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AUGUST 20, 2023
Twentieth Sunday



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The Pope's Prayer Intention for August:

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



Cover Art:

Christ and The Canaanite Woman. Public Domain.

SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 4:00PM,
5:30 PM, (en español)

Sun. 8 AM, 9:15AM, 10:30AM, 11:45AM,
1:15 PM (en español), 4:00PM, 5:30PM

Weekday Masses:

Mon.—Fri. 8:00AM, 12:05PM, 4:45PM
Saturday 9:00AM, 12PM

Confessions:

Mon.—Fri. 8:30 -11:50AM, 12:30-4:40PM
Saturday 9:30 - 11:45 AM, 12:30-3:30PM

Devotions:

Tuesday after Mass: Our Lady
Wednesday after Mass: St. Joseph
Thursday after Mass: St. Jude

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon.—Fri. 8:30-11:50AM, 12:30-4:30PM;
Sat. 9:30-11:30AM, 12:30-3:30PM;
Sunday 2:30-3:30PM

Gift Shop Hours:

Monday—Friday 10:00AM - 4:30PM*;
Saturday 9:30AM - 6:00PM*;
Sunday 8:45AM - 6:00PM*
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Reflection by Pope Benedict XVI

This Sunday's Gospel passage begins by indicating the district to which Jesus was going: Tyre and Sidon, to the north-west of Galilee, a pagan land. And it was here that he met a Canaanite woman who spoke to him, asking him to heal her daughter who was possessed by a demon (cf. Mt 15:22). In her supplication we can already discern the beginning of a journey of faith, which in her conversation with the divine Teacher grows and becomes stronger.

The woman was not afraid to cry to Jesus "Have mercy on me", an expression that recurs in the Psalms (cf. 50:1), she calls him "Lord" and "Son of David" (cf. Mt 15:22), thus showing a firm hope of being heard. What was the Lord's attitude to this cry of anguish from a pagan woman? Jesus' silence may seem disconcerting, to the point that it prompted the disciples to intervene, but it was not a question of insensitivity to this woman's sorrow. St Augustine rightly commented: "Christ showed himself indifferent to her, not in order to refuse her his mercy but rather to inflame her desire for it" (*Sermo* 77, 1: PL 38, 483).

The apparent aloofness of Jesus who said: "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (v. 24), did not discourage the Canaanite woman who persisted: "Lord, help me" (v. 25). And she did not even desist when she received an answer that would seem to have extinguished any hope: "it is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs" (v. 26). She had no wish to take anything from anyone; in her simplicity and humility a little was enough for her, crumbs sufficed, no more than a look, a kind word from the Son of God. And Jesus was struck with admiration for an answer of such great faith and said to her: "Be it done for you as you desire" (v. 28).

Dear friends, we too are called to grow in faith, to open ourselves in order to welcome God's gift freely, to have trust and also to cry to Jesus "give us faith, help us to find the way!". This is the way that Jesus made his disciples take, as well as the Canaanite woman and men and women of every epoch and nation and each one of us.

Faith opens us to knowing and welcoming the real identity of Jesus, his newness and oneness, his word, as a source of life, in order to live a personal relationship with him. Knowledge of the faith grows, it grows with the desire to find the way and in the end it is a gift of God who does not reveal himself to us as an abstract thing without a face or a name, because faith responds to a Person who wants to enter into a relationship of deep love with us and to involve our whole life.

For this reason our heart must undergo the experience of conversion every day, every day it must see us changing from people withdrawn into themselves to people who are open to God's action, spiritual people (cf. 1 Cor 2:13-14), who let themselves be called into question by the Lord's word and open their life to his Love.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us therefore nourish our faith every day with deep attention to the word of God, with the celebration of the Sacraments, with personal prayer as a "cry" to him, and with charity to our neighbour.

Prayer of Consecration to Our Lady

By Venerable Bruno Lanteri—
Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary

Most High Lady of the Universe, Queen of angels and of men, above whom there is only God, prostrate before the throne of your mercy, in my name and in the name of all creation, I humbly ask your forgiveness for all the sorrow we have caused you by our faults, and our slowness in honoring you. May heartfelt thanks be given to you for all the blessings your loving Heart has obtained and shared with us as our Mother.

In reparation for so many faults and in gratitude for so many favors, I offer myself to you as your perpetual servant, with a pure, free and perfect gift of all my goods, my body, and all my being.

I desire to use forever all that I have and possess, all that I am, entirely in your service and that of your divine Son.

I ask you therefore to dispose of me according to your desire as my true and absolute Lady.

I rejoice to see you raised up to the infinite dignity of Mother of God, and I ask the grace to imitate the angels in my readiness to follow your desires and to love Jesus with your own most ardent Heart.

Since I know myself unworthy of so great a grace, I ask the intercession of my Guardian Angel, of St. Joseph, St. John and [My Patron Saint], that I obtain this blessing, and the grace of a persevering fidelity to what I have promised. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 20

8:00 AM Lizza Family
9:15 AM +William Brady
10:30 AM +Theodore Hoff
11:45 AM Carol Adams
1:15 PM +Francisco Velez
4:00 PM The Castillo Family
5:30 PM +Gomez Castillo

Monday, August 21

8:00 AM Sabrina Danielle—birthday
12:05 PM +Dominic Mariotti
5:10 PM All souls in purgatory

Tuesday, August 22

8:00 AM Thanksgiving to Sacred Heart
12:05 PM +Anne Phelan
4:45 PM +Joseph Timilty

Wednesday, August 23

8:00 AM +Mike Karas
12:05 PM +Nannie Wezniak
4:45 PM +Oscar Mayorga

Thursday, August 24

8:00 AM +Cecilia & +George Moore
12:05 PM +Sylvia Frazier
4:45 PM Andrew Hutner—birthday

Friday, August 25

8:00 AM Special Intention
12:05 PM +Norma Siegel
4:45 PM +Amado Sepulveda

Saturday, August 26

9:00 AM +Picardi Family members
12:00 PM +Matthew McCrann
4:00 PM Gao Mei—for peace
5:30 PM +Roberto & +Rosa Emilia

Prayer Before Mass



by Ven. Bruno Lanteri

My God, I offer you this holy sacrifice to proclaim, honor and glorify your infinite greatness, and in recognition of the supreme dominion which, as the first principle and last end, you have above all created things. I give you this homage for all those who still do not know you or do not want to recognize you.

I offer this too in thanksgiving for the benefits that I and all the world have received and will receive from your infinite goodness; in satisfaction for my sins and those of the whole world; to implore the graces that are necessary for my eternal salvation and for all mankind. Oh, my God, I offer to you the merits of Jesus Christ; grant me at this Holy Mass a profound adoration of him.

My God, my Creator, I implore you to grant me the grace of final perseverance. I know by faith that I do not deserve it, nor can I deserve it, but your Divine Son deserves it for me with all his virtues and with all the wounds he shows you in his Most Holy Body, on behalf of my wounded love. Amen.

30 Days with Mary Around the World

August 20: Our Lady of Good Help—Wisconsin

O Dear Lady of Good Help, you revealed yourself as the Queen of Heaven to your servant Adele. You gave her a mission to pray for the conversion of sinners, to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to others, and to prepare the children for the reception of the sacraments. I trust that as you called Adele to holiness, you are calling me, in my station in life, to live a holy life, devoted to Jesus Christ with the help of your maternal love. I bring before you now my worries and anxieties. I abandon my attachments to them and place them at your feet. I ask you to hear the deepest longings of my heart as I pray most earnestly for (*your intention*). Dear Lady, you told Adele and you say to all of us, “Do not be afraid; I will help you.” Help me now as I place my intentions before you with complete confidence and trust. Amen.

August 21: Our Lady of Knock—Ireland

Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress and comforted them in sorrow. You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your divine Son, remembering His promise, “Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find”. Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to Heaven. Fill me with love and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me. Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or depressed. Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass. Give me a greater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Pray for me now and at the hour of my death. Amen.



Our Lady of Knock. Statue at the Basilica of Our Lady, Knock, Ireland. Michael McLaughlin Photography.

August 22: Queenship of Mary

O Mary, when our eyes close in our last sleep, and open to behold thy Son, the Just Judge, and the Angel opens the Book, and the Enemy accuses us; in that terrible hour, come to our aid. Be with us. When death came to Joseph, you and your Son were with him: Thy Son to judge, thou to console. O Happy Joseph! When death comes for us, be near us. O Mary, Stretch forth thy hand to help us; deliver us from our bondage. We are thy children, you are our Mother. As little children we come to you; we know no fear. O Mary, He changed water into wine for thee, even as He said: My hour has not yet come. Now He will not refuse thee, when you plead for us thy children. O Mary, come quickly to our aid. Do not let us stray from the Fold. Amen.

August 23: Our Lady of La Vang—Vietnam

Mother Mary, Our Lady, present us to Jesus, Our Saviour. Mother Mary, lead all souls to Jesus, our Dear Lord who alone redeems and saves. Dear Jesus, free us from the bondage of sin and govern us with Your Love.

Blessed Lady of La Vang be my mother and comfort me, especially in times of trial and unhappiness. Enter my heart and stay with me wherever I may go. Grant that one day, through you, I may find rest and peace in my Father's house. Amen

August 24: Our Lady of Lourdes—France

Oh Immaculate Conception, when you appeared in the grotto of Lourdes, you made it a privileged sanctuary where you dispense your favors, and where many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. My loving Mother, obtain my request. I will try to imitate your virtues so that I may one day share your company and bless you in eternity. Amen.

August 25: Our Lady of Kibeho—Rwanda

Blessed Virgin Mary, you are a sure path, which leads us to Jesus the Savior. We bless you for all the good things that you continue to give us, especially because you consented to appear in a miraculous way at Kibeho at the time when our world needed you so much.

O Holy Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, teach us to understand the value of the Cross in our lives. By offering our sufferings to his, help us to complete in our own flesh what is missing in the sufferings of Christ in favor of his mystical body, which is the Church. And when our pilgrimage here on earth has ended, we will live forever with you in the Kingdom of heaven. Amen.

August 26: Our Lady of Czestochowa—Poland

Holy Mother of Czestochowa, Thou art full of grace, goodness and mercy. I consecrate to Thee all my thoughts, words and actions, my soul and body. I beseech Thy blessings and especially prayers for my salvation. Today, I consecrate myself to Thee, Good Mother, totally, with body and soul amid joy and sufferings to obtain for myself and others Thy blessings on this earth and eternal life in Heaven. Amen.