



**The Woman of Canaan**  
*Michael Angelo Immenraet (1621-1683)*

**A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR**

In ancient Greece public discourse was founded upon the principles of disciplined rhetoric, a manner of public speaking that was elevated to the dignity of an art-form. An individual trained in the discipline of rhetoric would be an individual trained in the art of using persuasive arguments in order to win others over to his or her point of view. Any arguments used, however, had to withstand the rigors of the standards of logic; in other words, every point in your line of argumentation had to be valid, and demonstrably so.

We, as advanced as we are technologically, have not really “evolved” intellectually, and the reason is that we have lost our passion for the truth, and when the truth no longer matters, then there is nothing left to argue for, except to argue for the love of arguing.

In our nation the loss for the passion for the truth became clear when we learned and taught others to deny the humanity of the poorest and the most defenseless of those among us. The unborn.

With minds darkened by lust, eclipsing our use of reason, we have convinced ourselves that human life developing in the womb is not a life, and that there is no right to life until that right has been granted by someone else. Because of our adherence to the lie regarding when human life begins, we have become ugly and unlovely; and our contempt for one another is a sign of our contempt for human life itself, even at its very beginning.

In the absence of respect for human life, it should not surprise us that we have rendered ourselves incapable of decency and civility, even in our speech. Rather than the sound logic used by the ancient Greeks in their arguments regarding the common good, we and our politicians resort to immature personal attacks, memes and deceptive slogans. *And don't even get me started on what social media has done to our ability to communicate, relate to one another, not to mention its deleterious effects on our nation's IQ.*

Until we are able to recover a vigorous respect for and

*Twentieth Sunday  
of Ordinary Time*

**16 August 2020**

Sacred Heart, Ronan  
Immaculate Conception, Polson  
St. Joseph Mission, Charlo

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**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday at 6:00 pm**

Immaculate Conception  
*Shawn McElwee rb the McElwee's*  
Confessions are available at 5:00 pm

**Sunday**

Sacred Heart at 8:30 am  
*The Sick and the Shut-ins of our Parish*  
Immaculate Conception at 10:30 am  
*Intentions of the Parish Faithful*

**Wednesday at 12:10 pm**

Immaculate Conception  
*A Special Intention*  
Confessions are heard at 11:30 am and again immediately after Mass during a period of Eucharistic Adoration. The rite of Benediction is celebrated at 1:30 pm.

**The Queenship  
of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**  
*Saturday, August 22nd*

On the octave day (8<sup>th</sup> day) of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we celebrate her queenship. The feast was established by Pope Pius XII in 1954, four years after his declaration of the dogma of the Assumption. Available this weekend are both papal documents that define and declare these truths and may be found at the entrance of the church. Study, know, live and enjoy your Catholic faith!



defense of all human life, from conception until natural passing, there can be no real discussion about the common good, when the good of the right to life is not equally held by all; born and unborn.

There are a variety of mental gymnastics that people employ in order to avoid the centrality of the argument for the respect of all human life, and these arguments fail to convince when it is manifestly clear to the use of reason that all rights proceed from and are built upon the first and most fundamental of all rights; the right to life.

Concern for the suffering and hardships born by our fellow man rings hollow when we fail to regard with great respect and hold as precious, new human life begun at its conception. I mean, how can someone who is hungry move us to pity in their adulthood, but that same pity is not extended to them when they are in the womb? From whom did we receive the right to flip our compassion on and off like a switch, lavishing it upon some yet stubbornly and maliciously withholding it from others?

Peace,  
Fr. Kevin Christofferson



***Don't be like the men who helped Noah build the ark, but drowned in the flood.***

#### **FOOD BANKS**

At the beginning of the crisis our parish offered economic support to our two area food banks and I asked that we all do our best to remember others during this time of difficulty. I have spoken to folks from both food banks and both have expressed gratitude for the outpouring of support from the local community, but people remain in need and food goes fast. At this time dairy seems to top the list of things that are needed. Please consider dropping a check in the mail to either of our two food banks and help them stock the items that are most necessary. Thank you!

#### ***Humbly asking for your prayers***

Marcy Bishop, Mary Oulette, Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Lou Marchello, Patricia Kelly, Glen Rogers, Liz Hipp, Michael Conrad, Neil Miskimins, Ellen Holland, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Leonard & Gail Piedalue, Anonymous Request (Greatly Improved!), Kate Shrider Olsen, Don Herbst, Len Moeder, Bill Nash, another Anonymous Request, Marge Welty.

*Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.*

***Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 1:2***

#### **The Holy Father's prayer intention for August**

**The Maritime World** We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.



**Pope St. Pius X**  
*Feast Day Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>*

*The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary.*

*...the great movement of apostasy being organized in every country for the establishment of a One-World Church which shall have neither dogmas, nor hierarchy, neither discipline for the mind, nor curb for the passions, and which, under the pretext of freedom and human dignity, would bring back to the world (if such a Church could overcome) the reign of legalized cunning and force, and the oppression of the weak, and of all those who toil and suffer.*

*To heal the breach between the rich and the poor, it is necessary to distinguish between justice and charity.*

*The true friends of the people are neither revolutionaries, nor innovators, but traditionalists.*

*It is an error to believe that Christ did not teach a determined body of doctrine applicable to all times and to all men, but rather that He inaugurated a religious movement adapted, or to be adapted, to different times and different places.*

#### ***Please pray for our seminarians!***

Dillon Armstrong, Tyler Frohlich, Matthew Christians, Kyle Tannehill and Kaleb Michell

