

August 16, 2020

Ordinary Time

Twentieth Sunday



What Dogged Faith!

In today's Gospel, an unrelenting Canaanite woman badgers a healing from the reluctant Jesus. It took at least three tries for the desperate mom to get Jesus to help her daughter. Because of her faith in who Jesus is, she will not be put aside by anyone. The power of her faith makes her willing to risk insult, encourages her boldness and ultimately brings about the transformation she seeks. Jesus says to her: *O woman, great is your faith. How would Jesus Describe your faith?*

Today's bulletin is sponsored by Gilleta & Stan Kouba in memory of Venice Kouba.

MASS INTENTIONS

Friday, August 21

8:00 a.m. Janie & Edward Hajek, Venice Kouba

Sunday, August 23

9:30 a.m. Mary & Cyril Dornak, The Deceased of the Rudy Jahn Family



**** Outdoor Mass with a congregation has resumed. Face masks and social distancing protocol will be in place. ****

* *Mass with a congregation this Sunday, August 16 will be at 9:30 a.m. under the pavilion at the Social Center in Moulton.*

** **Note:** Starting this Sunday, August 16 the Sunday morning Mass in Moulton will return to the normal (Pre-Covid) schedule - 9:30 a.m. every Sunday.

*** *Sunday Mass will continue to be available on demand for viewing on our Facebook Page: St Joseph's & St Mary's - Moulton/Praha, TX and on our website www.stjosephsmoulton.org.*

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Georgia Roznovsky.

The Aug. 17 Catholic Daughters' Meeting has been canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 21.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH REPAIR FUND



We thank the following for their contributions:

Sidonia Mayer - \$300

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ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL CENTER FUND

We are very grateful to the following for their recent donations to the St. Joseph's Social Center Fund:

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PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 138

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Vlasta Pavlas
and for the comfort of her loved ones.
May she rest in peace.



REFLECTION

Widening The Circle of The People of God

**Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 Psalm 67 Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Matthew 15:21-28**

Of all the snapshots of Jesus the Gospel give us, Jesus' encounter with the Canaanite woman is one many of us would like to rip from the Gospels. How did the poor mother feel about what Jesus told her? What is Jesus teaching us?

Notice the woman is crying out but nobody responds to her. The disciples wanted Jesus to get rid of her. Jesus seems to share their opinion. The woman looks at Jesus in the face and calls on him as the Lord who has the power to alter the tragedy of her life. Then comes the clincher: Jesus declares that dogs do not have a right to the children's food. This gave the woman the perfect opening for a debate. She took this opening gambit and one-upped Jesus in the game – *Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.* If she did not have a claim to a place at the table, there was surely no rule against gleaned what would be otherwise wasted. Jesus not only rejoices in her come back but also holds her up as an example of great faith. Once again, Jesus pulls it off. Allowing this persistent mother to be his foil in a living parable, Jesus leads the disciples and us up the path to confronting our own prejudices and restricted conceptions of God's mercy. Isaiah says, *For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Aug. 16 – Rachel Dolezal, Jose Perez, Jr.
Aug. 17 – Danny Rother
Aug. 18 – Fallon Fojtik, Lindsey Kirkland,
Gussie Machalec, Mary Ann Wenske
Aug. 19 – Sharon Etlinger, Beatrice Krejci, Abigail Siegel,
Lily Simper
Aug. 20 – Henley Krejci, Scott Wenske
Aug. 21 – Paul Kocian, Joe Allen Pilat
Aug. 22 – Doris Barta, Jolee Kuehn

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Aug. 19 – Betty & Clement Petras
Aug. 20 – Diana & Harvey Kloesel
– Martha & Stephen Gold
– Congratulations Amy & Charles Greive
on your 15th Wedding Anniversary
Aug. 21 – Brittanica & Wyatt Darilek

Through the waters of Baptism
Coleman Thomas Perales
child of Kristin & Rudolph Perales
has begun his journey of faith
in our Christian community.



Dear Friends,

As we go through these difficult times, we cannot rest on our laurels and hope for good times to come. I believe we are to find God in this situation and are challenged to respond in the very best ways possible to be a sign of hope to others in the new challenges facing us all. This calls for a fresh look at our mission as Church and how best we can serve our community by bringing about a semblance of normalcy as we also pray for the end of the Pandemic. In this attempt I met with the C.C.D. Teachers last Sunday. We are considering ways of upgrading our facility to incorporate new technology in our mission of making young disciples for the Church. We are looking at C.C.D. starting September 13. Registration forms will be mailed to those who attended C.C.D. last year and available on-line. We will hold off on re-opening the Y.M.C. until after Christmas. Hopefully, by then we would have figured out what to do to keep our kids safe.

I have been discussing our Picnic with different groups of people. There seems to be an appetite for some form of Picnic and people are ready to help. Two heifers and some quilts have already been donated. We are looking at a virtual/in-person auction, plates-to-go of chicken and sides only and possibly a drive-thru Country Store.

As regards to our Eucharistic celebrations, I am considering resuming our regular schedule in both Moulton and Praha by the first weekend of September. In all this my biggest concern is the safety of parishioners. In the meantime, we are working hard on the church. Choosing the right colors is always an issue but we are working on it. Your support has been tremendous even under these circumstances. You will love the church when it is all done. I enjoin you to take all precautions to keep safe. We owe it to ourselves. As usual, my prayers are with you.

God bless,

LITURGICAL ORIENTATION

Looking Ahead: The Twenty-first and Twenty-second Sundays In Ordinary Time

The Twenty-first and Twenty-second Sundays form a sequence. We read two Gospel passages in which the first time we see Peter occupy a special place among the disciples of Jesus. In the first episode Peter speaks up and declares Jesus is *the Messiah, the Son of the living God*. Jesus in turn entrusts Peter with an unexpected responsibility in the community of faith (21st Sunday). Soon after this the same Peter finds it hard to accept that Jesus must undergo his passion (22nd Sunday).

In the Letter to the Romans, the liturgy offers for our mediation Paul's hymn of the merciful wisdom (21st Sunday) and the next Sunday Paul's comments on spiritual worship (22nd Sunday).

The First Reading on the Twenty-first Sunday focuses on Isaiah: The key to the house of David and on the Twenty-second Sunday Jeremiah: Like fire burning in my heart.

During the period of Ordinary Time, the lectionary readings focus on issues and concerns of ordinary life. The lessons to be learned are lessons about everyday discipleship and the kind of community this discipleship creates.