

**To Whom do you bring your Troubles? Wednesday of 22<sup>nd</sup> Week, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. (1Cor 3:1-9, Luke 4:38-44)**

Today's gospel from Luke talks about the healing power of Jesus. Jesus enters the house of Peter and the friends intercede with Jesus to do something for Peter's mother-in-law who was sick with high fever. Jesus commands the fever to leave her and the woman got up and immediately began to serve them. The priceless gift of health and healing are not just for the individual. The healing of Peter's mother-in-law restored her back to the community and the duty of serving the community. As long as we are in good health our strengths are meant to be used to build our community and not only for our personal gains.

Further in today's gospel, Jesus fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah concerning him, "He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, and to free the oppressed, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." (Isaiah 61:1) At sunset, many people who were sick with various diseases and demon-possessed were brought to Jesus. Jesus laid his hands on each of them and cured all of them. The people of Capernaum wanted to keep Jesus with them as they prevented him from leaving them. But Jesus had to go to other places to preach the gospel of the Kingdom as his main purpose.

Which area of your life needs healing to enable you serve God and community better? To whom do you bring your problems? The people in today's gospel allowed Jesus to be Lord and Healer in their lives, family and community. In the 1<sup>st</sup> reading, St. Paul talks about certain areas in the Corinthian's community that need healing which include jealousies, quarrel and disunity. There is no trouble that Jesus cannot set us free. May Jesus' healing power restore us back to good health so we can serve and care for others. **Amen. By Fr. Emmanuel Subaar**