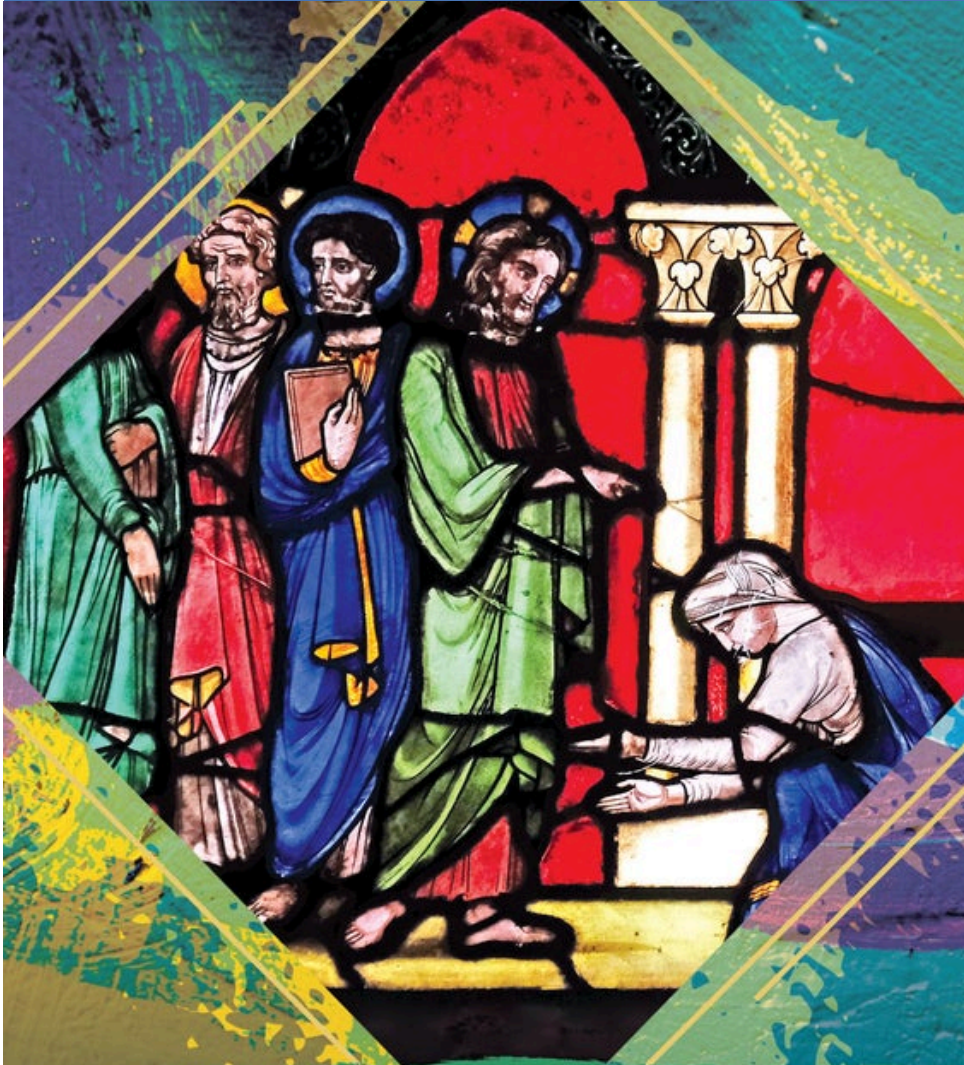




IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The woman came and did Jesus homage, saying,
"Lord, help me." - Mt 15:25

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*With Mary, we seek to know Christ better and to make Him better
known through our words and actions.*

*Con Maria, deseamos conocer mejor a Cristo y darlo
a conocer por medio de nuestras acciones y palabras.*

AUGUST 16, 2026

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**



MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday | **English:** 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)
Sunday | **English:** 7:30am, 9:00am, 12:30pm
Sunday | **Spanish:** 10:45am, 2:00pm
Sunday | **Latin:** 5:00pm (Tridentine Form)

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday | **English:** 8am
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday | **Bilingual:** 8am
with Daily Rosary at 7:30am

CONFESSIONS/CONFESIONES

Tuesday | 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Saturday | 3:30pm - 4:30pm

ADORATION/ADORACIÓN

Monday - Wednesday | 8:30am - 4:00pm
Thursday | 8:30am - 5:00pm
with Holy Hour & Benediction at 5:00pm
Friday 8:30am to Saturday 7:30am
with overnight Adoration in the Chapel

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Dear Families of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

We are often quick to create divisions and distinctions that are not of God. And if we are honest, the "us" versus "them" mentality is present all around us. Even Jesus is guilty of this for moment in today's gospel when he denies the Canaanite woman by saying, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." It makes logical sense. This woman was a Gentile, a non-Jew. Also, the fact that Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon suggests he is seeking some respite by entering non-Jewish territory. He was probably tired and ready for a break from all the attention, so much so that he ignores and even cruelly dismisses the woman. Jesus' own bias and prejudices remind us of Jesus' humanity.

But Jesus was deeply moved by the woman's persistent faith. Not only was a non-Jewish person willing to challenge Jesus, but she was a woman who was willing to challenge Jesus. Just like Jesus' interaction with the woman from Samaria, this would have defied all social norms and conventions. Jesus is coming to realize that his salvific mission is for all people, not just the Jews.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Queridas Familias del Inmaculado Corazón de María,

A menudo somos rápidos en crear divisiones y distinciones que no son de Dios. Y si somos sinceros, la mentalidad de "nosotros" contra "ellos" está presente a nuestro alrededor. Incluso Jesús es culpable de esto por un momento en el evangelio de hoy, cuando niega a la mujer cananea diciendo: "Solo fui enviado a las ovejas perdidas de la casa de Israel." Tiene sentido lógico. Esta mujer era gentil, no judía. Además, el hecho de que Jesús se retirara a la región de Tiro y Sidón sugiere que buscaba algo de alivio entrando en territorio no judío. Probablemente estaba cansado y listo para un descanso de toda la atención, tanto que ignora e incluso desestima cruelmente a la mujer. Los propios prejuicios de Jesús nos recuerdan la humanidad de Jesús.

Pero Jesús se conmovió profundamente por la fe persistente de la mujer. No solo una persona no judía estaba dispuesta a desafiar a Jesús, sino que era una mujer dispuesta a desafiar a Jesús. Al igual que la interacción de Jesús con la mujer de Samaria, esto habría desafiado todas las normas y convenciones sociales. Jesús está empezando a darse cuenta de que su misión salvífica es para todas las personas, no solo para los judíos.

Inmaculado Corazón de María, ruega por nosotros.

Rev. Father Quang Dong
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WEEKLY SCRIPTURES & PRAYERS

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

8:00am Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10:00am Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5:00pm † Andrea David Garcia
† Besilda Nalus

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

7:30am † Wayne & Lois Smith
† Zenaida Red Gaite
9:00am † Adelyn Luu
† Rebecca Hernandez
10:45am Emmaus Ministry - Special Intention
† Alejandro Jose Fesinmeyer
12:30pm † Lonita Schulze
2:00pm IHM Parishioners
5:00pm † Andrea Smith
† Margaret Melillo

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

8:00am † Augusta Taffuri
† Florentina & Fabian Baldoz

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

8:00am † Jaime Uy
Raymund & Julie Figueroa -
25th Wedding Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

8:00am † Edmundo S. Cortes
Lexter & Jupela Guevarra -
10th Wedding Anniversary

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

8:00am Dylan James King - Birthday
† Aaron Aviani

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

8:00am † Gloria & Maria Paz Santos
Ana Romea - Birthday

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

8:00am Frank Contreras - Special Intention

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: AUGUST 17

Reading: Ez 24:15-23
Psalm: (Ps) Dt 32:18-21
Gospel: Mt 19:16-22

TUESDAY: AUGUST 18

Reading: Ez 28:1-10
Psalm: (Ps) Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35c-36b
Gospel: Mt 19:23-30

WEDNESDAY: AUGUST 19

Reading: Ez 34:1-11
Psalm: Ps 23:1-6
Gospel: Mt 20:1-16

THURSDAY: AUGUST 20

Reading: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-15, 18-19
Psalm: Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19
GOSPEL: MT 22:1-14

FRIDAY: AUGUST 21

Reading: Ez 37:1-14
Psalm: Ps 107:2-9
Gospel: Mt 22:34-40

SATURDAY: AUGUST 22

1st Reading: Ez 43:1-7ab
Psalm: Ps 85:9ab, 10-14
Gospel: Mt 23:1-12

SUNDAY: AUGUST 23

1st Reading: Is 22:19-23
Psalm: Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8
2nd Reading: Rom 11:33-36
Gospel: Mt 16:13-20

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

AUGUST 16: Mission Co-op
Cooperativa de la Misión

AUGUST 23: No Second Collection

AUGUST 30: St. Vincent de Paul
San Vicente de Paul

SEPTEMBER 6: Facility Improvement
Fondo del Mejoramiento
de las Instalaciones

Entrance Hymn

All Are Welcome
Marty Haugen

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

3. Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
A banquet hall on holy ground,
Where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:



Gloria

Mass of Redemption



We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, son of the Father;
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.
Amen, Amen!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 67 • Michel Guimont



O God, be gracious and bless us you guide the nations on earth. *R.*
and let your face shed its light upon us.

So will your ways be known upon earth Let the peoples praise you, O God;
and all nations learn your salvation. *R.* let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and shout for joy, May God still give us his blessing
with uprightness you rule the peoples; that all the ends of the earth may
revere him. *R.*

Gospel Acclamation

Mass of Redemption



*Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom /
and cured every disease among the people. R.*



Preparation of the Gifts

Create In Me
Bob Hurd



Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass of Redemption

Holy, Holy,
Holy Lord, God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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Memorial Acclamation

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We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection until you come again

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Great Amen

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Amen, Amen, Amen.
Amen, Amen, Amen.

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Lamb of God

Mass of Redemption

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Communion Hymn

Table of Plenty

Dan Schutte

Refrain

Come to the feast of heav-en and earth! Come to the ta-
- ble of plen - ty! God will pro-vide for all that we
need, here at the ta - ble of plen - ty.

1. O come and sit at my table
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love.
2. O come and eat without money;
come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed
your spirit with faith and fullness of life.
3. My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea
of gladness to flood the depths of your soul.
4. Your fields will flower in fullness;
your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest, will send my rain on the soil.

Change Our Hearts

Rory Cooney

Change our hearts this time, Your word says it can
be. Change our minds, this time, Your life could make us
free. We are the peo - ple Your call set a - part,
Lord, this time change our hearts.

1. Brought by your hand to the edge of our dreams.
One foot in paradise, one in the waste.
Drawn by your promises, still we are lured
by the shadows and the chains we leave behind.
2. Now as we watch you stretch out your hands,
offring abundances, fullness of joy.
Your milk and honey seem distant, unreal,
when we have bread and water in our hands.
3. Show us the way that leads to your side,
over the mountains and sands of the soul.
Be for us manna, water from stone,
light which says we never walk alone.

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Recessional Hymn

Go Make of All Disciples

ELLACOMBE

"Go make of all disciples." We hear the call, O Lord,
That comes from you, our Father, in your eternal Word.
Inspire our ways of learning
Through earnest, fervent prayer,
And let our daily living reveal you ev'rywhere.

"Go make of all disciples," baptizing in the name
Of Father, Son, and Spirit, from age to age the same.
We call each new disciple
To follow you, O Lord,
Redeeming soul and body by water and the Word.

"Go make of all disciples." We at your feet would stay
Until each life's vocation shows forth your holy way.
We cultivate the nature
God plants in ev'ry heart,
Revealing in our witness the Master Teacher's art.

Text: Matthew 28:19-20; Leon M. Adkins, 1896-1986, alt., © 1964, Abingdon Press

Canto de Entrada**Creo en Jesús**
Carmelo Erdozáin

Estribillo

Cre-o en Je-sús, cre-o en Je-sús, Él es mi a-mi - go,
es mi a - le - grí - a, Él es mi a - mor; cre-o en Je-sús,
cre-o en Je-sús, Él es mi Sal - va - dor.

1. Él llamó a mi puerta,
me invitó a compartir su heredad;
seguiré a su lado,
llevaré su mensaje de paz.
2. Ayudó al enfermo
y le trajo la felicidad;
defendió al humilde,
combatió la mentira y el mal.
3. Día y noche creo en Jesús,
Él está a mi lado, creo en Jesús.
Sigo sus palabras, creo en Jesús,
doy por Él la vida, creo en Jesús.
Es mi Salvador.

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Gloria*Misa Sol de Justicia*

Glo - ria a Dios en el cie - lo, y en la tie - rra
paz a los hom - bres que a - ma el Se - ñor.

Por tu inmensa gloria te alabamos, te bendecimos,
te adoramos, te glorificamos, te damos gracias,
Señor Dios, Rey Celestial, Dios Padre todopoderoso.

Señor, Hijo único, Jesucristo;
Señor, Dios, Cordero de Dios, Hijo del Padre;
tú que quitas el pecado del mundo, ten piedad de nosotros;
tú que quitas el pecado del mundo, atiende nuestra súplica;
tú que estás sentado a la derecha del Padre,
ten piedad de nosotros.

Porque sólo tú eres Santo,
sólo tú Señor,
solo tú Altísimo, Jesucristo,
con el Espíritu Santo en la gloria de Dios Padre *R.*

Salmo Responsorial

Salmo 67 · Tony Alonso

Oh Dios, que te a - la - ben los pue - blos, que
to - dos los pue - blos te a - la - ben.

El Señor tenga piedad y nos bendiga, y gobiernas las naciones de la tierra. *R.*
ilumine su rostro sobre nosotros;
conozca la tierra tus caminos,
todos los pueblos tu salvación. *R.*

Oh Dios, que te alaben los pueblos,
que todos los pueblos te alaben.
Que Dios nos bendiga;
que le teman hasta los confines del
orbe. *R.*

Que canten de alegría las naciones,
porque riges el mundo con justicia,
riges los pueblos con rectitud

Aclamación del Evangelio*Misa Sol de Justicia*

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
*Jesús predicaba el Evangelio del Reino /
y curaba las enfermedades y dolencias del pueblo R.*

Preparación de las Ofrendas**Soy Feliz**
Emilio Matéu

Estribillo

Te da-mos gra-cias por-que nos lla - mas,
por-que nos tie - nes cer - ca de ti.
Mi vi-da en - te - ra es to - da tu - ya.
Yo na - da quie - ro. Ya soy fe - liz.

1. Mas yo, Señor, sé comprender
que nada puedo; que nada soy.
Pero tu voz viene hasta mí:
“Nada te inquiete. Contigo estoy”.
2. Has sido Tú quien me buscó.
Viniste a verme. Tu voz me habló.
Yo sólo sé seguir tu voz.
Tan sólo a ti busco, Señor.
3. Quiero cantar, quiero decir
cuánta alegría nace de mí.
Quiero habitar dentro de ti.
Siempre a tu lado quiero vivir.

Santo

Misa Sol de Justicia

Santo, Santo, Santo es el Señor Dios del universo.
Llenos están el cielo y la tierra de tu gloria.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna en el cielo.
Bendito el que viene en el nombre del Señor.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna en el cielo.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna en el cielo.

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Aclamación Conmemorativa

Misa Sol de Justicia

Anunciamos tu muerte, proclamamos tu resurrección.
Ven Señor, oh ven Señor,
ven, Señor Jesús.

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Gran Amén

Misa Sol de Justicia

Amén, Amén, Amén.
Amén, Amén, Amén.

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Cordero de Dios

Misa Sol de Justicia

Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo,
ten piedad de nosotros, ten piedad de nosotros.

Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo,
ten piedad de nosotros, ten piedad de nosotros.

Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo,
danos la paz, danos la paz, danos, danos, danos la paz.

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Canto de Comunión

Oh Señor, Delante de Ti
Carmelo Erdozáin

Estrofas

1. Oh Se - ñor, de - lan - te de Ti mis ma - nos a -
2. Oh Se - ñor, sen - de - ro de a - mor, mi al - ma en si -
3. Oh Se - ñor, con fe y her - man - dad, mi pue - blo ce -

1. bier - tas re - ci - ben tu pan. Oh Se - ñor, es - pi - ga de a -
2. len - cio es - cu - cha tu voz. Oh Se - ñor, Ma - es - tro y Pas -
3. le - bra la Fies - ta Pas - cual. Oh Se - ñor, en tor - no a tu al -

Estribillo

1. mor, lle - na mi co - ra - zón. Y en - tre tus ma - nos,
2. tor, di - nos lo que es a - mor.
3. tar, se - lla nues - tra a - mis - tad.

oh Se - ñor, guár - da - nos, guár - da - nos;

1 2
di - nos lo que es a - mor. Y en - tre tus

Purifícame, Señor

Carmelo Erdozáin

1. Purifícame, Señor, con tu gracia.
Purifícame, Señor, con la lluvia de tu gracia.
Purifícame, lléname, Señor, de esperanza,
y al entrar en tu morada, purifícame.
2. Transfigúrame, Señor, a tu imagen,
transfigúrame, Señor, a la luz de tus palabras.
Transfigúrame, guíame, Señor, por tus sendas,
y al calor de tu mirada, transfigúrame.
3. A tu lado quiero estar en tu mesa,
a tu lado quiero estar y gozar de tu presencia,
compartir tu pan. Yo no sé, Señor, si soy digno
de que hagas de mi casa tu morada.
4. Pero yo quisiera ser tu invitado,
tu invitado quiero ser y sentir con mis hermanos
que tu cuerpo es pan, pan de eternidad, pan del cielo,
vino nuevo de la Alianza, sacramento.
5. En tu nombre anunciaré tu evangelio;
en tu nombre anunciaré el mensaje de tu Reino.
Quiero serte fiel. Tú vendrás, Señor, a mi lado,
llevaré la buena nueva a mis hermanos.

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Canto de Salida

A Quién Iremos
Tradicional de México

Estribillo

¿A quién iremos, Señor, a quién iremos?
Tienes palabras de vida.
¿A quién iremos, Señor, a quién iremos?
Tienes palabras de amor.
¿A quién iremos, Señor, a quién iremos?
Tienes palabras de paz.
Eres Dios verdadero,
el hijo de Dios, en Ti creeré.
Eres Dios verdadero,
el hijo de Dios, en Ti creeré.

1. Con este pueblo quiero aprender.
Amar a Dios es mi deber.
Con este pueblo quiero aprender.
Amar a Dios es mi deber.
2. Pues este amor será muy vano
si no amo a Dios y a mi hermano.
Pues este amor será muy vano
si no amo a Dios y a mi hermano.

WEEKLY CALENDAR / CALENDARIO SEMANAL

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>Sunday, August 16th</u> 8:00am MFCC Training Hall A/B/C			<u>Thursday, August 20th</u> 10:30am Widow/Widowers Group Veterans Park 6:30pm Youth Group Hall A/B 7:00pm Men's Emmaus/Eng John		
<u>Monday, August 17th</u> 8:45am Men's Fellowship Library 5:00pm Legion of Mary/Eng Library 7:00pm Escuela de la Cruz John 7:00pm Men of St. Joseph Luke 7:00pm Pre-Baptismal Class/Sp Library			<u>Friday, August 21st</u> 9:00am SVDP Food Pantry Hall A/B/C 7:00pm Divine Mercy Cenacle/Sp Matthew 7:00pm Escuela de la Cruz Mark		
<u>Tuesday, August 18th</u> 10:00am IHM Crafters Library 6:00pm Legion of Mary/Sp Chapel 6:00pm NO Confessions			<u>Saturday, August 22nd</u> 3:30pm Confessions Church		
<u>Wednesday, August 19th</u> No Meetings					

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August 16, 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7 | Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 | Mt 15:21-28

Written by
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I have often wondered why Jesus' words to the Gentile woman in today's Gospel sound so harsh. The woman was simply asking Jesus to heal her daughter, as so many others before her had done. Jesus' reply that he had been sent only to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel" may have been true under the old covenant. But with his coming, Jesus initiated the new covenant where all are invited, all are welcome. Through the woman's gift of faith (whose prayer says simply, "Lord, help me"), she brings herself and her daughter into the joy and goodness of the kingdom. Jesus commends her faith (and her persistence) and heals her daughter. This passage demonstrates the healing God wishes to provide for all of his people.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Thus says the Lord in Isaiah: "My house shall be called a **house of prayer for all peoples.**"

Responsorial psalm: "O God, let all the nations praise you!"

Jesus to the Canaanite (Gentile) woman: "**O woman, great is your faith!**"

Our readings today spell out loud and clear that our God's love and forgiveness is meant for all. Not just the few. This is good news, indeed. What does God ask of us in return? He asks that we strive to do *what is right ... what is just*. In short, we must *join [our]selves* to the Lord, as Isaiah says, and God will welcome us into his holy kingdom. How do we do that? We can start by trying to imitate the generosity of God's grace and welcome those who seek God's mercy and healing. In other words, we reach out in love to each other and seek to build up the unity of his Church, the Body of Christ.

WELCOME

On some level, all the readings today speak of disparate people coming to the faith: foreigners, all the nations, the Gentiles, a Canaanite woman. Does your parish have some form of welcoming ministry – a welcome desk, ushers, greeters? The power of a friendly smile, a warm handshake, a disposition of "we're happy you're here" cannot be underestimated for visitors to our churches. Consider becoming a part of the team that welcomes the stranger to your parish.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, DEFEND US IN BATTLE,
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AND DO THOU, O PRINCE OF THE HEAVENLY HOST,
BY THE POWER OF GOD, CAST INTO HELL SATAN AND ALL THE EVIL SPIRITS
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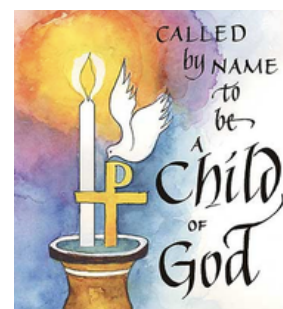


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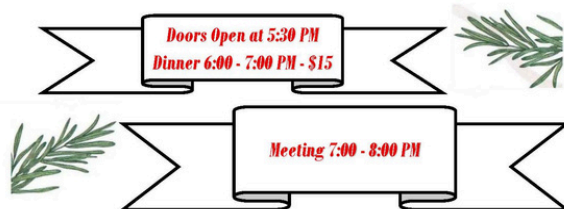


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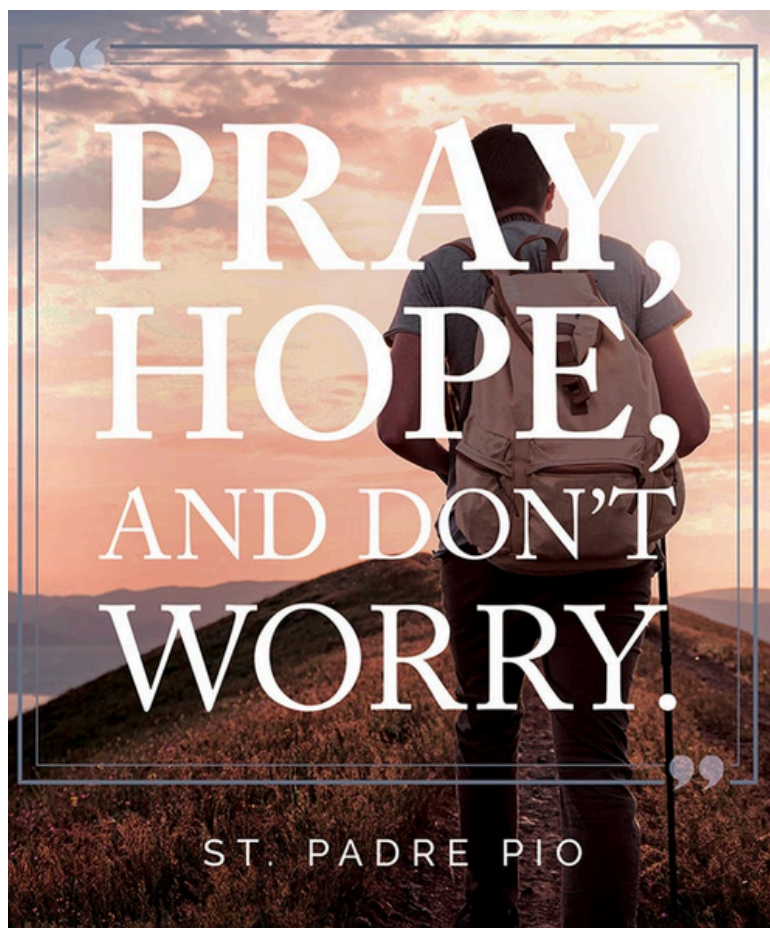
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The Miracles We Don't See

"Why aren't there miracles anymore?"

I've heard people say this more than once. Usually, it is someone who is a believer in Christ but not a Catholic, because Catholics understand that miracles happen at every Mass, to say nothing of the other miracles the Church recognizes. But even some Catholics often find themselves wondering why it's been so long since God gave us a good show. A good sun-dance in the sky. A good, flashy reason to believe.

I don't know what it looked like when the loaves and the fishes were multiplied. I believe it happened, and I have envisioned it often, but I just can't picture it. Did everyone blink, and there was a giant pile of food? Did they just keep finding more? Was it all the same kind of bread, or did Jesus mix it up? I think the Gospel is deliberately vague on this to test the patience of pathologically nosy people like myself. It's not important what it looked like. If those details mattered, they would be spelled out in Scripture.

How often we find ourselves unsatisfied with the answers God has for us. I wonder if that's what Christ was thinking when he savored those last few minutes of solitude on the boat, where he had gone to be alone after hearing the crushing news of his cousin's execution. Was he imagining the crowds gathering on shore? Was he contemplating their enormous expectations for God — for him! — and anticipating their disappointment when every wish could not be granted?

Maybe. But that's not what the Scripture says. "His heart was moved with pity," we are told. I think of him looking at them all, so weary and uncertain and hungry. Pity — this is what he felt. Not resentment, exhaustion or frustration. Pity. And his precious heart was moved. What a miracle. No details, no explanation. No dancing sun. But what a miracle.

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Los milagros que no vemos

«¿Por qué ya no hay milagros?»

He oído a gente decir esto más de una vez. Normalmente, se trata de alguien que cree en Cristo pero no es católico, porque los católicos entienden que los milagros ocurren en cada misa, por no hablar de los demás milagros que reconoce la Iglesia. Pero incluso algunos católicos a menudo se preguntan por qué hace tanto tiempo que Dios no nos ofrece un buen espectáculo. Una buena danza del sol en el cielo. Una buena razón, llamativa, para creer.

No sé cómo fue cuando se multiplicaron los panes y los peces. Creo que ocurrió, y me lo he imaginado a menudo, pero simplemente no consigo visualizarlo. ¿Parpadeó todo el mundo y de repente apareció una pila gigante de comida? ¿Es que no paraban de encontrar más? ¿Era todo del mismo tipo de pan, o Jesús lo mezcló? Creo que el Evangelio es deliberadamente impreciso en esto para poner a prueba la paciencia de gente patológicamente entrometida como yo. No importa cómo fuera. Si esos detalles importaran, estarían detallados en las Escrituras.

Cuántas veces nos encontramos insatisfechos con las respuestas que Dios nos da. Me pregunto si eso era lo que pensaba Cristo cuando saboreaba esos últimos minutos de soledad en la barca, adonde se había retirado para estar a solas tras escuchar la devastadora noticia de la ejecución de su primo. ¿Se imaginaba a las multitudes congregadas en la orilla? ¿Contemplaba sus enormes expectativas respecto a Dios —irespecto a él!— y anticipaba su decepción al ver que no se podían cumplir todos sus deseos?

Quizás. Pero eso no es lo que dice la Escritura. "Se le compadeció", nos dicen. Me lo imagino mirándolos a todos, tan cansados, desorientados y hambrientos. Compasión: eso es lo que sintió. No resentimiento, agotamiento ni frustración. Compasión. Y su precioso corazón se conmovió. ¡Qué milagro! Sin detalles, sin explicaciones. Sin un sol danzante. Pero qué milagro.

Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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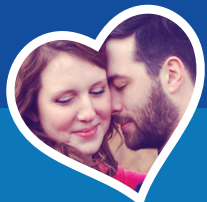
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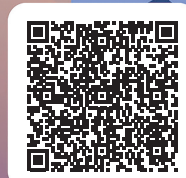
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