Daily Homily Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time, Monday 25 October 2021 <u>USCCB Daily Readings</u>

Can you imagine, 18 years being held bound by something?

For this woman in the Gospel it was a physical ailment... being bent over and not being able to stand up tall.

What are the other ailments that hold us bound for years upon years?

For many it's the guilt or regret of the past. For some it's the dishonest life ideologies or philosophies that we tightly hold onto. For others it's the disappointments or failures that have happened.

For this women in the Gospel it was eighteen years. That's a long time.

But those eighteen years come up against Jesus in one moment and everything is made better, everything is made whole, everything is healed (except, of course, for the naysayers).

Do you have a long time, a long term ailment in mind, body, or soul? Bring its' years, its' old age, its' "long enough" to this moment of Jesus in the Eucharist. Ask him to heal it. So that whatever it is ... you too, may stand up tall.