



Franciscan Inspirations: Jesus and the Canaanite Woman

Many people face a conundrum when reading the scene in Matthew's Gospel where Jesus meets the Canaanite woman who begs him to release her little girl from demonic possession (15:28ff). Jesus' first response is silence, and we are struck by how out of character that is for him. No response to a cry for help?

Then the woman kneels and pleads, "Lord, help me," to which Jesus replies that his mission is not to gentiles, but to Israel. He then says, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." We are stunned by his words. But the woman doesn't give up. She comes back with, "Even the dogs get the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." We feel like cheering her on in the midst of Jesus' apparent disregard. Jesus then replies, "O woman, great is your faith!"

What's going on here?

A Deeper Faith. Right before this scene, the disciples were caught in a storm and called to Jesus for help. Jesus called Peter to get out of the boat and walk on the water toward him. Peter saw where he was and realized he was doing the impossible. He began to sink. Jesus grabbed his arm and saved him. Coming back to the boats, Jesus chided his disciples with "O, you of little faith." The apostles, who have seen dozens of Jesus' healings and miracles, lose faith once they are tested in a storm. By contrast, this Canaanite woman will not take "no" for an answer.

And that is the point. When the woman first approaches Jesus, his disciples want him to send her away. She is bothering them. The apostles had just been saved from drowning, but now think nothing of walking away from this poor woman.

What's happening here is that Jesus, in his goodness and wisdom, is drawing from this pagan woman a deeper faith than his apostles had.

God's Grace. In a way, Jesus knows all along he is going to heal this woman's little girl. Jesus could never walk away from this situation. But he can also see that she is a strong woman who cares for her daughter. As he talks with her, Jesus draws out from her a strong determination and magnificent act of faith. She would not give up.

There are two important lessons here. First of all, the apostles witnessed this woman display more faith than they had when faced with a critical situation. Second, it is important to remember that, in the Gospels, the most dramatic acts of faith are made by pagans rather than the Jews. Such as:

1) *The centurion who said, "I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed"* (Mt 8:8). 2) *The gentile woman who would not let Jesus get away without healing her daughter.* 3) *And, finally, the Roman soldier at the cross who makes the dramatic statement, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"* (Mk 15:39).

Faith is often found in the least-expected places. Faith is a matter of the heart, not the head. And God's grace can touch the hearts of some people we might tend to dismiss.

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

The Offertory totals for the week of July 31—Aug. 6, 2023:

Masses	\$ 11,730.00
Online	\$ 7,757.50
Mail	\$ 1,907.00
OLPH	\$ 142.00

Second Collection:

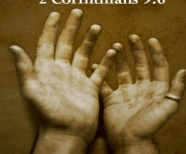
Building Expansion Fund	\$4,448.00
St. Francis Fund	\$ 1,050.00
DSJ Priest Retirement	\$ 10.00
Church in Africa	\$ 6.00

TOTAL: \$27,050.50

*Thank you in advance
for your generous giving.*

Let's Honor The Lord With Our Giving

"Remember this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly.
And whoever sows generously will also reap generously."
2 Corinthians 9:6



You may not be here every Sunday, but your generous contributions are needed to help cover our regular operating expenses. We invite you to sign up for automated recurring offertory contributions. To do so, choose any one of the simple and convenient giving options. Simply go to www.sfoasj.com on any device and click on the [Online Giving](#) button.

Or Scan this QR Code with your mobile device.

Or Text "Give" to 408-479-5858 on your phone

Or If you would like an account to be created for you, please contact our Parish Business/Operations Manager Victor Espinoza at 408-223-1770, ext. 302. Get started today and ensure that your generous contributions are received even if you are not here. It's quick, easy, and convenient!



Monday, Aug 21

Paul Canh+

Maria Hobilla (Thanksgiving & Healing)

Bernarda Reyes (Bday)

Tuesday, Aug 22

Elijah DeGuzman (Bday)

Hector & Aida Cerezo (Healing)

Ricardo Rivera+

Wednesday, Aug 23

Cerila Llagast+

Eugenia D. Apostol+ (Anniv)

Ludivina D. Apostol+ (Anniv)

Thursday, Aug 24

Anthony Quan+

Manuel Araujo+

Mr. & Mrs Pedro Muscado+

Friday, Aug 25

Consolacion Yap+

Theresa Hanh Duong+

Lou & Regina Revera+

Saturday, Aug 26

Rowena Aviles (Bday)

Mario Chavez+ (Anniv)

Saturday/Sunday, Aug 27, 2023

4PM

Josefa Concepcion Salano+

Consolacion Concepcion+

Faye Cincotta+

5:30PM

Teresa Pauline Nguyen+

Sunday 8AM Chapel

Bodie Yee (SI)

Thelma Rodin+

Isaac Soriano Sr+

8:15 Villages

10AM Chapel

John Bui+, David & Ty Pham+

Conchita Del Castillo+

Jane & James Branham+

12PM Chapel

Michael & Michelle Le+

Anna Ky Thanh+

Jaime Caricungan+

Tony Lu+, Bibiana & Teodoro Mendoza+

2PM Chapel (Spanish)

Rosalia Sanchez

4PM Chapel (Vietnamese)

Theresa Anh Le+

Maria Luu Pham+

Anton Tuyen Vu +

6PM Chapel

Lester Legarda+

Elsa Pesayco Songcayawon+

Walter Capalla

Francisco Capalla+

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

♦ Daily Rosary and Prayer

8:00AM, Chapel

♦ Adoration, First Friday of month, 9:30AM-5:00PM, Chapel

♦ Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesdays, Chapel

Rosary/Novena/Mass 6:30PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturdays, 11am - 12pm, Chapel

IMPORTANT CONTACTS:

Crisis Mental Health Services
988

Suicide Hotlines

Santa Clara County 855-278-4204

Text Line: 741741

(Text "BAY" for Crisis Support in Bay Area)

California Youth Crisis

800-843-5200

Santa Clara County Emergency

Psychiatric Service (EPS)

485-885-6100

NAMI Warm Line

(open Mon-Fri, 10AM-6PM)

408-453-0400

The Peace Prayer of St. Francis



Lord, make me an
instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred,

let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

grant that I may not so much seek to

be consoled as to console;

to be understood, as to understand;

to be loved, as to love;

for it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are

pardoned, and it is in dying that we

are born to Eternal Life.

AWESOME TIDBITS FROM FR. REY



SHOUT OUT TO...

...all of **YOU** for your generous weekly (Sunday) love offering, and your donation to our mission cooperative last Sunday. Your donation will go a long way to help in the day-to-day operation of the parish and her future plans, and the Diocese of Virac's various pastoral programs. Know that you have contributed in the mission of Christ, and that is extremely awesome!!



...the **Legion of Mary** for giving out free rosaries, prayer books, medallions and other religious items in their "Table of Mary" outside the church. Take advantage of this opportunity! They will be outside the church in all Sundays until the end of this month.

Second Collection.

This weekend's second collection will go to the Solidarity Fund in Church of Africa. Your contribution will support the seminary training, the formation of religious sisters and brothers, and other pastoral ministries that address *the needs of the rapidly growing African Church*. Your awesome generosity will be greatly appreciated!



Rest in Peace, Rev. Ben O. Manding.

A retired priest of our Diocese and a good friend passed away last month. He was the first Filipino priest to be incardinated in the Diocese of San Jose. Funeral Mass will be on Wednesday, August 23, at 11:00 am at St. Martin Church in Sunnyvale. Please remember him in your prayers. *"Eternal rest grant unto Fr. Ben, O Lord...and let perpetual light shine upon him."*



Meet and Greet.

Today, is our second meet and greet Sunday after the 10:00 am Mass. Other dates will be available in the coming weeks. Excited to chat with you ☺

August 21 - 27
Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday (Anticipated)

4:00pm – Fr. Rey (Assist. Dcn. Joe)

5:30pm – Fr. Lieu (Vietnamese)

Sunday

8:00 am – Fr. Robain (Assist. Dcn. Joe)

8:15 am - Msgr. Mitchell (Villages)

10:00 am – Fr. Rey (Assist. Dcn. Sunny)

12:00 pm – Fr. Rey (Assist. Dcn. Sunny)

2:00 pm – Fr. Rudy (Spanish)

4:00 pm – Fr. Lieu (Vietnamese)

6:00 pm – Fr. Robain (Assist. Dcn. Joe)



Due to the changes in the Mass schedule. All Mass Intentions scheduled for the 9AM Masses have been moved to the 10AM Masses and the 11AM Mass intentions to the 12PM Masses.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

We understand how important it is to have Mass intentions for your loved ones and would like to accommodate all if possible. We are limited to 3 per Mass.

Please plan your Mass intentions in advance if possible (Birthdays, anniversaries, death anniversaries). Our Mass Intention calendar is open through December 31, 2023.



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH MEMORIAL GARDEN

"It is in dying that we are born to eternal life"

- St. Francis of Assisi

The Memorial Garden is a place for the cremated remains of those who have gone before us, and to memorialize others who have died but are buried elsewhere. St. Francis is unique in offering this service to the Catholic Community.

This Garden space is set aside because those who have died form with us the Communion of Saints and are always present with us in prayer. We stand with all people, both living and dead, to sing our one song of praise to God for those who have died with Christ, have risen with Him and for the one Spirit that binds us together as one people.

The Garden is a quiet space in which you can pray and remember those who have died. We also honor the four periods and peoples of the history of Evergreen: the Ohlone Native Peoples, the Spanish and Mexican settlers, the ranchers and vintners, and those who have developed the land and reside here now.

If you would like information about the Memorial Garden, please contact **Claudia Bernaga** (Monday-Wednesday 9AM-4PM, Thursday-Friday, 9AM-1PM) to schedule an appointment at claudia.bernaga@dsj.org, or 408.223.1770, ext. 102.

ALL ARE WELCOME FOR MORNING FAITH SHARING EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 10:00 AM IN THE PARISH OFFICE

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." Matthew 10:40

We all have a story to tell, especially of how God has been and continues to work in our lives, sometimes without our even knowing it. You are welcome to share those stories in a small group and in a confidential setting as we reflect on how scripture speaks to us through our own life experiences. It might be a memory of a time when God touched us, it might be a challenge with which we are dealing in the present moment.

Sharing stories helps us deepen our own personal faith, and hearing others' stories of God's presence in their lives brings us into deeper relationship with each other and with God.

For more information, please contact **Lerma Simpson at (408) 223-1770 ext. 316 or at lerma.simpson@dsj.org**

What is God's Dream for You? Come & See! September 29-October 1, 2023

Stay with us *Pray with us*
Ask your questions *Get to know us!

Join our Retreat in Los Altos Hills, CA

Daughters of charity of St. Vincent De Paul

Find out more at
Daughters-of-Charity.com/retreats/
For Single Catholic Women 18-40



We also Pray for...

Those who suffer in silence

Those with cancer

Those who have no one to pray for them

Those beginning new Journeys

Graduating classes of 2023

SUNDAY'S SCRIPTS READINGS

TODAY'S READINGS

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: VIGIL

Reading I:

1 Chronicles 15:3 - 4, 15 - 16; 16:1- 2

Reading II:

1 Corinthians 15:54b - 57

Gospel:

Luke 11:27 - 28

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Reading II:

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel:

Matthew 15:21-28



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

is hosted by
Legion of Mary
every Wednesday
in the Chapel,
with a
Rosary/Novena at
6:30PM followed
by Mass.



ONE CHURCH, MANY NATIONS

Please save the date!

Saturday, October 7

Join us in celebrating our parish Feast Day and the rich diversity of our parish community. For those of you who missed the delicious pancake breakfast, it's back!

Stay tuned for more details.



Saint Francis of Assisi has many opportunities to grow in faith for all people of all ages. We never stop growing in faith just as God never stop loving us. Come and check us out.

J.O.Y. Jesus, Others and

Yourself : J.O.Y. is our religious education process for children 1st grade-High School. In this process the children and youth learn the basics of the Catholic Faith. Children preparing for Sacraments of First Eucharist and High School Confirmation start their preparation in J.O.Y. Registration for J.O.Y. starts July 1 and closes August 30. Registration is done on our website at www.sfoasj.com.

First Communion- First Communion preparation starts in the J.O.Y. process. Those wishing to prepare for First Communion must have been in J.O.Y. in the year prior. Children must be in the second grade or above and already baptized as a Catholic.

High School Confirmation- High School Confirmation starts in High School beginning in the 9th grade. Preparation for Confirmation starts in our J.O.Y. process. Youth must have been in J.O.Y. in the year prior. Youth must have been baptized Catholic, received First Communion.

Adult Confirmation- If you did not complete the Sacrament of Confirmation, we offer monthly sessions to learn and grow in your faith. Online Registration begins in July-August.

Questions? contact Lerma Simpson at lerma.simpson@dsj.org



NOW THAT SUMMER IS UPON US, the time of vacations and weekends away, it can be quite challenging for our parish financially. As the attendance at our weekend Masses declines, so can the weekly support of our parishioners—a **very good reason to consider using ONLINE GIVING.** The challenge lies in the fact that our financial responsibilities do not go away during the months of June, July, and August. Summer is also a time for us to do some extra maintenance work around the parish. You can sign up for electronic giving by visiting www.sfoasj.com and click the online giving icon on our homepage.



(CHILDREN & YOUTH EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION SACRAMENT PREPARATION)

August 15 – Deadline for registration for second year of preparation for First Eucharist and Confirmation

August 30 – Deadline for registration for first year of preparation for First Eucharist and Confirmation through J.O.Y

September 24 (1:30 PM in Sandersfeld Hall) – Mandatory parent orientation for children in their first year of preparation for the sacraments (First Eucharist and Confirmation)

September 26 (7:00 PM in the chapel) – Mandatory parent orientation for children in their second year of preparation for the sacraments (First Eucharist and Confirmation)

(ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION) -

August 27 (10:00 AM in the parish office) – Adult sessions begin



SUMMER IS HERE AND BETWEEN TRAVELING AND CHANGING SCHEDULES, SUNDAY OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS OFTEN DROP OFF SIGNIFICANTLY DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS. YOU MAY NOT BE HERE EVERY SUNDAY, BUT YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NEEDED TO HELP COVER OUR REGULAR OPERATING EXPENSES.

WE INVITE YOU TO SIGN UP FOR AUTOMATED RECURRING OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS. TO DO SO CHOOSE ANY ONE OF THE SIMPLE AND CONVENIENT GIVING OPTIONS.

SIMPLY GO TO WWW.SFOASJ.COM ON ANY DEVICE AND CLICK ON THE ONLINE GIVING BUTTON. SCAN THIS QR CODE WITH YOUR MOBILE DEVICE.

TEXT "GIVE" TO 408-479-5858 ON YOUR PHONE.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE AN ACCOUNT TO BE CREATED FOR YOU, PLEASE CONTACT OUR PARISH BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS MANAGER VICTOR ESPINOZA AT 408-223-1770 EXT. 302

FAITH IN ACTION MINISTRIES FAIR

You are invited to the Faith in Action Social Justice Ministries Fair Sunday Aug 27 from 9 am-12 noon in the St. Francis Courtyard, outside Sandersfeld Hall. Learn about parish ministries in climate, housing, senior care, and mental health. Explore volunteer opportunities. Let us know your ideas about how St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners can serve in climate care, housing, senior needs, and mental health. Take home giveaways and handouts. Free. For info: Bill Callahan: billcallahan@yahoo.com.

WELLNESS FAIR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023 @ 11AM - 2PM
4075 EVERGREEN VILLAGE SQUARE

We are with Grace Hospice, and we provide quality end of life comfort care when a cure is no longer possible. We are committed to providing peace, dignity & comfort to our patients and their families and our vision is provide community, relief and global outreach. Get connected to our local partners and great resources that Promote well-being to folks in all stages of life. Call us for more info (408)444-5500 or gdancel@withgracehospice.com

ROSARY & FAITH TALK LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2023 @ 11:30AM - 1:00PM

TOPIC: THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Fr. Rudy Ruiz will lead the Rosary and share a faith talk on "The Blessed Virgin Mary." This event is free to attend; free will offering graciously

Accepted. Please call (408)447-5433 or email admin@ghswomenscenter.com to reserve your seat at the Santa Maria Hall in Campbell. This event will be streamed online too.

