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Sunday August 20, 2023 ~ The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Bishop's Pen...

"O woman, great is your faith."

A Canaanite woman calls out to Jesus, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." We instinctively know that this woman has faith that Jesus can heal her daughter. Canaanites and Jews would not intentionally associate with one another during the time of Jesus. And a Jewish man would certainly not speak to a Canaanite woman.

Jesus met her request with silence, as any self-respecting Jewish man would do. However, Jesus' seeming indifference did not dissuade the woman's persistence. Even when Jesus tells her that His mission is to the "lost sheep of Israel," not to the "dogs" of another nation, the woman persists!

Jesus said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." The woman said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Jesus was testing the degree and persistence of her faith.

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that hour. What we see in today's Gospel is that even though Jesus came to save the "lost sheep of Israel," God does not limit His mercy to only His chosen people. Jesus looks for true faith, be it in the house of Israel or outside of it.

Jesus saw in this Canaanite woman a faith that she did not even see in herself. He saw in her a faith that could withstand any assault; a love that was divine; a hope that could not be shaken. He tested her mettle and she found something within herself that she did not know even existed, perseverance in faith, because of her love for her daughter.

Jesus wants to see that faith in you and in me. Jesus came among us with healing power, and He is looking for our faith to be healed, the same faith as the Canaanite woman.

- Bishop Roy Campbell

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The office is closed for business on:

ALL Weekends Federal Gov't Closings Holidays and Holy Days

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(Please make appointments for private meetings)

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 5:00 pm Sunday - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

Daily Mass 8:30 am

Weekly on Tuesday Exposition / Adoration 6:00 pm Evening Mass 7:00 pm

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Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering

\$ 14,141.49 August 13, 2023

Our average weekly parish expenses for July 2023 - \$15,559.60

Our Offertory last week was 91.0 % of Expenses

Faith Direct: July 2023 - \$29,903.07

Last Week's Attendance Total: Sunday Masses - 676



To The St Joseph Catholic Church Community

Our desire is that every member of our parish family encounters Jesus Christ in a very personal and life-changing way as they journey through life within our community. That now includes you and we welcome you to this very personal, communal journey of faith as part of our parish family. As you begin the next part of your faith journey with us, we encourage you to check in at the Welcome Table and complete the parish registration form. You may also get the form from a Hospitality minister. Stay connected with the St Joseph Community through our Website, Facebook and FlockNote. God has given you gifts to share in helping the Church build the kingdom and accomplish her mission. Seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help you discern where you are meant to serve. When we fully reopen, please check out our Ministries and Organizations at the Welcome Table or our Website.

Pray, discern, then take that leap of faith and get engaged in the life of the parish.

Let us know you are here so we can properly welcome you!

PARISH TITHING AND Contributions

As we reopen for public Mases, please use your offertory envelopes, and please fill them out completely. Enclose your check or cash in your offertory envelope and write the amount on the

envelope. As a reminder money/checks do not stay together with the envelopes so if there's no information or amount on the envelope you may not receive proper acknowledgement for your offering. If you choose to send in your Church envelopes by mail or drop them off at the Church, please continue to do so. Your tax deductible offerings are based on the information on your envelopes. We have also set-up **Online Giving** through **Faith Direct**, which is an easy, simple, and secure way to continue supporting the ministry and mission of our parish. We had to make a number of decisions regarding our current Church staff because we are unable to collect our regular offertory. Please go to the link:

https://www.stjoseph-largo.org/online-giving to sign-up for Faith Direct, make a contribution, and to view a video about enrollment and have your questions answered about online giving.

> We thank all who contribute regularly and generously to the support of our Parish

MASS SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are made in the Church Office during regular business hours or may be given to Hospitality Minister after the Sunday Masses. You will be contacted if the date requested is not available. Bookings for one name for several days in succession will not be accepted. An offering is \$10.00 cash per date / per envelope. Mass intentions are acknowledged at the Sunday and daily Masses. Mass intentions must be received in the office by Monday 9:00 am to be included in the bulletin for the next week.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the **NEXT** bulletin are due in the Church Office on Monday by 12 noon. The bulletin is sent to the printer on Tuesday morning. Late submissions will go into the next bulletin.

COMMUNION CALLS / HOME VISITS

The Eucharistic Ministry is available for communion calls and home visits If you or someone you know is homebound but would like to receive communion on a regular basis, contact the office to schedule a visit.

> Please contact the parish office Monday through Friday 10:00 am and 5:00 pm 301-773-4838

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St Joseph Catholic Church ~ Calendar for this Week

Masses / Observances and Church Activities

Sunday August 20, 2023 TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Masses 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 pm

10:00 am Mass Live Streamed

Monday August 21, 2023 St. PIUS X, POPE

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Tuesday August 22, 2023 The Queenship of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Exposition / Adoration - 6:00 pm Benediction - 6:30 pm

Evening Mass - 7:00 pm

Wednesday August 23, 2023 St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Thursday August 24, 2023
St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Friday August 25, 2023 St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Daily Mass - 8:30 am

Exposition / Adoration
Immediately following Morning Mass

Benediction - 10:00 am

Saturday August 26, 2023

Confession / Reconciliation 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm

Next Sunday
Sunday August 27, 2023
THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday August 20

- SJCC Summer Choir (CL2) 9:00 am
- SJCAF African and Friends Choir Practice (CL2) 10:00 am
- Knights Sunday (CH) 10:00 am
- SJYM Donut Sales

Wednesday August 23

• Line Dancing (RR) 11:00 am

Thursday August 24

- Beginner Line Dancing (RR) 12:30 pm
- St Joseph Sodality -Pray the Rosary (Virtual) 5:00 pm Call in number (848) 220-3100 Conference ID: 06241954#
- SJCC Gospel Choir -November Concert Rehearsal (Cl2) 7:00 pm
- SJCAF-Charismatic Group (CL1) 7:00 pm

Saturday August 26

• Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass (CL2) 3:30 pm

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.

Daily Readings for the Week

Week of August 20, 2023

<u>Sunday:</u> Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/ Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

<u>Tuesday:</u> Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

<u>Wednesday:</u> Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mt 20:1-16

<u>Thursday:</u> Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

<u>Next Sunday:</u> Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-2

For Our Young Parishioners

Sharing the Gospel

A woman begged Jesus to cure her daughter who was possessed by demons. This lady believed that Jesus could cure her daughter. He cured her daughter because of her faith. Ask God to help someone you know who is very sick. Ask God to help the homeless find jobs so they can pay for a place to live. Ask God to help you and your sisters or brothers play without fighting. He will help because of your faith.

Prayer

Jesus, I believe you can help.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself playing an indoor game together with your sister or brother without fighting.

Mission for the Week

When I hear a siren, I will pray for the people inside the ambulance.

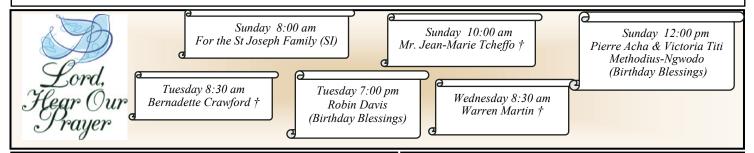
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Please Pray for the Sick and Shut-in...

Gerry Anderson, Agnes Bell, Carla Amorim, Melody Atkinson, Randy Belt, Veronica Blakeney, Rachel Brewer, Eleanor Brooks, Maxine Brown, Virginia Brust, Esther Buchanan, Renee Burroughs, Paula Butler, Tanesha Butler, Fr. Michael Bryant, Angela & Wick Cartwright, Edwinda Castleberry, Alberta Christian, Angela Clark, Chuck Clay, Angella Coker, Kennard Dalrymple, Herman Davis, James Doe, Andrew Dyer, Gregory Eades, Verna Etheredge, Tammy Flarisee, Mary E. Fletcher, Larry & Evelyn Frelow, James Gant, Regina Gary, Maureen Gramby, Agnes Grayson, Catherine & Jennifer Gresham, Juanita Grillo, Kimberly Grimes, Eva Henson, Sheila Hinton, Doris Hite, Luis Howell, Mark Humphrey, Cathy Jackson, Gwen Jarman, Demetrius Jackson, Katie Jackson, Melvin James, Joseph Jennifer, Lyell Johnson, Roland Joyner, Duke Kelly, Mark Sr/ Mark Jr & Gabrielle Landry, Alton Ernest Lewis, Henrietta Long, Karee Lucas, Sadie Malveaux, Barbara Marshall, Maria Marshall, Marilyn Marshall, Leondre Massey, Anthony Mc Donald, Carlos Menefee, Kathleen Mitchell, Nancy Mooney, Jean Neal, Madga Nelson, Paul Newman, Ronald Nickens, Gail Norris, Cynthia Obedike, LaTanya Pelt, Larry Peters, Claudette Randall, Barbara Reece-Jones, Danielle Rhodes, Carolyn Richardson, Irene Richmond, Miriam Ross, Teresa Ross, Ronald G. Sanders, Sheryl Sanders, Marcia Savoy, Thomas W. Scott, Carolyn & William Scriber, Virginette Scott, Lucille Shaw, Madeline Stillwell, Lucille Swann, Candice Taylor, Kenneth Taylor, Carolyn Thrash, Agnes Tolson, Lamont Wade, William "Billy" Tolbert, Erma Torney, Frances Tyler, Michael Younger, Cecilia Whittaker, Darryll Wilcots, Leon Williams, Paula Wynn

And the Recently Deceased:

Eternal Rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



LIVE THE LITURGY: 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.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - FOR YOUR REFLECTION

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 Reading

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?

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW?

<u>Ouestion:</u> What is the name given to a school operated and supported by a parish community?

Answer: (a) Seminary (b) Parish Church School

(c) Parochial School

SEE PAGE 5 FOR ANSWER

WHY DO WE DO THAT? 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. Brothers and Salvatorian Sisters) SSND = School Sisters of Notre Dame SVD = Society of the Divine Word (Divine Word Missionaries)

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CLASSES STARTING SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

TO REGISTER, CLICK LINK OR OR CODE:

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For more information contact the Parish Office

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Do you or do you have a friend or a family member who wants to know more about the Catholic faith? Did you or any family member or friend miss receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation or

First Communion? Are you searching for a greater knowledge and appreciation of your faith? RCIA is the program through which the Church welcomes, educates, and equips those persons seeking full communion in the Catholic faith through the Sacraments of Initiation, namely, Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. If you are interested in becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Church please consider the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) process. All are welcome to attend our "Inquirers" class!

Starting Sunday September 10th
We meet every Sunday at the 12:00 pm Mass
and virtually every Monday from 7:00-8:00 pm.

For more information contact:
Deacon Stephen Nash <u>snash@stjosephlargo.org</u>

To register click the link or QR code:

https://forms.gle/NVmMs4tAsfeNcDg67



Good Samaritans School Supply/ School Uniform Drive July 30, 2023 thru August 27, 2023

Please help the Good Samaritans provide new school supplies and uniforms to students in local Elementary Schools. A list of needed items can be found on the flyer in the foyer.

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With your support we can make this year's School Supply/School Uniform Drive a streess





The Saint Joseph's Youth Ministry will be sponsoring a pop-up fundraiser offering Krispy Kreme donuts over this weekend after each Mass You can buy 1,2 or more...Cash or Check only

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Other common examples include:

DCDaughters of Charity

FSCThe 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 CapThe Capuchin Franciscans

OP - The Order of Preachers (Dominicans)

OSF - Franciscan Sisters

OSP - Oblate Sisters of Providence

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

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - DID YOU KNOW?

You are correct if you answered (c) Parochial School

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