

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 August 2014

From the Administrator's Desk

Woman, great is our faith! Matthew 15:28

Today's Gospel reading gives us a vivid illustration of Jesus' teaching that we need to ask, seek, and knock. Only this is not a parable or a sermon. It's a real life story! A Canaanite woman, a Gentile, begs Jesus to deliver her daughter from a demon. It's something that Jesus experienced all the time. People were always coming to him, asking him for a healing of some sort or other. But instead of answering her request right away, Jesus does something surprising. He replies in what appears to be a very rude way. At first, he ignores her. Then he tells her that his mission doesn't include gentiles. Then he refers to her and her entire people as "dogs." And to make matters worse, the apostle do nothing but try to get rid of her! Yet at each step, the mother remains undeterred. She persists until Jesus finally says, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish" (Matthew 15:28). Why was Jesus so rude to the woman? Maybe he was testing her faith. Maybe he was testing the apostles' faith. Maybe he wanted to make sure everyone knew how much he treasured persistent, even stubborn, belief in him. That's what this woman showed, isn't it? She, an outsider, a pagan, believed in Jesus, and she was not to be ignored, sidelined, or denied. She persisted-and so should we! Jesus wants to test our faith at times, just as he did for this woman and his disciples. He wants to provoke us to deeper faith by challenging us to trust him even when we think he is ignoring us or rejecting our request. Just as Jesus pushed this woman, so he pushes us sometimes. So what's the message today? Yes, the tests of life can be frustrating and aggravating. Yes, Jesus can seem rude or distant at times. But never give up, because no matter how it seems, he has not given up on you!

"Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief!"

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

August 19th – St. John Eudes, Priest; in 1643, founded the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (known as the "Eudists," today numbering ca 450 religious) for training the clergy. He also founded the "Sisters of the Good Shepherd" to assist morally endangered woman, especially prostitutes; promoted a cult to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. He died in 1680.

August 20th – St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot and Doctor of the Church; reformer and spiritual author ("On Loving God" and 86 sermons on the "Canticle of Canticles"); founded 86 monasteries; preached the "Second Crusade;" denounced injustice and worked for peace; he died in 1153; patron of Gibraltar. [St. Bernard High School, Playa del Rey, is named after his patronage.]

August 21st – Pope St. Pius X – he undertook liturgical and canonical reforms, especially Communion for children and frequent Communion for adults; he wished "to renew all things in Christ," he is a patron of sick pilgrims. He died August 20th, 1914.

August 22nd – the Queenship of Mary – formerly celebrated on May 31st, then transferred to this date by Pope Pius XII in 1954 – 8 days after the Assumption of Mary Body and Soul into heaven.

August 23rd – St. Rosa of Lima, virgin, formerly known as Isabel de Oliva, who died in 1617, at the age of 31 years. She was a Peruvian mystic, nicknamed "Rosa" because of her beauty. She lived a life of penance and solitude as a "Third Order" Dominican (O.P.). She cared for the sick, the homeless, and the elderly; she was the first declared saint of the New World in 1672; she is patroness of the Philippines and of South America, especially Peru; she is also patroness of florists and gardeners. She died in 1617.

August 24th – St. Bartholomew, Apostle, who died in the 1st century. He was known as "Nathaniel" in John's Gospel; associated with St. Philip (May 3rd); he is said to have preached the gospel in India (along with Thomas, the Apostle) and in Armenia; he was said to have been flayed alive. [not observed this year as it occurs on a Sunday.]

Called to Serve,

~ Deacon Mark Race

Mass Intentions

Saturday August 16
5:15 PM Soul of Barbara Keyes

Sunday August 17
8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM Soul of Heidi Hill-Rubin
12:15 PM Soul of Anita Kennedy

Tuesday August 19
8:00 AM Intention of Fr. Loren Riebe

Wednesday August 20
8:00 AM Soul of Bernard Brule

Saturday August 23
5:15 PM Soul of Cynthia Lockett

Sunday August 24
8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM Souls of Jackeline, Dilcia and Wilfred Morgan, Jr.
12:15 PM Intention of Virgie, and Peter Aguilar, Jr. and the Souls of Peter Sr., Sonya and Romalis Aguillar

Readings for the week

Sunday Is 56:1-7, Ps 67:2-8, Mt 15:21-28
Monday Ez 24:15-24, Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday Ez 28:1-10, Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday Ez 34:1-11, Mt 20:1-16
Thursday Ez 36:23-28, Mt 22:1-14
Friday Ez 37:1-14, Mt 22:34-40
Saturday Ez 43:1-7ab, Mt 23:1-12
Sunday Is 22:19-23, Ps 138:1-8, Mt 16:13-20

August 10, 2014 Weekly Collection

\$5,781.84 Tithe and Offering
423.60 Building Fund
242.06 "We Care"

Luncheon for Newly Ordained

All are cordially invited to join the Most Reverend José H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles, and sponsoring members of the Serra Clubs of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, in honoring Rev. John Palmer on Wednesday, September 10 at Sportsman's Lodge, 12833 Ventura Boulevard, Studio City. Father Palmer will be joined by his fellow Ordinands of St. John's Seminary at this event. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be reserved by calling John Maloney at 310.545.3993 or email serraclubofsouthbay@msn.com.

Have you been fingerprinted?

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2014

12:00pm - 3:40pm & 5:00pm - 7:20pm

Corpus Christi Church

15100 Sunset Blvd.

Pacific Palisades 90272

For appointment call 310.454.1328

Petition of the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Beryl Davidson, Nigel Dunn, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Gwen Files, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Msgr. Robert Howard, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Robert Jordan, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Mary Ann Mayer, Muriel Meyers, Yvonne Morgan, James Murphy, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriquez, Lolita Rodriguez, Reanna Semien, George Simon, Sr., Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, and Iris Turner.

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.
Matthew 14:14

VITRUS Re-Certification Training

To comply with the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program, "All parish/school staff and volunteers who are alone with a child or young person or who have supervisory control over a child or young person" is required to attend a VIRTUS Certification session.

Transfiguration will hold a Re-Certification session on **Saturday, August 23, 2014 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM and Tuesday, September 9, 2014 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM** in the parish hall. The session, "Keeping the Promise Alive" lasts 1 hour 30 minutes. Please call to reserve a place. You must have attended the 3 hour VIRTUS session. Re-certification is required every four years.

The 3 hour VIRTUS session, "Protecting God's Children" will be held on **Saturday, September 6, 2014 from 9:00 AM to 12 noon** in the hall. It is mandatory for participation in church and school ministries, organizations and programs. Please the rectory 323.291.1136 or the school 323.292.3011 to reserve a space. **PLEASE BE ON TIME!**

TRANSFIGURATION
2014-2015 Back to School News
Open Enrollment for Preschool - 7th grade *Available*
All are Welcome!
Call the school office at 323.292.3011 to enroll.

1ST DAY OF SCHOOL

Monday, August 18, 2014

Calling All Students Attending Public Schools!

Religious Education registration for all students from Kindergarten to High School will be after all Sunday Masses in August. Please bring student's Baptism Certificate. Classes includes: First Communion and Confirmation preparation.