

*Christi simus, non nostri.* + We belong to Christ, not ourselves.



## August 16, 2020—20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

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Office: M-Th 9AM-12PM; 12:30-2PM

Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM  
Saturday: 5 PM

Wednesday Mass: 9 AM  
Anointing of the Sick: By Appt.  
Confession: Friday 4:00—5:00 PM

Rosary begins 30 min.  
before all Masses

ALL PARISH EVENTS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

*The church may be opened upon request  
during office hours for those wishing to  
pray inside.*

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Confession: Sunday 7:30 -7:45AM  
Anointing of the Sick: by Appt.

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DUE TO COVID19 RESTRICTIONS, ALL MASSES ARE BY RESERVATION ONLY AND WILL BE HELD ON THE ST. COLUMBAN CAMPUS

**MISSION STATEMENT - WE ARE A CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY THAT SEEKS TO PLACE GOD FIRST, TO KNOW HIM, AND TO GROW IN HOLINESS TOGETHER. WE STRIVE TO LIVE THE GOSPEL THROUGH THE EUCHARIST, IN OUR TEACHING AND WAY OF LIFE.**

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# SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Mass Intentions

Pray for all those affected by Covid-19  
and for first responders and caregivers.

Aug 19— Maria Luisa & Jose Luis  
Fregoso

## In Our Prayers

Loving God, we join with others of  
your people here asking you to  
hold in Your hands Mona Guffey,  
Joseph Waters, Oneida Blagg, Jess  
and Jessica Nash, Dawn Bauer, Jodi  
Smith, Jackie Raygo, Don Troyer,  
and Michael Mauss, Maria Fregoso  
and all those in harm's way.

## Financial Stewardship

**St. Columban St. Peter**

Weekly Goal	\$5,762	\$712
Aug 9	\$2,676	\$300

### From the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus* by Venerable Pius XII, Pope

*Your body is holy and excelling in splendor*

In their homilies and sermons on this feast the holy fathers and the great doctors spoke of the assumption of the Mother of God as something familiar and accepted by the faithful. They gave it greater clarity in their preaching and used more profound arguments in setting out its nature and meaning. Above all, they brought out more clearly the fact that what is commemorated in this feast is not simply the total absence of corruption from the dead body of the Blessed Virgin Mary but also her triumph over death and her glorification in heaven, after the pattern set by her only Son, Jesus Christ. Thus Saint John Damascene, preeminent as the great preacher of this truth of tradition, speaks with powerful eloquence when he relates the bodily assumption of the loving Mother of God to her other gifts and privileges: "It was necessary that she who preserved her virginity inviolate in childbirth should also have her body kept free from corruption after death. It was necessary that she who carried the Creator as a child on her breast should dwell in the tabernacles of God. It was necessary that the bride espoused by the Father should make her home in the bridal chambers of heaven. It was necessary that she, who had gazed on her crucified Son and been pierced in the heart by the sword of sorrow which she had escaped in giving him birth, should contemplate him seated with the Father. It was necessary that the Mother of God should share the possessions of her Son, and be venerated by every creature as the Mother and handmaid of God."

Saint Germanus of Constantinople considered that it was in keeping not only with her divine motherhood but also with the unique sanctity of her virginal birth that it was incorrupt and carried up to heaven: "In the words of Scripture, you appear in beauty. Your virginal body is entirely holy, entirely chaste, entirely the house of God, so that for this reason also it is henceforth a stranger to decay: a body changed, because a human body, to a preeminent life of incorruptibility, but still a living body, a body inviolate and sharing in the perfection of life." Another early author declares: "Therefore, as the most glorious Mother of Christ, our God and Savior, the giver of life and immortality, she is enlivened by him to share an eternal incorruptibility of body with him who raised her from the tomb and took her to himself in a way he alone can tell."

All these reasons and considerations of the holy Fathers rest on Scripture as their ultimate foundation. Scripture portrays the loving Mother of God, almost before our very eyes, as most intimately united with her divine Son and always sharing in his destiny. Above all, it must be noted that from the second century the holy Fathers present the Virgin Mary as the new Eve, most closely associated with the new Adam, though subject to him in the struggle against the enemy from the nether world. This struggle, as the first promise of a redeemer implies, was to end in perfect victory over sin and death, always linked together in the writings of the Apostle of the Gentiles. Therefore just as the glorious resurrection of Christ was an essential part of this victory and its final trophy, so the struggle shared by the Blessed Virgin and her Son was to end in the glorification of her virginal body. As the same Apostle says: *When this mortal body has clothed itself in immortality, then will be fulfilled the word of Scripture: Death is swallowed up in victory.* Hence, the august Mother of God, mysteriously united from all eternity with Jesus Christ in one and the same decree of predestination, immaculate in her conception, a virgin inviolate in her divine motherhood, the wholehearted companion of the divine Redeemer who won complete victory over sin and its consequences, gained, at last the supreme crown of her privileges — to be preserved immune from the corruption of the tomb, and, like her Son, when death had been conquered, to be carried up body and soul to the exalted glory of heaven, there to sit in splendor at the right hand of her Son, the immortal King of the ages.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on August 15

Pax et bonum  
Fr. Dean

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For daily Mass readings and Event Calendar please see our Monthly Insert, found in the narthex and on our website.

## Faith Formation

### All Faith Formation classes will resume in September

Registration is available through the summer



#### PARENTS OF RETURNING STUDENTS

Please check your email regarding the 2020-21 Faith Formation year. If you did not receive an email, please contact Katie in the Faith Formation Office to make sure you are on our mailing list.

[katie@sc-sp.org](mailto:katie@sc-sp.org) 360-458-3031x3



### R.C.I.A.

R.C.I.A. classes for the 2020-2021 year will resume in September.

If you would like more information, please contact Katie in the Parish Office:

360-458-3031x3 or [katie@sc-sp.org](mailto:katie@sc-sp.org)

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

If you are interested in baptizing your child and would like more information, please contact Katie Hennigan in the Parish Office.

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### Bonus Bulletin Content!

To save on printing, some extra bulletin content will now be exclusively found in the online edition of our bulletin, which is also emailed weekly to parishioners.

Sign up at [flocknote.com/saintcolumbanyelm](http://flocknote.com/saintcolumbanyelm) or visit our website [saintcolumbanyelm.org](http://saintcolumbanyelm.org)

**All Masses will resume with modifications, see below for details**

### MASS RESERVATIONS

In accordance with the Governor's instructions and guidance from the Archdiocese, public Mass at our parish has resumed. Attendance will be limited to 70 people and reservations must be made in advance.

To make a reservation, please contact the Parish Office.

**360-458-3031 ext. 5**  
**Mon-Thurs from 9AM-2PM**

Reservations end every Thursday at 2PM and please note that leaving a voicemail does not confirm your reservation.

#### Weekend Mass:

Vigil	5PM
Sunday	8AM
	10:30AM

#### Weekday Mass

Wednesdays at 9AM.

*\*This will also be by reservation only and reservations end Tuesdays at 2PM.*

#### Confession

Fridays 4-5PM  
Sundays from 7:30—7:45AM

#### Important Things to Remember

- ◆ Masks will be required and only persons from within the same household will be seated together.
- ◆ Please arrive at least 20 minutes early for Mass. You will be checked in by a Greeter and then seated by an Usher.
- ◆ We recommend you bring your own missal with you for the readings as they will not be provided.

## 2nd Annual



## Knights of Columbus

## Coats for Kids Car Show

**Saturday August 22nd**  
**9AM -2PM**

**In the parking lot at St. Columban**

### Coffee Hours-Women's Club

No events until further notice.

**DONATE NOW**



Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you to all who returned your pledges. The Catholic Appeal Campaign supports over 60 ministries and services in the Archdiocese. Once our goal is reached, every dollar and every prayer will be returned to the parish and mission for our special projects. *Please do not send blank envelopes as it delays the process.*

**Goal for St. Columban: \$29, 466**

Total Pledged as of  
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**Goal for St. Peter: \$4, 651**

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# Does God Only Care for the Chosen People?



Long ago God had set aside the Israelites as His chosen people. He gave them laws and prophets and set up a covenant with them, that they would be His people and He would be their God. He promised them that He would send them a Savior.

When Jesus the Savior came, His first mission was to care for God's chosen people. In today's Gospel reading, however, a woman who was not an Israelite came to ask Jesus for help. At first Jesus refused- He had been sent to God's children, and "it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But the woman said, "even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the master's table." She knew that Jesus could help her. When He saw how much faith she had, He did what she asked and cured her daughter.

Jesus wasn't trying to make the woman give up. He was giving her a chance to show how much humility and faith she had. Jesus used this to show the people that God will let anyone who believes, like this woman, become part of His chosen people.

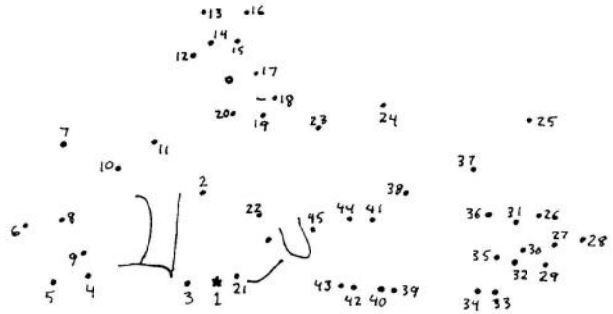


Dot to dot: dogs, servants, keep, sabbath, mountain, prayer, altar, house.

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# The Kids' Bulletin

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 16th, 2020

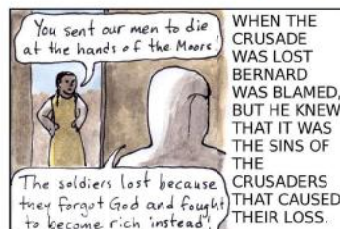
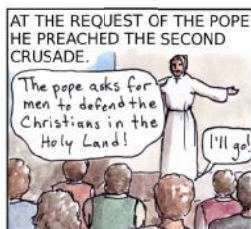
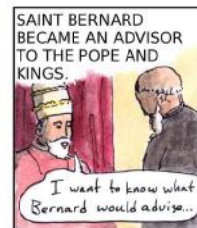
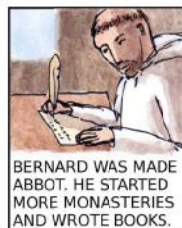
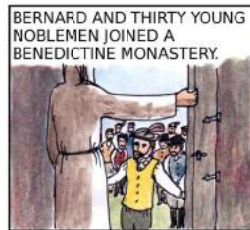
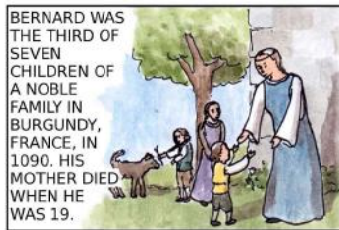


In today's Gospel reading, a foreign woman was asking Jesus to cure her daughter. But Jesus said that He was sent to care for the children of Israel, not foreigners.

The woman replied to Jesus, "But even the \_\_\_\_\_ eat the scraps that fall from their master's table!"

What did she say she was like?  
Connect the dots to find out!

# Saint Bernard of Clairvaux August 20

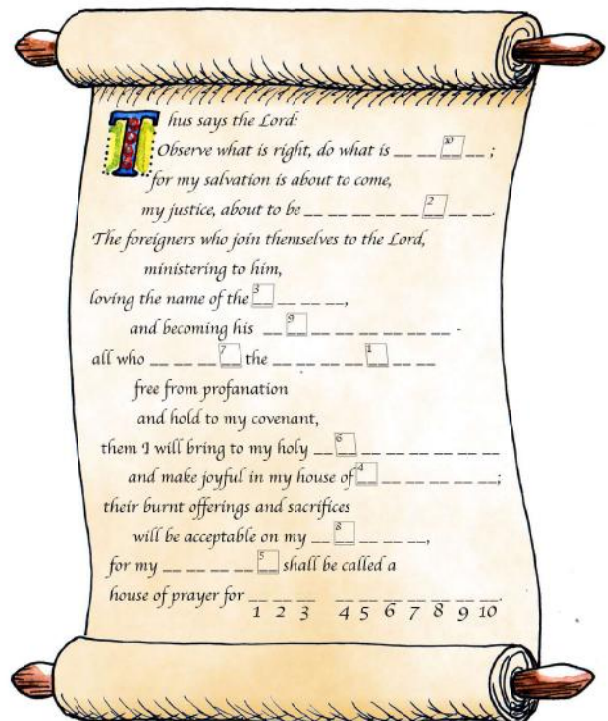


SAINT BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX WAS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE OF HIS TIME, BUT HE DIDN'T THINK OF HIMSELF AS BEING BETTER THAN OTHERS. WHAT WAS IMPORTANT TO HIM WAS THAT HE LOVED AND SERVED GOD IN EVERYTHING HE DID. DO YOU TRY TO PLEASE GOD IN EVERYTHING YOU DO?

thekidsbulletin@gmail.com

# Isaiah 56 Fill-in-the-Blanks

Use the words below to fill in the blanks. Then use the marked letters to fill in the appropriate spaces at the end.



# HOW DO YOU MODEL COMPASSION DURING THE ELECTION?

U.S. Bishops invite Catholics to model compassion and respectful dialogue with their families, communities, and parishes, and call on others to do the same.

How can we keep a conversation open instead of closed? When we hear a family member, friend, or colleague disparaging someone else, we are called to suggest compassion instead. This may involve much patience and many conversations over time to help friends or families recognize why particular language is not respectful of others' dignity.

## RESOURCES

[U.S. Bishops' National Civility Efforts](#)

[A response to Jesus' call to love our neighbor](#)



RECOGNIZE THAT  
GOD'S SPIRIT  
DWELLS WITHIN  
EVERYONE.



## HOW TO MODEL COMPASSION?

1. Recognize the very presence of God and human dignity in all our brothers and sisters.
2. Presume others' best intentions and listen to their stories with empathy.
3. Put your faith into action and make room in your heart for those with whom you disagree.
4. Commit to seek understanding before seeking to be understood.
5. Use words that evoke love and respect.

## PRAYER

Lord Jesus, may your love guide and direct our actions and words so that we may live out your example to love each person.



*"May you be sowers of hope, builders of bridges and agents of dialogue and harmony."*

POPE FRANCIS

Message during Apostolic Journey  
April 29, 2017

# Contact tracing call?

## 5 things to know

A contact tracer from your state health department might call if you've been exposed to COVID-19. But scammers are pretending to be contact tracers, too. Here's how you can spot the scam.



### Real contact tracers won't ask you for money.

Only scammers insist on payment by gift card, money transfer, or cryptocurrency.



### Contact tracing doesn't require your bank account or credit card number.

Never share account information with anybody who contacts you asking for it.



### Legitimate contact tracers will never ask for your Social Security number.

Never give any part of your Social Security number to anyone who contacts you.



### Your immigration status doesn't matter for contact tracing, so real tracers won't ask.

If they do, you can bet it's a scam.



### Do not click on a link in a text or email.

Doing so can download malware onto your device.

Talking to a real contact tracer helps stop the spread of COVID-19. Reporting scammers helps stop them, too. Report fake contact tracers to your state and at [ftc.gov/complaint](https://ftc.gov/complaint).



FEDERAL TRADE  
COMMISSION

For more information about contact tracing **visit your state health department's website** and

[ftc.gov/coronavirus/scams](https://ftc.gov/coronavirus/scams)

# The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 16-22, 2020

Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed.

—IS 56:1

## Cardinal Bernardin New Leadership Award Nominations

Do you know a young faith-filled Catholic between the ages of 18-40 who has demonstrated leadership against poverty and injustice in the United States? Nominate them today for the Cardinal Bernardin New Leadership Award!

Nominations are open until Sunday, Aug. 30th.

Visit: <http://www.usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development/cardinal-bernardin-new-leadership-award.cfm>

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BULLETIN

# Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

DATES: 1090–1153

FEAST DAY: AUGUST 20

**K**nown as Bernard of Clairvaux, this French abbot and doctor of the church is considered the second founder of the Cistercians. He entered the relatively new monastery at Citeaux in 1113 with four of his own brothers and 27 friends, and later founded the monastery at Clairvaux, which gave birth to 68 other communities. Despite poor health and his devotion to personal mortification, Bernard was an early Western European rock star: He was consulted by popes and kings, battled heresies, and supported the Second Crusade. The sick and maimed lined the roads he traveled, hoping for a miracle. Dante chose Bernard as his final guide in “Paradiso,” at the end of “The Divine Comedy.” He is the patron of Gibraltar.



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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020**

## 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith!  
Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's  
daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2020

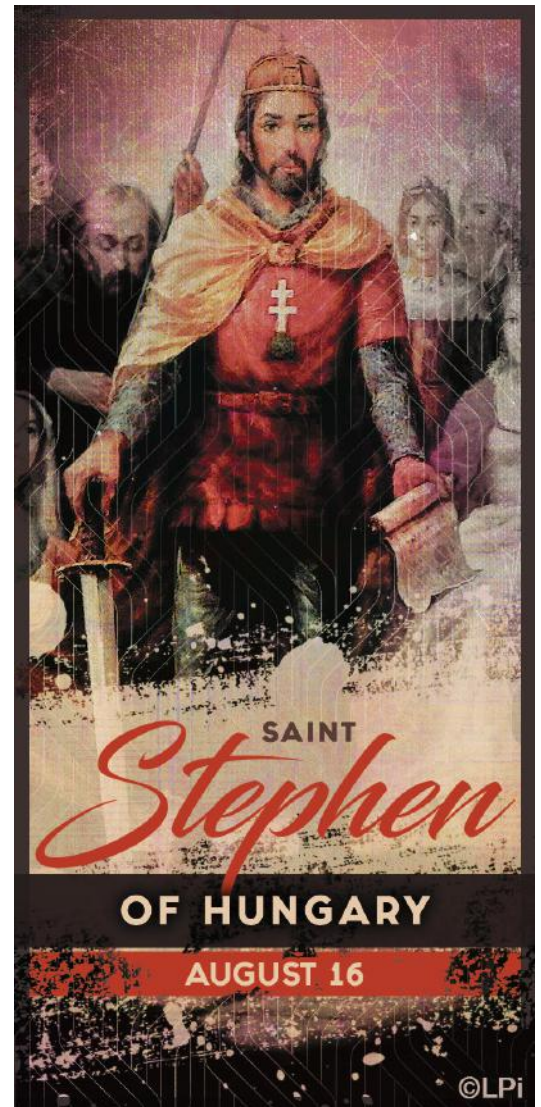
- SUN 8/16** Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/  
Mt 15:21-28
- MON 8/17** Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22
- TUE 8/18** Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/Mt  
19:23-30
- WED 8/19** Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16
- THR 8/20** Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/Mt 22:1-14
- FRI 8/21** Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Mt 22:34-40
- SAT 8/22** Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 23:1-12
- SUN 8/23** Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/  
Mt 16:13-20

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2020

- Sunday:** 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Wednesday:** St. John Eudes, Priest
- Thursday:** St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
- Friday:** St. Pius X, Pope
- Saturday:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Next Sunday:** 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

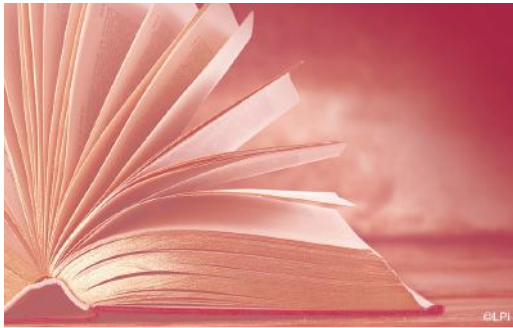
## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

As much as some folks may not want to admit it, we all want to be healed. Human beings suffer physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually. There are many wounds. Of all of the maladies that can afflict us, the ones that require the greatest attention are of a spiritual nature. What can happen if we are healed inwardly, brought back to center, and restored in our relationships, especially in our relationship with God? We will find the courage, strength, conviction, and hope needed to deal with the more tangible struggles that may not find an easy remedy. Inner strength, gained by persistent faith, is what allows strong, determined, and courageous people to overcome incredible challenges and hurdles. Be persistent in your faith, and seek the inner spiritual healing that you so desperately desire and need.



Live in the  
*Love*  
of God

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

Thus says the LORD:  
Observe what is right, do what is just;  
for my salvation is about to come,  
my justice, about to be revealed. (Is 56:1)



## PSALM

O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67)



## SECOND READING

Just as you once disobeyed God  
but have now received mercy  
because of their disobedience,  
so they have now disobeyed in order that,  
by virtue of the mercy shown to you,  
they too may now receive mercy. (Rom 11:30-31)



## GOSPEL

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“O woman, great is your faith!  
Let it be done for you as you wish.”  
And the woman's daughter was healed  
from that hour. (Mt 15:28)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We are hardwired for wholeness and crave it. When something is broken, we want it fixed. If a part of our body is not working properly, we want it healed. How often do we find ourselves saying, “I’m tired of struggling with this cold, I can’t wait for my surgery to heal, or I want my treatments to make me better.” Wholeness and healing restore our relationships and make us free to love as we desire. We know very well how our limitations, imperfections, and brokenness really limit us. They can easily prevent us from being and doing what we want to do.

Our physical and emotional wounds and maladies are easier to identify. If my back hurts, I feel it and know what part of my body needs attention. If I am feeling intense anger, I can identify the emotion and take necessary steps to uncover its cause. Being persistent often brings greater and quicker results. But will pursuing and even achieving our physical and emotional healings really be enough? We forget that there is a deeper healing that we seek and desperately need. As we look around at humanity, there are some physical and emotional wounds and scars that cannot be made whole. They are limitations that must remain and, for one reason or another, cannot be rectified. Does this mean that the wholeness and healing that my being longs for is not possible for me? Must I settle with less than what God promises?

The answer is no. Ultimately, there is a desire that goes deeper than the physical and emotional. It is a desire that resides in our soul. What we really seek and thirst for is healing and wholeness for our soul. Inner strength, conviction, focus, grounding, love, hope, faith, courage, determination, peace, and connectedness are all words that center us on eternity. They direct us to a presence we discover in our core, which is none other than the presence of God. In God, we are healed. When we are persistent in reaching out to and establishing our relationship with God, real healing and wholeness begin to happen.

There are some limitations and some of our brokenness with which we may simply have to live. This does not mean that we have to abandon our journey to wholeness and healing. If we have done our inner soul work, we have worked toward and acquired what and who we ultimately need and desire.

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## RESPONDING *to the Call*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

##### The Challenge of Stewardship

Every day we are called by Christ to respond in some way. The more practice we have at giving of ourselves freely and living in His presence, the easier it is to discern that call. Once we hear the call, the choice is ours: will we respond with yes or no? We could say that we are not required to say yes because God has given us free will. However, our response speaks much to where we are in our maturity of faith. When we were children, the word “no” used to be one of our favorites. If we continue to say that as we get older, well, that says something about where we are in our walk with the Lord. If we truly are disciples of Jesus Christ and are serious about growing in our faith, we will say “yes.” We are not required to say yes, but we say yes because that is who we have become.

This is the challenge of a stewardship way of life. Have we matured enough to say yes when God calls, regardless of how much our answer may cost us? What matters more to us: what it will cost us or our relationship with Jesus? Some days we will easily be able to say yes. The grace and love he gives us will be plenty to see us through whatever situation in which we find ourselves. However, we are imperfect beings and there will be days when we are more into ourselves than him. It is on those days that we find ourselves at a true crossroads of a challenge. The choice is always ours. Hopefully, our faith will be strong enough. His call is never for his own sake. He calls us because the world he created and the Church he instituted need us. They wait just as he does for our response.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### Catholic Life Explained:

##### *The Giving of Treasure*

#### Question:

Why are Catholics required to give money to the Church?

#### Answer:

Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called “tithing,” in which 10 percent of a person’s goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.

Today, the practice of tithing — giving 10 percent — is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that, “The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities” (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not bound to practice “tithing” in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us. Beyond this, we also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue and grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, “As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied graces” (4:10).

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**"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.**

**– Mt 15:26b-28**

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## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture**

### First Reading

After Israel's return from their captivity in Babylon, Isaiah prophesied the Lord's salvation to all people of faith and good will, not just Israel. Why do you think some people resist the idea of God's impartiality?

### Second Reading

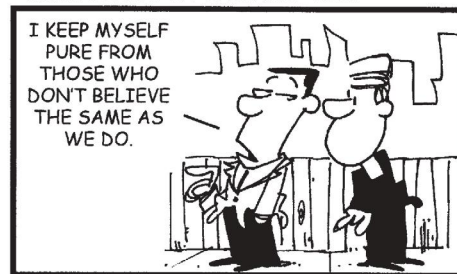
Paul sees the rejection of Jesus by the Jews as the vehicle for God's mercy to all, both Jew and Gentile alike. When has God turned a negative into a positive in your life?

### Gospel Reading

Jesus initially reacts negatively to the Canaanite (Gentile) woman in a manner familiar to most Jews of that day. But Jesus showed the disciples that faith in him transcends the historic divide between Jew and Gentile. When have you allowed your faith in Christ heal a division?



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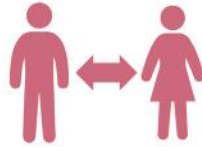


# LITURGICAL LIFE

## 3 EASY STEPS

### To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



#### Wash Your Hands

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.

#### Don't Touch Your Face

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

#### Keep Your Distance

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.



*And behold, a  
Canaanite woman of  
that district came and  
called out, “Have pity  
on me, Lord, Son of  
David! My daughter  
is tormented by a  
demon.” He said in  
reply, “I was sent only  
to the lost sheep of  
the house of Israel.”*

*But the woman  
came and did Jesus  
homage, saying,  
“Lord, help me.”*

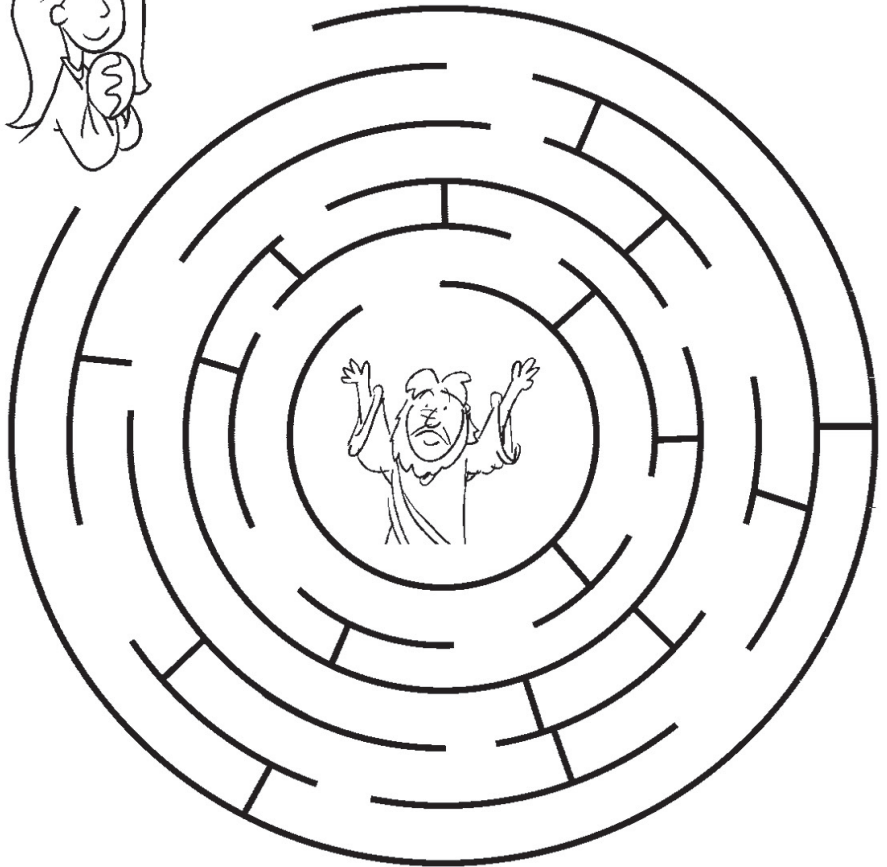
*- Mt 15:22, 24-25*

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# KIDS CORNER

## READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Help this woman find Jesus.



### SHARING THE GOSPEL

A woman begged Jesus to cure her daughter who was possessed by demons. This lady believed that Jesus could cure her daughter. He cured her daughter because of her faith. Ask God to help someone you know who is very sick. Ask God to help the homeless find jobs so they can pay for a place to live. Ask God to help you and your sisters and brothers play without fighting. He will help because of your faith.

### PRAYER

Jesus, I believe you can help.

### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

When I hear a siren, I will pray for the people inside the ambulance.



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