

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 in memory of Gary Greive, sponsored by his family.

Flowers for the August 15, Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass are donated by the K.J.Z.T. St. Anne's Society #4.



### MASS INTENTIONS

Thursday, August 20

5:30 p.m. Vlasta Pekar

Saturday, August 22

4:30 p.m. Mark Anderle, Wiedemann, Pokluda & Tupa Families  
(Under the Auction Pavilion, Praha)

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



\* Mass with a congregation this Saturday, August 15 will be at 4:30 p.m. under the auction pavilion in Praha.

\*\* Note: Starting Saturday, August 15 the Saturday evening Mass in Praha will return to the normal (Pre-Covid) schedule – 4:30 p.m. every Saturday.

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.stmaryspraha.org](http://www.stmaryspraha.org).

### St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

*Dorothy & Delfin Marek, El Campo, TX - \$20*  
*Pam & Ramsey Longbotham, Cuero, TX - \$100*

*In Memory of Joyce Janecka: Betty Patalik - \$25*

### ST MARY'S MEMORIAL FUND

*In Memory of James "Burt" Finney; Georgia Cerny*

### 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 (21<sup>st</sup> Sunday). Soon after this the same Peter finds it hard to accept that Jesus must undergo his passion (22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday).

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

### Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the 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**

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Bea Anna Hinojosa, Bennie Beale, Jenelle Cerny and all those who are suffering from the Corona Virus.

**The Sanctuary Light  
will be lit this week  
in memory of Gary Greive.**



## 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 gleaning 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!



August 16 – Johnnie Hoffman  
                  – Edith Kalina  
August 20 – Charlie Bartos  
                  – Sarah Hill  
August 21 – Kimberlyn Michalec

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



August 17 – Gayle & Steven Hill  
August 19 – Johnnye & Jack Jameyson



Rosary every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Come join a group of church ladies at the Zdravas Maria Plaza to pray.

## OUTDOOR MASSES IN MOULTON & PRAHA

The outdoor Masses have resumed.

### Mass Schedule:

**Saturday, August 15 – 8:00 a.m. in Moulton  
                                  – 4:30 p.m. in Praha**

*A small reception will be held after Mass while  
the Raffle Tickets are drawn. All are welcome.*

**Sunday, August 16 – 9:30 a.m. in Moulton**

*Beginning August 15<sup>th</sup>, the Saturday evening Mass in  
Praha will be at 4:30 p.m. Beginning August 16<sup>th</sup>, the  
Sunday morning Mass in Moulton will be at 9:30 a.m.*

*Beginning the first weekend of September we resume our  
regular schedule:*

*Praha – 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. on Sundays  
Moulton – 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays, 6:30 & 9:30 a.m. on  
Sundays.*

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