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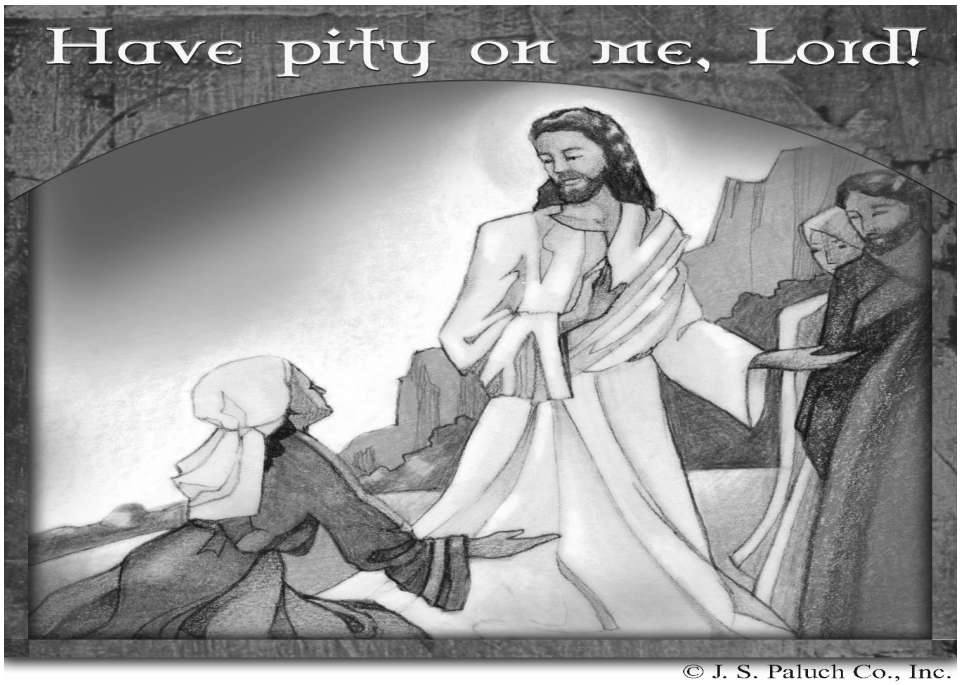


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# 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# August 17, 2014

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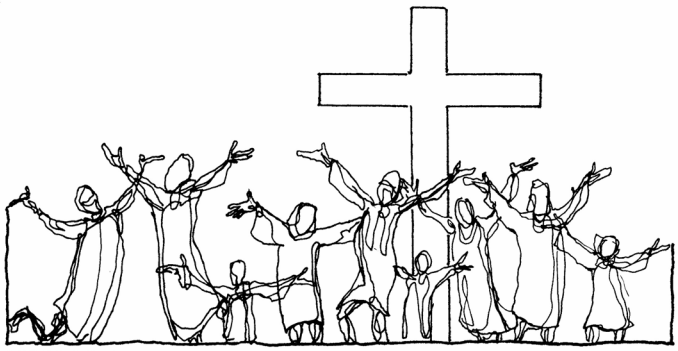

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## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
## August 17, 2014

Observe what is right, do what is just;
for my salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be revealed.
***— Isaiah 56:1***

# Called To Act In God's Name

"Let all the nations praise you!" (Psalm 67:4) today's psalm response exclaims. In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone—not just the Chosen People—to give praise. Stated a bit more strongly, it is something of a "put up or shut up" challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their intimate and loving relationship with God, were not afraid to make.

The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with "Behold!" (Matthew 15:22) "Behold!" is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus' followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living.

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## GOOD EXAMPLE

A faithful Christian, illumined by the rays of grace like a crystal, ought to illumine his neighbor with the light of good example, through word and deed.
**—St. Anthony**

# Today's Readings

### First Reading
**Thus says the LORD: "Stand firm in justice; do what is right" (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).**

### Psalm
**O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).**

### Second Reading
**The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).**

### Gospel
**Recognizing the Canaanite woman's great faith, Jesus told her, "It shall be done as you wish" (Matthew 15:21-28).**

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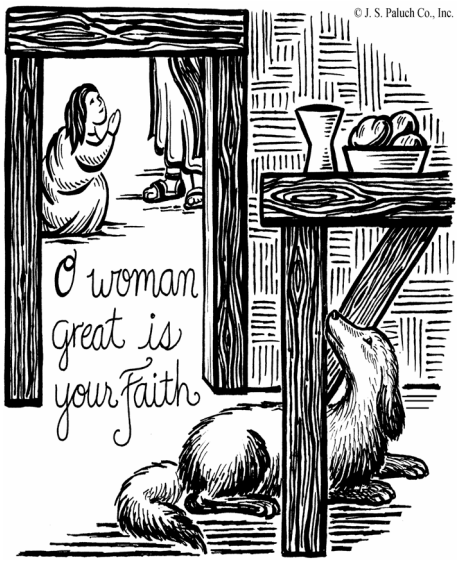
# Treasures From Our Tradition

In many church buildings constructed in the early twentieth century, there is a window or statue of Pope St. Pius X. Often, these windows were purchased with coins collected by grateful children, since in 1910 a decree admitted much younger children to First Communion. Before then, only teenagers were customarily confirmed and then admitted to the Eucharist. What we often think is ancient practice in fact sometimes has fairly shallow roots, in this case only ten decades. For centuries, Communion had marked the end of formal religious education, but a hundred years ago, Pius X located it at the point at which a child could express a desire for the sacrament and receive it with understanding. In 1917 a new code of canon law determined that age to be about seven, and this practice was observed almost everywhere until the beginning of the Second Vatican Council forty years ago.

In a growing number of dioceses, recent practice has restored the sacramental order that Pius X's generous decree upset, and increasingly confirmation is celebrated before First Communion. But the gift Pius gave to the children of the Roman Church remains firm: everywhere we admit children to the Lord's table. Where the traditional order has been restored, seven-year-old children are confirmed before First Communion.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

# Readings for the Week




**Monday**:
**Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22**

**Tuesday**:
**Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30**

**Wednesday**:
**Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16**

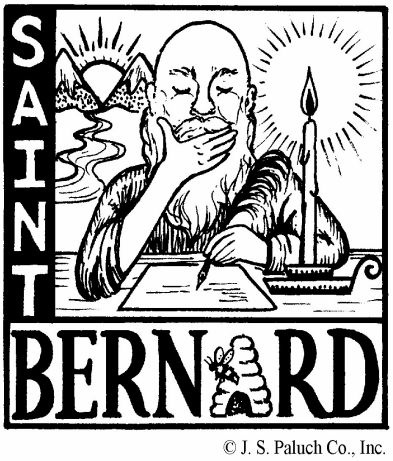
**Thursday**:
**Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14**

**Friday**:
**Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40**

**Saturday**:
**Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12**

**Sunday**:
**Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20**

# Saints & Special Observances

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**Sunday**:
**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

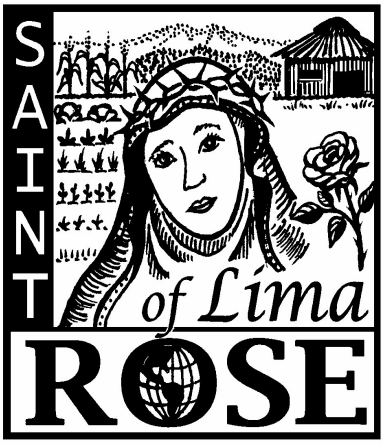
**Tuesday**:
**St. John Eudes**

**Wednesday**:
**St. Bernard**

**Thursday**:
**St. Pius X**

**Friday**:
**Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Saturday**:
**St. Rose of Lima; Blessed Virgin Mary**

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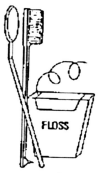


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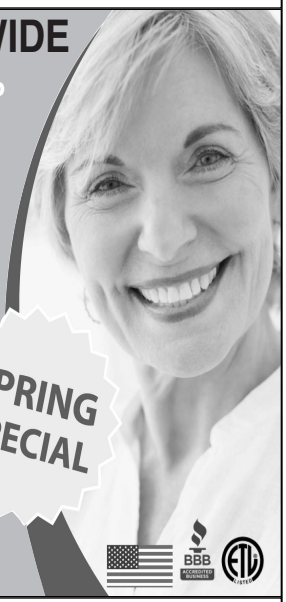

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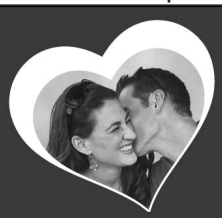

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