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Jesus and the Canaanite Woman - Matthew 15:21-28

"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps which fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that very hour.

Matthew's story of the Canaanite woman is an unusual and disturbing story in the Gospel tradition. Alongside other Gentile stories in Matthew's very Jewish Gospel, it signifies the opening of the doors to the Gentiles and their inclusion in the community of faith. The woman's language and the silence of Jesus speak powerfully to the contemporary

context within Catholicism. The liturgical language she employs teaches us how to speak in worship, while Jesus' silence addresses our own experience of suffering and the seeming deafness of God. In the end, the narrative, for all its difficulties, is a powerful story of communion and the ultimately gracious response of God. As Catholics we need to recover the depths of our own speech, grounded in Scripture and within the Christian Prayer, as expressions of the grace of an inclusive God who teaches us how to speak and how to wait with faith.



Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. There are several key themes at the heart of our Catholic social tradition.

Life and Dignity of the Human Person.

A Call to Family, Community, and Participation.

Rights and Responsibilities.

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable.

The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers.



Solidarity.

Care for God's Creation.



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He Already Has.



August 24: St Bartholomew the Apostle was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus according to the New Testament. Most scholars today identify Bartholomew as Nathanael or Nathaniel, who appears in the Gospel of John . Christian Tradition tells us, after the Ascension, Bartholomew went on a missionary tour to India, where he left behind a copy of the Gospel of Matthew. Tradition records him as serving as a missionary in Mesopotamia and Parthia, as well as Lycaonia and Ethiopia in other accounts. Popular traditions say Bartholomew preached the Gospel in India and then went to Greater Armenia. Two ancient testimonies exist about the mission of Saint Bartholomew in India. The Majority of scholars are skeptical about this mission to India. The main argu-

ment is the land, Eusebius and Jerome refer to, should be identified as Ethiopia or Arabia Felix. Along with his fellow apostle Jude "Thaddeus", Bartholomew is reputed to have brought Christianity to Armenia in the 1st century. Thus, both saints are considered the Patron Saints of the Armenian Apostolic Church. According to tradition, Bartholomew is the 2nd Catholicos-Patriarch of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

Christian tradition has three stories about Bartholomew's death: "One speaks of his being kidnapped, beaten unconscious, and cast into the sea to drown. Another account states he was crucified upside down, and another claims he was skinned alive and beheaded in Albac or Albanopolis, near Baku, Azerbaijan or Başkale, Turkey."

The most prominent tradition is Bartholomew was executed in Albanopolis in Armenia. According to popular hagiography, the apostle was flayed alive and beheaded. According to other accounts, he was crucified upside down (head downward) like St. Peter. He is said to have been martyred for having converted Polymius, the king of Armenia, to Christianity. Enraged by the monarch's conversion, and fearing a Roman backlash, King Polymius's brother, Prince Astyages, ordered Bartholomew's torture and execution. Current scholarship indicates Bartholomew is more likely to have died in Kalyan in India, where there was an official named "Polymius"

Join us for Bible Study

1st and 3rd Thursday 1:00 & 7:00 PM Via ZOOM

1:00 pm Meeting ID: 87233018319 Passcode: 689472

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7:00 pm Meeting ID 811 5705 8134 Passcode: 6FuFf7

Contact: Elsie Dixon (310) 410-2962





St Elmo's Fire

While most people know Saint Elmo's Fire as the famous 1985 Brat Pack film, it is actually a scientific phenomenon named after a Catholic saint. The saint in question, bishop Erasmus of Formia, was martyred during the persecution of Christians under the rule of emperors Diocletian and

Maximina. After his first arrest, he was tortured and chained in prison, but an angel helped him escape. While traveling he performed many baptisms, which drew the attention of the Roman authorities, and the emperor had him rolled down a hill in a barrel full of spikes, which he survived. Angered, the emperor tortured him further by having him whipped, coated in pitch, and set alight, which he also survived. After escaping yet again, Erasmus was recaptured and tortured. He died after having his abdomen slit open and his intestines wound around a windlass. Iconography depicting him with a windlass also signifies his patronage of sailors. Electrical charges at the mastheads of ships (as well as other tall, polelike structures) became known as St Elmo's Fire and were seen as a sign of protection. Erasmus also fittingly became known as the patron saint of stomachaches, stomach ailments, and labor pains.

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What is difference between a chronical, a hagiography and a biography?

A "chronicle" is the historical narration of events in chronological order, a biography is the narration of the discourse of a life, and a hagiography, is of the life of a saint.

When biography becomes hagiography?

A hagiography from Ancient Greek is a biography of a saint or an ecclesiastical leader, as well as, by extension, an adulatory and idealized biography of a preacher, priest, founder, saint, monk, nun or icon in any of the world's religions. CITUR MARTINUS.

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Volunteers Needed

A liturgical ministry is simply being involved with or assisting with the Mass. While the priest (assisted by the Deacon) is the presider and main guide for the movement of the liturgy, it is a community effort to complete the Mass. Below are listed several ways you can use your gifts and talents to bring more beauty to the Mass: in-

cluding, but not limited to Sacristans; Lectors; Extraordinary Ministers of Communion; Cantors/Choir Members/Musicians, Altar Servers, Ushers, Greeters, Hospitality Ministers, Altar Environment..

A general meeting will be held soon for all those interested in one or more of these Ministries



Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 22, 2023

This year on August 22, we celebrate the Memorial of the Queenship of Mary, honoring Mary's queenship over heaven and earth. Why We Honor Mary as Queen: The Memorial of the Queenship of Mary was first instituted in 1954 by Pope Pius XII. According to Catholic tradition, as Christ is king of the world and saves the people from their sins, Mary is queen over the earth because of her role in the story of divine redemption, serving as mother to the Savior. Just as Christ our king came and offered himself as a servant, Mary also offered herself as a servant to God, obedient to his will.



Check this out!!! Our Very Popular "Friday Prayer Group" Every Friday in the Rectory





Please submit your Bulletin Articles and Pulpit Announcements

<u>AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE.</u>

If you have questions, pls contact the office at (323) 293-4877



LITURGY SCHEDULE AUGUST 21, 2023 MONDAY TO SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 2023

Monday, August 21, 2023 8:00 Communion Service Live-Streamed and In-Person

Tuesday, August 22, 2023
8:00 Communion Service
Live-Streamed and In-Person

Wednesday, August 23, 2023 8:00 am Mass Live-Streamed and In-Person

*Thursday, August 24, 2023 8:00 am Mass Live-Streamed and In-Person

*Friday, August 25, 2023 8:00 am Mass Live-Streamed and In-Person

*Saturday, August 26, 2023 3:00 pm Reconciliation 4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, August 27, 2023
10:00 am Mass
Coffee & Donuts
Parish Hall
Following Mass

Other Sacraments (as Scheduled)

Mass Intentions
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*LOTW: Liturgy of the Word

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(OFFICE VOLUNTEERS) TERESA CARPER

1 Corinthians 15:58

Oh Lord, help every worker to work wholeheartedly for the church. Help them to remember the work they do in the church is not in vain as Your Word declares Your work is never wasted.



*Mass Intentions

Saturday August 12, 2023: Denise Roundfield (Living)

Sunday, August 13, 2023:
Brian Evans (Living)
Perry Humphry, SR (RIP)
Suggested Donation? \$10.00 each

Did you know? August 19-20 The importance of respecting a child's boundaries

Children have the right to set their own boundaries based on what they are comfortable with. One way to be a safe adult is to honor these bounda-



ries to the best of our abilities. For example, if a child doesn't want to high five, we can honor that desire and find another way to celebrate, maybe with a wave or friendly smile. When we respond positively to a child's preferred interactions, we show them that their comfort does matter, and should be respected whenever possible. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "How Safe Adults Can Maintain Health Boundaries" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/. Read the VIRTUS® article "Barriers Minors Face to Disclosing Child Sexual Abuse" here.

