

Saint George Church - Worcester and Holden

August 20, 2023 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

40 Brattle Street Worcester, MA 01606
Parish Office: 508-853-0183 Ext. 110
www.saintgeorgesparish.org

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annie@saintgeorgesparish.org Ext. 111

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Monday—Thursday 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

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mkhessel@aol.com

For information regarding Pastoral Care of the Sick, Marriage Preparation, Confirmation, and Ministry Involvement, we invite you to call the Parish Office.



St. George Catholic Church

Baptism Information:

Please contact
Susan Pacek at 508-856-9960 or
email: st.geobaptism@gmail.com

Eucharist Celebrated:

Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
Live-Streamed Mass is offered on our parish website each Sunday at 10:00 AM.

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions are heard inside the church
2:30 PM—3:15 PM on Saturdays.

Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish community of St George, celebrate the welcoming presence of Christ in our lives. Together with the universal Church, we are nourished and sustained through the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist, and we are inspired by the proclamation of the Word, guided by the Holy Spirit. We continually seek to grow in a deeper understanding of our faith, to respect the sanctity of human life, and respond to what Jesus asks of us in our time by sharing our gifts and participating in parish activities and outreach to others.

A Community of Ministries, August 20, 2023



From Your Pastor

Throughout the Church's history, a dynamic has existed between those who want to maintain God's house for a certain group of people who meet specific criteria and those who would open the doors wide to welcome all. The Canaanite woman in this gospel would be one of those people in the second group. In Jesus' recognition and response to her great faith, this narrative anticipates the expansion of the Church's missions to all peoples and nations. Although we understand the Church as missionary whose purpose is to bring all to salvation in Christ, all of us at times have tried to keep certain people out of the sanctuary. Many of us may not be charitable to our brother and sister Christians, let alone the rest of the world. As this gospel demonstrates, it was not always easy for the first disciples to learn this lesson. In every age Christ's followers advance this universal mission when they work to reveal God's mercy to those who are desperate for it. Even more importantly, they must be ready to recognize God's mercy in those people and places where they may not have expected to find it. Today's gospel warns against an all too-narrow account of God's mercy. Many churches have signs saying, "All are welcome," but that may be false advertising. Do we really want to pray with all people or with those who are like-minded? Is our image of a house of prayer like a garden (where the Bible begins) to which we long to return unbothered by others? We must remember that the Bible ends in a city whose image in this life is where people may come from all over to work, play, raise children, establish homes and worship. This is a description of God's city.

Here are some questions to reflect upon with this Gospel:

1. *Today's gospel asks you to think about the type of person you might be – one who wants to associate and pray with people who meet certain criteria or one who is open to all people? How do you break down barriers to God's mercy?*
2. *How do you prepare to recognize God at work in unexpected situations?*
3. *Has there been a time when you have felt connected to God in the midst of other people and their activities? Return to that place. What do you recall by way of sight, feel, smell, hearing or taste? How do you pray in this place?*

Fr. Nicolls

Stewardship Thought of the Week

**In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans,
"God's gifts and his call are irrevocable."
To what is God calling me today?
What gifts are mine to share?**

See Romans 11:29

Mass Intentions



Saturday, August 19, 2023

4:00 PM In Memory of Michael Stephens, 3rd Anniversary
Requested by his Family

Sunday, August 20, 2023

8:00 AM In Memory of Virginia and Henry McInerney
Requested by their Family

10:00 AM In Memory of Bernice E. Murdock and
for the health of William P. Murdock
Requested by their son Bill Murdock

Monday, August 21, 2023

8:00 AM In Memory of Daniel I. Berthiaume

Tuesday, August 22, 2023 No Mass

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

8:00 AM Birthday Remembrance for Robert Ovian
Requested by his Family

Thursday, August 24, 2023 No Mass

Friday, August 25, 2023

8:00 AM In Memory of George A. Doyle

Saturday, August 26, 2023

4:00 PM In Memory of John F. Dickman
Requested by his wife Sheila Dickman and Family

Sunday, August 27, 2023

8:00 AM In Memory of Timothy John Kiely
Requested by James Sanford

10:00 AM In Memory of Bona Kim
Requested by the Family

Deacon Paul Audette

James Martin

Excerpts from an essay entitled "Here's How God Works" published in the August 29, 2005 issue of America magazine (Part II): "But there are also moments when everything works out with almost alarming grace. In April I was invited for a return trip to Lourdes with a Jesuit friend named George... George and I decided to make a side visit to Loyola, the Spanish town and birthplace of St. Ignatius, founder of the Jesuits...and here is where it became obvious, at least to me, how God can make things easy...We toured Loyola Castle... On the uppermost floor, we stumbled on the room in which St. Ignatius experienced his first conversion, while recuperating from battle injuries in 1521. In that room a French priest was just about to celebrate Mass before an ornate wooden altar. Waving us in, he invited us to join a group of pilgrims just starting a pilgrimage to Compostela. We celebrated Mass with them and proclaimed the readings in our high-school French. Afterward the priest asked us what we did back home. I'm a writer, I said, and George is a prison chaplain. He put his arms around us and smiled broadly, 'Ces deux vocations ont commence dans cette chambre.' He said to the pilgrims. These two vocations began in this room."



**Readings
To-Go!**

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 20, 2023**

*Scan QR code to see
this week's readings!*

Weekly Collection

August 7, 2023 - August 13, 2023

On-line Giving: \$ 1,136.60
Ordinary Collection: \$ 3,580.00
Total: \$ 4,716.60

We are truly grateful.



Parish Calendar

Saturday, August 19, 2023

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Art Night

Church Hall

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Church Hall

Sunday, August 20, 2023

After 8:00 & 10:00 AM Mass Coffee Shop

Church Hall

10:00 AM Toddler & Children's Liturgy

Church Hall

Monday, August 21, 2023

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

1:30 - 2:30 PM Gentle Yoga

Church Hall

Thursday, August 24, 2023

6:00 PM Family Prayer Night

Church

Friday, August 25, 2023

Saturday, August 26, 2023

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Church Hall

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Church Hall

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Church Hall

Church Donation Envelopes

If you would like to receive or stop receiving Church Envelopes please call the Parish Office and let us know. Using Church Envelopes helps keep track of your donations for tax purposes. Tax letters are mailed upon your request starting January 2024.

Call the Parish Office with any questions: 508-853-0183.



Regular Offertory Donations, Special collections and donations are available through Online Giving.

Access is available through our website: click on the icon like the one pictured here. Kathy Hessel is happy to assist you. Please email with questions at mkhessel@aol.com. Many thanks to all of our online givers who help to provide faithful and consistent financial support to our parish during this time of great need. We appreciate your support.

Gentle Yoga for "Every Body"

In-person - \$5 donation

Wednesdays 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM in the Church Hall

Gentle yoga helps with flexibility, strength and well-being while relaxing your mind, increasing your energy, and reducing stress.

Contact Sue Stevens, email: MonarchYoga@gmail.com



Bulletin Item Due Dates:

Postings are due **10 days before the Sunday Bulletin**. Please submit items at least 10 days before the Bulletin date. E-mail our Parish Administrative Assistant, Patty LaBonte, at office@saintgeorgesparish.org. The best way to book or reserve a Mass is to call our office: 508-853-0183.



Partner's in Charity
St. George Church
donated \$84,710.00,
our goal is \$95,000.00
89% of our goal.

Please consider donating. Thank you for helping!

Our agencies and ministries are faces of hope to so many people. Your pledge or one-time gift is a tangible way to be a 'face of Christ and his helping hands' to the world through your support of the agencies and ministries which rely on this appeal for the funding each year. And you, in turn, share in the joy of bringing hope into the lives of those we serve. Please visit Partners-Charity.net to view the online video showing some of the many charities, ministries and educational programs that rely on your generosity.

To donate you can place your donation in the collection basket at Mass, by using the Partners in Charity envelopes in the pews, or text the word "donate" to 84576 to access the online giving page, donate online at www.Partners-Charity.net or call in a pledge at: 508-929-4366.

Checks payable to: Partners in Charity and mail to:
Partners In Charity 49 Elm St., Worcester, MA 01609.

Join us for Coffee Shop Club After 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Masses



\$1.00 each

August 20 - Andy Fish and Team

August 27 - Kevin Brown and Team

Sept. 3 - No Coffee Shop, Labor Day

Sept. 10 - Dave Carlson and Team

Coffee, donuts, bulkies, and fellowship! Please join a team, you are needed. Each team serves once every 10 weeks. All teams need help. Sign up at the Coffee Shop, come to find out more about how you can help, and help a team!

Contact Andy Fish: andy@andyfish.com or 508-901-7813

Middle Eastern Picnic Our Lady of Perpetual Help Melkite Catholic Church

256 Hamilton Street, Worcester

Sunday, September 10th from Noon - 6:00 PM

Menu includes Chicken Shawarma, Kibbeh, Kefta, Chicken Kabobs, Stuffed Grape Leaves, Tabbouli, Hummus, Pastries, and more. Live Music: Mitch Kaltsunas Band, Dancing, Bouncy House, Kids Activities and Raffles! All are Welcome!

Men's Conference Kick-off Breakfast Saturday, September 9, 2023

Starting at 8:00 AM Mass, 8:30 AM Breakfast
Holy Family Parish: 750 Union St., Leominster

Beginning with an 8:00 AM Mass, followed by breakfast and a quick meeting at 8:30 AM, featuring special guest Mr. Michael Donovan from the Catholic Men's Leadership Alliance. Program will wrap up by 9:15 AM. All current Parish Contacts, as well as anyone wishing to volunteer as a Parish Contact, should please attend this event.

For more information, email tjarvis1618@gmail.com

Prayer Before or After Mass

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Notice from the Diocesan Office of Healing and Prevention

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility for hope and help and healing. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. Contact Judith Audette, Diocese of Worcester: Victim Assistance Coordinator, at (508) 929-4363.



Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

The Thursday evening and Friday morning Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration will be:

Thursday, September 7, 2023 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Friday, September 8, 2023 after 8:00 AM Mass to 10:00 AM.

"Woman, you have great faith."



It takes faith to hear God's call in our lives. And His call takes us on unexpected paths of deeper trust and love. Is God calling you to life of a sister, brother, deacon or priest? Contact the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or email Fr. Infante at dinfante@saintpaulknights.org

Vianney Dinner

The next Vianney Dinner is on **Tuesday, September 5th** at **The Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies** located on 51 Illinois Street, Worcester.

Mass at 6:05 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM and Social at 7:00 PM. These are nights for men, high school age and up, interested in learning more about priestly vocation. An RSVP is not needed but helpful: email dinfante@saintpaulknights.org

ZOOM Rosary

Urban Missionaries from Our Lady of Hope

If you would like to join via Zoom for a weekly Rosary:

Every Sunday, 6:00 PM via ZOOM

Send an email to mailbox@urbanmissionaries.com put "Rosary" = subject line. ZOOM link sent to your email.



Family Prayer Night Thursdays 6:00 PM

In the Church, there is a gathering of people who pray for all families. The Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary are prayed. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn to pray the Rosary. Eucharistic Adoration is also a part of this wonderful time of prayer on the first Thursday and Friday of each month.



12th Annual Novena to St. Joseph Begins Monday, September 11th From 7:15 PM - 8:00 PM

Christ the King Church 1052 Pleasant St. Worc.

Novena will be celebrated nine consecutive Mondays, starting in September. Prayers for the sick, improvements in palliative care and prayers to oppose all attempts to end human life unnaturally as in the case of physician assisted suicide. The schedule homilists are **Sept. 11**, Rev. Stephen Gemme; **Sept. 18**, Most Rev. Robert McManus; **Sept. 25** Rev, Msgr. James Moroney; **Oct. 2**, Rev. Paul Shaughnessy, SJ; **Oct. 9**, Rev. John Gavin; **Oct. 16**, Rev. Robert Grattaroti; **Oct. 23**, Rev. Richard Polek; **Oct. 30**, Rev. Enoch Kyermateng; and **Nov. 6**, Rev. Msgr. Thomas Sullivan.

Learn more about the Dead Sea Scrolls St. Mary's Church 77 Mendon St., Uxbridge Mondays, Sept. 11, 18, 25, and Oct. 8 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in the Parish Hall

St. Mary's University is presenting, Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls. The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls is possible the greatest archaeological discovery of the 20th century. Discovered in 11 caves, and are almost 2000 years old. Course includes the history of how the scrolls were discovered, origin of writings, and discussion about whether John the Baptist and Jesus were part of the community.

No cost. For more information call 508-278-2226

Bible Study Series this Fall "The Gospel of St. Luke"

**Christ the King Church 1052 Pleasant St.
Johnson Room, Tuesdays 7:15 - 8:45 PM
Starting September 19th - November 14th.
Not meeting October 31st.**

Monsignor Sullivan is preparing a new Bible series for this Fall. Three chapters of St. Luke will be read in 8 sessions. Sessions are in-person with a possibility of ZOOM sessions.

If you are interested in participating email Monsignor at: tsullivan5@mac.com or call him at 508-754-5361.

Back to Basics Narcotics Anonymous

Support group for those attempting to recover from drugs.
Our Lady of Lourdes, Parish Hall 1290 Grafton St, Worc.
Meetings are every Friday from 7:00 - 8:00 PM
National Helpline: 1-800-662-4357
Massachusetts Helpline: 1-855-523-1426

Word of Life Intercessions for Life

For all Catholics:

That we may steadfastly proclaim
and uphold the dignity of all human life,
In all stages and circumstances;
We pray to the Lord.





Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith" Sarah Kelly, Administrator

Phone: 508-852-1784

sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org

Welcome to St. George Religious Education Registration!

We are so excited to work with the children of our parish. We offer classes for children in grades 1-10. We prepare students for the sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion (typically in Grade 2), and Confirmation (typically in Grade 10).

The cost for the program is \$100 per student with a family cap of \$200. There is an additional fee of \$50 for those students in a sacramental year (1st Communion and Confirmation). As an example, if a family has 3 children in classes they would pay \$200 for their religious education fees, plus \$50 per any child making their 1st Communion or Confirmation.

Students in Grades 1-8 meet weekly, and have the option of registering for Tuesday afternoons 4:30-5:30 PM OR Sunday mornings 9:00-10:00 AM. Confirmation I & II students (typically grades 9 & 10) meet approximately once a month on Sunday mornings 11:00-12:00 PM, after attending the 10:00 AM Mass together. All meeting dates and the online registration can be found on our parish website:

<https://saintgeorgesparish.org/religious-education>

If you have any questions, please reach out to Sarah Kelly at:
sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org



Young Adult Weekly Pick-up Volleyball & Hangout

St. Christopher Church located on:
950 West Boylston Street, Worcester
Every Friday, at 6:00 PM starting
June 16 to the end of August.

All young adults (ages 18+) are invited to join us for weekly pick-up volleyball. If you are looking for a fun way to meet up with other young adults in the area, then this is perfect for you! There is no commitment or formal sign-ups but if you would like to receive text/email updates in the summer feel free to sign up:

www.neworchester.org/young-adult-summer-volleyball



Venerini Academy 27 Edward St., Worcester

Grades Pre-K to Grade 8 has spacing available for a limited number of students. Venerini Academy focuses on Academic Excellence and Faith-Focused Education. Class sizes are small to help us provide a high quality education.

If you are interested in scheduling a tour this summer of Venerini Academy, contact Albert Ganem, Jr. (508) 753-3210

Baptisms in the Church Family

If you, a family member, or friend is interested in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism, we invite you to contact us today. Please contact:

Susan Pacek by either phone 508-856-9960
or email st.geobaptism@gmail.com



THE FAMILY CONNECTION

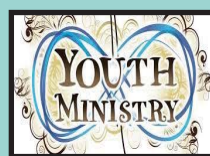
A prayer for children by their parents.

Father we thank you for the gift of these children. Bless them as they go off to school. May they remember that we love them and that you love them too. Help them to be good listeners and to love and respect themselves and others. As they grow on the outside may they also grow on the inside. Be with them as they grow and learn. Amen.



Grandparents: All interested grandparents are asked to pray for the safety and well-being of their grandchildren. Copies of grandparent prayers are available on the table in the Church Hall. If you have any questions, contact the Parish Office at 508-853-0183 or office@saintgeorgesparish.org

**Grandparents make memories
that the heart holds forever.**



Youth Ministry Gathering
Please Contact Kevin Browne
for next Gathering date.
Open to grades 7-12

Kevin.browne@saintgeorgesparish.org

Job Opportunity - Pastoral Associate St. Mary Parish - 114 Princeton St., Jefferson MA

St. Mary Parish in Jefferson, MA is seeking a part-time Pastoral Associate. Candidates should have a background in Pastoral Ministry, RCIA, and Liturgical Ministry Training.

To request a job description, please email
Fr. Timothy Brewer at tbrewer@stmaryjeff.com

A Community of Ministries



St. George Parish Outreach

Ann Doyle 508-450-4134

annie@saintgeorgesparish.org



Feeding the Hungry

Our Next Mustard Seed Meal is **September 15, 2023**.

Donations to Parish Outreach and volunteers to prepare, deliver and serve the meal are welcome.

A New Ramp at the Mustard Seed

A new handicap accessible ramp has been built at the Mustard Seed! This is the first phase of repairs which will hopefully include new walkways. Eventually, we hope to receive enough grants to add a covered area to protect our guests from rain, wind and snow. Please pray with us - that God willing, we will gradually be able to complete this work.



Hope For Housing Cards Help Prevent Family Homelessness

Hope for Housing is a non-profit program developed by our parishioner Matt Ryan. Matt has left us with this legacy which utilizes the collective buying power of 30 congregations to raise money for the prevention of family homelessness.

These Gift Cards for local retailers, including Big Y, CVS, Dunkin' Donuts, Hannaford, Panera, Shaws, Stop & Shop Target, Starbucks, and TJ Max are purchased in bulk, which in turn are sold to members of participating congregations who receive the full value of the card. The retailers donate 2-10% of all sales to the Hope for Housing program. By purchasing gift cards for **your use** at local retailers, you can help to stabilize families by providing counseling and support.



Please buy "**Hope for Housing Cards**" available after all Masses. See Dave and Sue Genereux in the Church Hall after Mass. Any questions call them at: 978-833-0306

Eucharist and Prayers for the Sick

Especially during these difficult times, please call to let us know if a family member or neighbor is hospitalized, homebound or ill. Call Ann Doyle at 508-450-4134. We want to be with you in prayer and support. We can perhaps arrange a visit and possibly bring Eucharist. Remember that due to HIPAA regulations, unless you allow the hospital or health care institution to release information and list St. George's as your religious affiliation, we are not informed that you are a patient.

Thank you for your understanding.



Gently used Towels & Blankets are needed!

Please bring gently used clean towels & blankets to the Outreach Donation area. The need is great homeless people need clean Towels & blankets. Please help.

Your Help is Needed to Feed the Hungry



Special Needs for August:
Jelly and Soup
Soup - (Flip top if possible)



The last weeks of each month are especially difficult to our 3 food pantries. Government assistance has been decreased and inflation is stretching family food budgets.

All types of food donations are always welcome and can be left in the "Outreach Collection Area" just outside the entrance to the Church Hall on the basement level.



In the Hour of Need
Family Shelter



Tidy Up Tuesdays

Bring your cleaning tools and grab a friend to help keep 91 June Street looking good! Join us on the second and fourth Tuesdays from 10am until 2pm to lend a hand in tasks to be done. Light lunch will be provided. Tasks include, but are not limited to: Room cleaning, window washing, lawn mowing, putting away donations, painting, or anything that needs some attention. For more information, email slinn@ihnworchester.org or call (508)755-2212 weekdays 9-2pm. Thank you.



Back Pack Drive

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the Catholic Charities Back Pack and School Supply Drive. Your kindness is amazing!



Our Parish Vision: To welcome all, build connections to Christ and one another, and live our faith as true disciples of Jesus.



Emmaus Ministry

The Emmaus Ministry is getting ready for an exciting Fall line-up of programming. We need your help.

Please join us at our next meeting:

**Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30 PM
Location TBD.**

Contact Andrea or JoAnn for more information at 508-853-0183 or emmaus.stgeorge@gmail.com



Spiritual Growth Ministry Corner

Ministry Leader: Bonnie Moran

Saintgeorgespiritualgrowth@gmail.com

Summertime is a perfect season for prayer as more time is spent relaxing and being outside in nature. This ties us to Gods' beautiful creations and beckons us to be filled with gratitude. When one is still and quiet even for a few moments this is the first step in prayer. In these moments a simple prayer like the one that follows can grow rapidly. Adding the names of people you know, acknowledging specific blessings and personally identifying Gods' people who are suffering, will deepen this prayer each time its prayed.

Please Lord, still me so that I may be fully focused on you, knowing you are with me every step of everyday. Fill my mind with the knowledge that you know me fully and will lead me if only I look toward you. Help me to recognize God's presence and blessings in my life this day. In everyday, in the struggle, the fear, the loss, the suffering. In joy and elation, in good and hard times, in hope and in love. Help me to be strong in listening for your direction and to the needs of others. Help me to be available to support those who are in need and suffering around me. Thank you, Lord, and praise you-as I count blessings, and consider all that is good in this day He has made. Lord, help me to grow in Faith, Hope and Love. Amen.

Spiritual Growth Committee members: Bonnie Moran – Chair; Deacon Paul Audette, Joan Talbot; Patti Walsh; Helen Hurley, and Kyle Lewandowski. Fr. Niccolls as ex officio member.

Faith Sharing Groups

If you are interested in learning more about Faith Sharing group, or interested in becoming involved, please contact JoAnn Nally for dates.

Next Meetings will resume again starting in:
September in the Parish Center, Room 108.



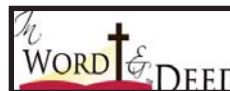
If interested in joining a group, please contact JoAnn.
Handicapped Accessible. Call JoAnn Nally at 508-527-6973



In pursuit of her son's salvation, Monica prayed and prayed until her prayers were finally answered and Augustine converted to Christianity. Her perseverance and determination paid off and not only did Augustine convert, but he went on to be one of the great thinkers and writers of the faith.

Sin and failure have a way of robbing us of life, deadening our spirit, and depressing our mind. It is so easy to lose hope and believe that there is nothing left, not even God. We cannot give up on each other. When someone is unable to pray for himself, we must pray for him. When someone is too weak to stand on her own, we must support her. When someone is too tired to continue the journey, we must walk with him. It is the way of faith. Along the way, we all need help, grace and strength. If we truly are disciples of Christ, we share with others the gifts He has given us. We help each other as members of one Body, one family, and one people. We cannot give up on ourselves or on each other. So pray, work, plead, offer, and teach. But don't quit. Patience and perseverance are the channels of grace and life. That is God's promise to us.

~James Gaffney © Pilot Bulletins



A college graduating class leaves behind the security of school and focuses on the possibilities of the future. It can be a daring adventure as students send out resumes, go to interviews and dream of happiness and great careers. Some have the ability to think big and willingly take on new challenges. An open mind and desire to succeed can lead to great and wonderful things.

The woman who approaches Jesus has an open heart and a great desire for grace. She makes her request of Jesus and is persistent because she knows that she will not be denied. The Lord acknowledges her courage and her faith and grants her request.

Believing in the Gospel means seeing the world through the eyes of the Lord, It means we love others and treat them as we want to be treated. It means that we do not go into the world empty handed, but rather we are armed with confidence. Faith presents us with many challenging opportunities, including feed the hungry, comfort the dying, bury the dead, and admonish the sinner. Giving witness to our beliefs and practicing what we preach are the first steps to living the life of a disciple. Choose God, choose to do what is right and there will be no limit to the great and wonderful things you—and He—can accomplish.

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