



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20th, 2023

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20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 hour.
- Mt 15:28

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If your family or friends are in a sacramental emergency (someone who is in imminent danger of dying and wishes to receive the sacraments) please call **206-524-8800**

If there is no answer, please call St. Benedict Parish Office: **206-632-0843**

If it is past 4pm, or a weekend please use the emergency line: **(206) 276 8085**

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 20, 2023

Sunday:

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

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

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:

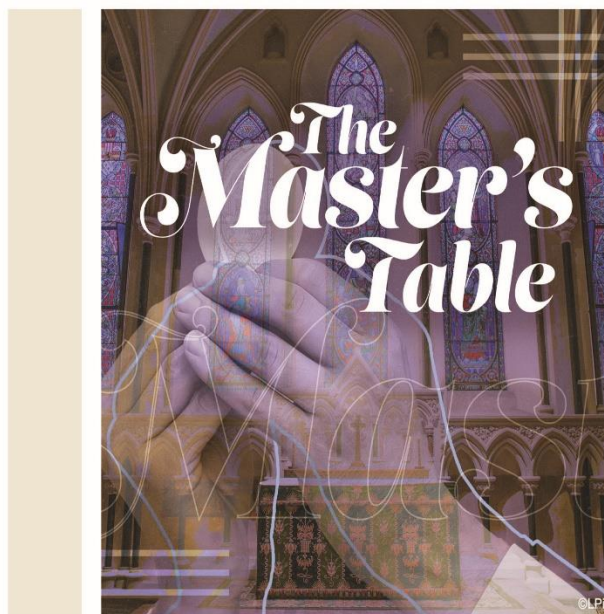
Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday:

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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

Evangelization and Faith Formation

For information contact Olaf at faithformation@st-c.org

Infant Baptism (for children younger than 6 years of age).

Dates available for baptism at Saint Catherine of Siena (on Sundays at 9:30 am Mass):

August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19, **2023**

January 21, April 21, May 19, June 16, **2024**

Dates available for baptism at Saint Benedict (on Sundays at 8:00 am Mass):

September 3, October 1, November 5, **2023**

January 7, February 4, April 7, May 5, **2024**

Next preparation class will be on September 3rd, 2023 after the 8:00 am Mass at Saint Benedict Church.

First Communion and First Reconciliation for Children.

Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist is open for children 7 years of age and in the second grade, and for those in third - fifth grade who have not celebrated these sacraments.

Registration is open for the 2023-2024 academic year. Preparation sessions start at the end of September 2023. Please register at the parish website:

<https://stcatherineparish.net/firstsacraments>

Youth Confirmation.

Youth Confirmation is for youth between 7th and 12th grades. This program helps youth and their families discover their God's given talents, how to nurture a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, and how to live in communion with the Holy Spirit. Visit our parish website to register: <https://stcatherineparish.net/youth-confirmation>

RCIA Starting in September!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a series of classes for anyone interested in learning about the Catholic Church and for those considering becoming Catholic. Our annual RCIA series for St. Catherine and St. Benedict parishes is starting in September! Everyone is welcome. If you are interested in attending RCIA, contact Kim Burkhardt at rcia@st-c.org.

If you have extra rosaries, prayer cards, candles, etc., please consider donating these items to RCIA. We give these items in gift bags to people in RCIA to encourage them to set up a sacred Catholic space at home. Items you have to donate can be brought to the office.



"Truly, you are the Son of God." Believe in all that Jesus says. Place your marriage in His hands by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience...

Aug 25-27: Beaverton, OR **Oct 6-8:** Immaculate Heart Retreat Center, Spokane, WA
Oct 13-15: Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades, Federal Way, WA

For more information visit www.wwme.org
or contact Jeff and Sandy Corneil at 360-930-2321.

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- Training Provided
- Your interests, location & schedule determine placement
 - Flexible Hours
 - Help one person or be on-call
 - Volunteer in your local community
- Mileage reimbursement for volunteer drivers
 - Volunteer insurance provided
- Group opportunities always available!

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Catherine of Siena Church

SATURDAY	5PM
SUNDAY	*9:30AM
WEDNESDAY	9AM
FRIDAY	9AM

CONFESSION	SAT 3:30-4:30PM
ADORATION AT ST. BENEDICT	1ST FRI 6-7PM
ANOINTING OF THE SICK	1ST FRI 9AM

*Livestream Available



ROSARIES

WEDNESDAY	9:30AM
FRIDAY	9:30AM



OPEN FOR PRAYER

FRIDAY	10AM — 12PM
SATURDAY	3:30 — 4:30PM

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.**

CYO Sports for 2023-24 School Year

- St Catherine Cross Country and Soccer registration are now open. Practices start last week of August for soccer and early September for Cross Country.
Please contact Clay White (ctwhitejr@gmail.com) if you are interested in coaching a particular soccer grade.
- Please contact David Mayer (dmayer25@hotmail.com) if you are interested in assisting cross country this fall.
- For player and coach registration of all sports throughout the year, please register here.
Basketball, Volleyball and Track/Field registration will open later in the year.

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