

Sunday Mass:
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Confidence in Christ.

Last Sunday's Gospel gave a vivid and human picture of Christ and His attitude toward humble suppliants.

One time He was being pressed by a great crowd to whom He was preaching. A woman elbowed her way up through the crowd as if at some bargain sale. Afflicted twelve years with a hemorrhage, she had "suffered much at the hands of physicians, had spent all she had, but grew worse" says Mark: (but Luke, a physician himself, tones that down to "had spent all her means on physicians.")

Anyway, she edged her way up with this thought: "If I can but touch His cloak". And touching the tassel of His cloak, she was cured.

Immediately, Jesus paused and said: "Who touched me?" There was an answering chorus: "I didn't" and Peter, in typical Hebrew idiom - even as today - cracked: "Master, the crowds throng and press upon thee and you ask, 'Who touched me?'"

But Jesus persisted and said: "Some one touched me, for I perceived that power went forth from me." Finally, the woman came up, shamefaced, trembling, and falling down at His feet blurted out the whole story of her embarrassing ailment and of helpless physicians, then of meeting Him with the glorious thought: "If I can so much as touch Him, I'll be cured."

Did He rebuke her for intruding with her individual, personal problems when He was dealing with big crowds? He did not. He listened sympathetically, then dismissed her with: "Daughter, thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace."

That tremendous power, love and sympathy awaits our use in every Mass and Communion. The Mass is a social act, Christ offering up both Himself and you, members of His Mystical Body, but don't worry, you won't get lost in the crowd.

"Kiss and Tell".

If girls could only overhear oafs who "kiss and tell", such boy friends they would whack and fell.

Humility Is Insulation.

The electric wire has insulation to protect its power against short-circuit and dissipation. Youth has a lot of power, ideals, courage and generosity, but gets short-circuited due to human respect, fear of jeers: "What will the gang think? Will they razz me?" The better ones will admire you, secretly at least. The weaklings - well, who cares about them? It is only the dumb ox of low ideals, of the "lazy deal" who jeers. Age and experience bring surety of decision, confidence in judgment despite opinions of others.

Develop now a callousness, an insulation against criticism of fellow-students, and you'll be years ahead in learning to stand on your own feet and in showing initiative, fidelity to principle, honesty. If it's right, go ahead and do it.

Humility is a great insulation against fear of criticism by others. Ask it of Christ Who said: "Learn of me because I am meek and humble of heart." And humility doesn't mean being a Casper Milque-toast by any means.

Was Christ?

PRAYERS: (deceased) John C. Johnson, friend of John Doherty; Timothy Donovan, father of ex. N. D. Basketball Captain. Seven special intentions.