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MASSES:

Saturday Morning Mass	8:00 A.M.
Saturday—Vigil Mass:	4:30 P.M.
Sunday:	8:00 A.M.
	10:30 A.M.
Weekday:	12:10 P.M.
Holy Days, Vigil Mass:	5:30 P.M.
Feast:	12:10 P.M.
Masses on Holidays:	9:00 A.M.

CONFESSIONS:

Daily:	11:45 A.M.—12:05 P.M.
Saturday:	3:30 – 4:15 P.M.
	Anytime on request.

Prayer Request Line: 434-8291

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Sunday, August 16, 2020

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WHY PRAY?

The “foreigners” as Isaiah calls them, the “Gentiles” as Paul calls them, or the “Canaanites” as Matthew calls them are called to worship the one true God in prayer. As we listen to today’s readings, perhaps we are tempted to ask: Why pray? The question is rhetorical; it is tantamount to asking why should friends talk to one another or people in love kiss one another. Prayer is a way of relating to God, a way of talking to God. The apostles had the opportunity to talk to Jesus in the flesh. We have the opportunity to talk to Jesus Christ in prayer. Our relationship with him must be enthusiastic; it cannot be faint-hearted. John Donne, a fifteenth-century poet, knew what the qualities of good prayer were. Donne asks God to treat him differently from most Christians. The poet does not want God to merely “knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend,” but also to “break, blow, burn, and make me new” (Holy Sonnets, XIV). It takes a dynamic faith on our part to come to God in prayer. As Jesus once said, “Knock and the door will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7). It may take pounding the door down, but if we are as persistent as the woman in today’s Gospel, the results will follow. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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).

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 43:1-7ab; 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

Generations of Faith Campaign

Parish Campaign Goal	\$ 245,000
Pledges Received as of August 9nd	\$ 254,197

Thanks to all supporting our seminarians,
 retired priests, youth ministry
 and Cathedral Parish
 by their pledge.

MASS INTENTIONS

Week beginning Sunday, August 16, 2020

Saturday August 15	4:30 PM Vigil	Zoila Rivera
Sunday August 16	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Norman Pharr Parishioners
Monday August 17	12:10 AM	Deacon John Cretaro
Tuesday August 18	12:10 PM	Cretaro Family
Wednesday August 19	12:10PM	Henry J. O’Connor
Thursday August 20	12:10PM	Laverne Schenk
Friday August 21	12:10 PM	McGill Family
Saturday August 22	8:00 AM 4:30 PM Vigil	Elizabeth C. Duke (L)



Visit the Cathedral website to start your online contribution at www.mobilecathedral.org. Click “Online Giving” and follow the instructions. You can make your donations using your checking or credit card account. Call the parish office at 251.434.1565 for assistance.

Tithes and Donations

**Thank you for continuing to give
 on-line, through the mail
 and in the collection basket.**

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Collections August 9, 2020	\$ 2,443.90
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Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Announcements

Upcoming Masses & Special Collections

This Weekend: Collection for Catholic Home Missions

Cathedral Parish News

Notes for Mass:

1. Do not attend Mass with a fever or if you are sick.
2. Maintain **social distancing** entering and leaving the church, when sitting in a pew, and while in line to receive Holy Communion.
Please use only the indicated pews.
3. **We encourage you to wear a mask.** Gloves may be worn, but **Holy Communion cannot be received wearing gloves.**
4. To maintain social distancing between the priest and the communicant, **we strongly urge you to receive Holy Communion in the hand.**
5. No physical contact is required at the Sign of Peace.
6. **If you pick up a song sheet or bulletin**, please take it with you or put in the trash.
7. **Do not leave anything in the pew** or anywhere else for others to use.
8. All are asked to **sanitize their hands before and after Mass.**

The priest and deacon will sanitize their hands before Mass and before and after distribution of Holy Communion. The pews and other common surfaces will be disinfected between Masses.

**Following these regulations
will help keep everyone safer.
Thank you for doing so.
Thank you for attending Mass
at the Cathedral.
God bless!**

Parish Meetings

St. Vincent de Paul Society meets on the **first and third Tuesday** of each month at 6 PM at the Portier House. Call 251-447-3504 or email cath.svdpmobile@gmail.com

RCIA Classes will be held each Tuesday at 6pm beginning September 8th in the Cathedral Office at the Portier House.

Other Parish meetings continue to be canceled until further notice.

The Prayer Network request number is 251-434-8291. Please call and leave your prayer request. It will be forwarded to the Prayer Network.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 16, 2020

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

Cathedral Parish News, continued

Pews and Brews

All young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to **Pews & Brews** this Wednesday, August 19th (and every third Wednesday of the month). Mass will be celebrated at 6 PM, followed by fellowship outside at Iron Hand Brewing. For more information, contact Temple Zimlich at 251-604-3294 or Trey Gross at 251-404-4286.

R.C.I.A.

Want to learn more about the Catholic Church? Interested in becoming Catholic? Baptized Catholic, but never confirmed? Then join us on Tuesday nights at 6 pm beginning Tuesday, September 8th for the **R.C.I.A., the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.** We will meet in the Portier House, 307 Conti Street. Contact Father Bill, Deacon John Archer or email the Parish Office at office@mobilecathedral.org for more information.

Mask Only Pews

Most pews in both side sections are now reserved for those wearing masks. If you are not wearing a mask, please do not sit in those pews.

Online Giving

Our Parish **Online Giving** system has been upgraded to an easier-to-use platform. All are welcome to use online giving—you can access it at on our website: www.mobilecathedral.org.

Disinfectant Help After Mass

Help is needed after the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses to disinfect the church, wiping down the pews and other surfaces. Please meet in the back of the church after Mass and volunteer to help. Gloves and rags will be provided. You will not get dirty doing so—and it will take less than 10 minutes. Thanks!