST MOST GLADLY of my WEAKNESSES, in order that the POWER of Christ may DWELL in me. Therefore, I am CONTENT with weaknesses, INSULTS, hardships, PERSECUTION and constraints, for the SAKE of CHRIST; for when I am weak then I am STRONG."

"That the _____ of _____
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