

## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

We are about to witness a change in the attitude of the disciples: In the first part of chapter 6, the people are amazed at him and his mighty powers: The raising of Jairus daughter which we heard about last week, the many healings in the area of Nazareth. They believed in him and his mighty “power”. In last weeks Gospel at the raising of the little girl, Mark records that those who were witnessing were “utterly astounded”. The faith of the people gave Jesus encouragement. “If I but touch his clothes I shall be cured” said the woman with the hemorrhage. And Jesus was aware of his healing power: “aware at once that power had gone out from him” But, in today’s Gospel, doubt from the followers begins to enter in. “what kind of wisdom has been given him? Is he not the carpenter, son of Mary? And they took offense at him.” “So, he was not able to perform any mighty deed there...He was amazed at their lack of faith. Not because of Jesus lack of power, but rather their lack of Faith.

This seems to suggest that there is also power in the faith of those gathered, the church. So, when our liturgy presents the Prayer of the Faithful, perhaps we need to take that moment more seriously and increase our belief in OUR Faith, and in our healing prayer.