



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The suffering of a child symbolizes uniquely terrible evil as well as despair about the future. This week's Gospel gives a "limit" case in which Jesus encounters this evil in the form of a mother with a suffering daughter. What he does is stunning and massively helpful for us if we bravely ponder the details.

The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and begs his mercy. "My daughter is tormented by a demon," she declares to him. Shockingly, he responds first with silence, then with a dismissive comment, and only then finally accedes to her third request. Is this simply a lesson in

perseverance in our petitions to God, who is like a genie in a bottle? Does that justify the humiliation and pain this woman suffers? Is the Lord cruel?

I don't think so. Notice how the encounter ends. She compares herself to a dog at the table of a master. Jesus responds by praising her great faith and fulfills her deep desire. Somehow this non-Israelite woman intuits that this harrowing situation is not dumb suffering. She senses that the door of God's family is, in Jesus, being opened to her and her loved ones. She trusts she is at the Lord's table, and her desires will be fulfilled and that all her sufferings — and her daughter's, too — will lead a great banquet. In our sufferings this week, the Lord wants us to treat him less like a genie in a bottle and more like the Master who has taken us — lost little dogs that we are — into his home forever. Trust that and keep praying in the face of evil.

— Father John Muir



August 20th, 2023

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Mass Schedule

Saturday (vigil) 5pm, St. Helena
Sunday 8:30am (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)
10:30am (2nd, 4th Sundays)
Tue 7pm
Wed-Fri 8:00am

Confession Schedule

Saturday 3:30-4:30pm
Sunday Before 8:30 am mass
(1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)
Tuesday 6:30-6:50pm
Wed-Fri Before 8:00 am daily Mass
Or by appointment, call parish office

Adoration

Wed 5pm-8pm



ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:30am
(1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)
8:30 am (2nd, 4th Sundays)
Thursday 9:00am

Confession Schedule

Sundays after 10:30 am Mass
By appointment - call parish office

FROM OUR PASTOR : Miracle at Fátima? God With Us

World Youth Day pilgrim receives her sight after Communion at Mass

"I opened my eyes and I could see perfectly," said Jimena, a 16-year-old Spanish World Youth Day pilgrim who said she miraculously recovered her sight after receiving the Eucharist at Fátima, Portugal, during a Mass there.

This possible miracle has moved hearts and filled with hope all those who have been following the events at WYD, which brought together more than a million young people in the Portuguese capital last week.

Jimena traveled to Lisbon from Madrid with a group from Opus Dei. During the days prior, relatives and acquaintances of the young woman organized a novena to pray to Our Lady of the Snows, whose feast day is commemorated Aug. 5, the same day she recovered her sight.

For two and a half years, Jimena has suffered a loss of sight due to a myopia problem that left her with a 95% vision loss. On the morning of Aug. 5, when the Holy Father was also praying the rosary at the Fátima shrine, Jimena received what she herself describes as a "great gift" from the Virgin Mary.

Not long after having recovered her sight, Jimena told the Spanish radio station COPE that she woke up that morning "as I have been getting up for two and a half years, seeing super blurry, very badly."

She explained that she had gone to Mass with her friends "because we are at WYD and after receiving Communion I began to cry a lot, because it was the last day of the novena and I wanted to be cured and I had very much asked God please [cure me]."

"When I opened my eyes, I could see perfectly," the young woman continued, "it was overwhelming; very many thanks must be given for the miracle, because I saw the altar, the tabernacle, my girlfriends were there, and I could see them perfectly."

In addition, she said that she was able to read the novena prayer that she was praying and that she still reads "quite well" — she hadn't forgotten at all how to read.

The young woman said she is "super happy" and thanked all those who were part of the prayer group. "This has been a test of faith; the Virgin has given me a great gift that I will not forget," she said.

In an Aug. 6 statement to ACI Prensa, CNA's Spanish-language news partner, Cardinal Juan José Omella, the archbishop of Barcelona and president of the Spanish Bishops' Conference, referred to the possible miracle as "a grace from God" during the press

conference at the end of WYD held at Eduardo VII park in Lisbon.

The cardinal said he was able to speak with Jimena on a video call and that she explained what happened in a natural and unaffected manner. "The girl was very excited; she had been blind for a while and she had been learning the Braille method for two or three years," he said.

The prelate also noted that Jimena "had to read the prayer of thanksgiving at Mass that day with the Madrid group" and that, after receiving Communion, she was able to read it without any problem.

The young woman also told the cardinal that they had been praying for "nine days asking the Virgin for her healing."

Omella encouraged the faithful to "give thanks to God" and explained that "this doesn't lead to the cause of beatification for anyone, because the Virgin is already a saint, but it is indeed a grace from God."

He pointed out that "then the doctors will have to assess it, what it was like, if it existed, if it could be cured or not. But for now for the girl that has been a major event. Let's say a miracle. She didn't see and now she sees. Now the doctors will be able to say the rest, but she has gone home seeing. Well, she sees, blessed be God."

Omella said he was "really struck" by other testimonies that took place during WYD from young people who "have also recovered their interior vision."



An estimated 200,000 people attended the pope's rosary in Fatima, Portugal, on Aug. 5, 2023. (photo: Courtesy photo / Vatican Meda)

PARISH EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 8 - 22 - Adoration after Mass with Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary for World Peace
- 8 - 23 - Adoration 5:00—8:00 pm
- 8 - 29 - Parish Council Meeting 7:00 am Parish Center

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Religious Orders

Question:

What is the meaning of the letters that professed religious have after their names?

Answer:

The Catholic Church includes hundreds of religious communities. The priests, religious brothers, religious sisters, and nuns of these communities (which are often referred to as “religious orders”) are committed to particular spiritual traditions and often to a particular charism (such as teaching, healthcare, social work, or pastoral care).

To help identify a person as a member of a particular religious community, the custom developed of including post-nominal letters that provide a sort of shorthand for the name of the community that the priest, brother, sister or nun is part of. So, for example OSB after a person’s name would indicate that they are a member of the Order of St. Benedict (the Benedictines), just as SJ would indicate that a

priest or brother is a member of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) or RSM would show that a woman is a Sister of Mercy.

Other common examples include:

DC = Daughters of Charity

FSC = The Brothers of the Christian Schools/Christian Brothers

OCist = The Order of Cistercians

OCD = Order of Discalced Carmelites

OFM = The Order of Friars Minor (the Franciscans)

OFM Cap = The Capuchin Franciscans

OP = The Order of Preachers (Dominicans)

OSF=Franciscan Sisters

SC = Sisters of Charity

SDS = Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorian Priests and Brothers and Salvatorian Sisters)

SSND = School Sisters of Notre Dame

SVD = Society of the Divine Word (Divine Word Missionaries)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“O woman, great is your faith!” The Canaanite woman stood firm in her belief that God would answer her — even when those closest to him tried to send her away, and even when Christ himself challenged her. She never wavered. ©LPi

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question: What is the name given to a school operated and supported by a parish community?

Answer: Parochial School

PRAYER FOR UNITY

Dear Lord,

Your love knows no bounds, your compassion no borders.

Your mercy extends to all people and places.

Form our hearts after yours.

Help us to open our doors, our minds, and ourselves to others.

In the discomfort, be with us.

Amen.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed for food pantry
Saturday August 26 9:45-12noon
Contact Michele Thorpe if you can help. Thank you!

YOUTH NEWS

We are getting closer to the start of another year of Religious Formation. Please find sheets in the church entry to register your child.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Fall Dinner and Raffle information

Fall Dinner September 17, 11-2

Raffle drawing at 1:30

Sign up sheets for the Fall Dinner are available in the church entry.

Extra Raffle tickets are available

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

The Lord instructed the prophet Isaiah to be open to “foreigners” (nations other than Israel) for God’s covenant with Israel is intended for all people. How welcoming are you to outsiders in your life?

Second Reading:

Paul believed that Israel’s rejection of Jesus became a vehicle for God to reveal his mercy to all people, Jew and Gentile alike. Is there someone in your life who needs your mercy and forgiveness?

Gospel:

Jesus rewards the Canaanite woman for her great faith by granting the woman’s request to heal her daughter. Who would you say has helped you grow in your faith?

ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Aug 26/27	5:00 pm	10:30 am
Usher	Volunteer	Bryson Geffre
Collection		Dave Eberle Jeff Ulmer
Lector	Volunteer	Jeff Ulmer
EMHC		Lori Wald
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Rick & Mary Ulmer
Altar Servers		Ivan

Breakfast servers for August

First one on the list contact the others

Sept 3	No Breakfast
Sept 17	Dawn Wald, Lori Wald, Brandy Maxon

WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday August 13

Adult	1040.00
Children	6.76
Plate	149.00
Total	1195.76

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ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday Aug 27 (8:30am)

Lector	Pat
Gift Carriers	Alana and Andy
Altar Servers	Owen, Faith

For the Month of August

Breakfast Server	
Collection Counters	Denny and Brian
Church Cleaners	Pat and Layna
Altar Society Meeting	None this month

God's Gift Appeal 2023

This is MY BODY that is for you

Report as of 8-11-23

St. Helena's: \$7950. 42.11% participation, 41.98% of goal
St. Patrick's: \$13,115.45 39.29% participation, 198.12% of goal

Thank you for your support!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tues. Aug 22

7:00 pm (St. H) +Joanne Merkel

Wed. Aug 23

8:00 am (St. H) +Joan Grueneich

Thur. Aug 24

8:00 am (St. H) +Juliet Kelly Parten

9:00 am (St. P) +Don and Jeanne Glynn

Fri. Aug 25

8:00am (St H) Sr Maravillas

Sat. Aug 26

5:00pm (St H) +Loyd Brokaw

Sun. Aug 27

8:30am (St. P) +Judy Sturma

10:30am (St H) All Parishioners

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