

## THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

July 1, 2018

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 + 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15 + Mark 5:21-43



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...Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!

—Emma Lazarus, “The New Colossus,” 1883

Red, white and blue mark another July 4th,  
when we citizens of the United States celebrate our national identity,  
shaped through the decades from its very beginnings to today.  
New waves of “huddled masses” mark these times  
as days of turmoil and heated debate.

The Gospel of Mark’s story of Jairus – an anxious parent with his sick child –  
and a distressed woman are images of fear, powerlessness and desperation.  
News today is bursting with similar scenarios.

The Wisdom writer remind us that  
“God fashioned all things that they might have being;  
and the creatures of this world are wholesome.”

Paul in his letter to the Corinthians addresses inequality,  
that “your abundance at this time should supply their needs,  
so that their abundance may also supply your needs, that there may be equality.”  
News today reminds us of how far short  
we have come from the ideals Lady Liberty represents.

As we celebrate, we also, in faith and gratitude, remember.