

Calendar

Monday

August 21
St. Pius X,
Pope
Jgs 2:11–19
Mt 19:16–22

Tuesday

August 22
*Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*
Jgs 6:11–24a
Mt 19:23–30

Wednesday

August 23
Weekday
Jgs 9:6–15
Mt 20:1–16

Thursday

August 24
*St. Bartholomew,
Apostle*
Rv 21:9b–14
Jn 1:45–51

Friday

August 25
Weekday
Ru 1:1, 3–6, 14b–16, 22
Mt 22:34–40

Saturday

August 26
Weekday
Ru 2:1–3, 8–11; 4:13–17
Mt 23:1–12

Sunday

August 27
*Twenty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Is 22:19–23
Rom 11:33–36
Mt 16:13–20

Dear Padre,

What are the gnostic gospels and apocryphal books? Is it OK to read them?

In the two earliest manuscripts of the Bible, both of which are in the Vatican Library, one contains the seven apocryphal books of the Old Testament and the other does not. The Catholic Church includes these apocryphal books and considers them to be the inspired word of God, as is everything included in Catholic translations of the Bible. Selections from these books are included in our *Lectionary* and proclaimed during Mass.

When Martin Luther left the Catholic Church, he used the Bible manuscript that did not contain the seven apocryphal books, but then he placed these books in a section between the Old and New Testaments, calling them Deuterocanonicals. He did not discard these books entirely but considered them of

lesser importance than the other books. Some Protestant translations of the Bible exclude these books altogether.

The gnostic gospels, however, are entirely separate from these apocryphal books. Gnosticism is a heresy condemned by the Catholic Church. As part of their false proclamation, gnostics produced stories of Jesus' life that supported their belief, and these "gospels" contain

teachings that are contrary to our Catholic faith. While the gnostic gospels could be read out of interest in their historical or philosophical context, they are not the inspired word of God and should not be read in that light.

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APOCALYPSE OF PETER/WIKIPEDIA



A Word From Pope Francis

"Mutual understanding of our [Catholic and Jewish] spiritual heritage, appreciation for what we have in common and respect in matters on which we disagree: all these can help to guide us to a closer relationship, an intention which we put in God's hands. Together, we can make a great contribution to the cause of peace; together, we can bear witness, in this rapidly changing world, to the perennial importance of the divine plan of creation; together, we can firmly oppose every form of anti-Semitism and all other forms of discrimination. May the Lord help us to walk with confidence and strength in his ways."

—Address to the two chief rabbis in Israel on a visit to
Heichal Shlomo Center, Jerusalem, May 26, 2014



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



August 20, 2017

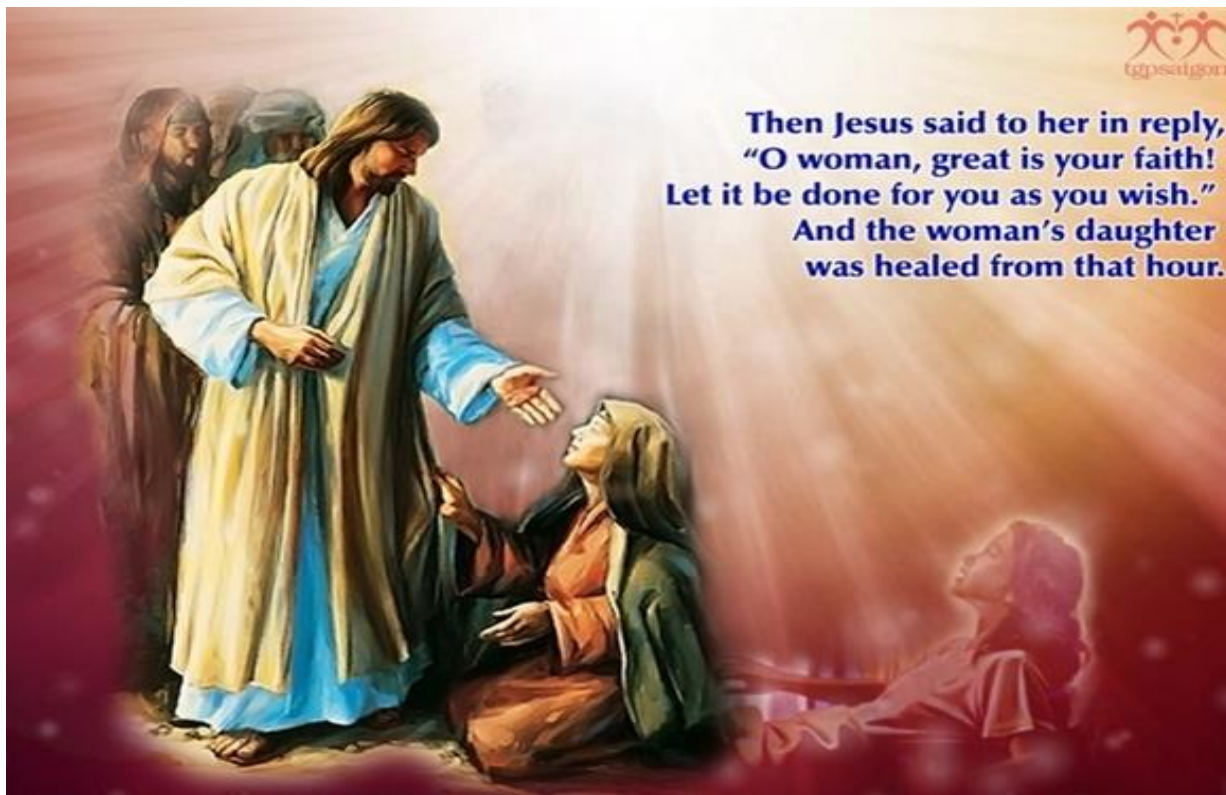
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m.
to 9:30 a.m.
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

Mass Schedule for this Week
Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule
Sun 7:30 am Our Parish Family
St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions
Sat 5 pm +George Brignac
9:00am Our Parish Family

Mon 8:00am Spec Int
Tues 8 am Benefactors
Wed 6:00 pm +Cubby Ladner
Thu 8:00 am +Fr Pete
Fri 8 am +Cubby Ladner

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." This woman was an outsider. She was a Canaanite, not an Israelite, and as such she would have been considered ritually unclean. But she approached Jesus nonetheless and asked for his help. And Jesus used this opportunity to teach his disciples an important lesson.

In the verses directly before today's passage, Jesus had told Peter that what defiles a person comes from the heart, not from ignoring external purity practices. Then, Jesus traveled with his disciples from Galilee to the region of Tyre and Sidon where they were much more likely to encounter someone considered to be unclean.

At first it appeared that Jesus wasn't going to acknowledge the woman who begged for help. His comment, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs," was a common comparison between Jews (the children) and Canaanites (the dogs). But, in fact, Jesus said this only to go right ahead and break this social code! He showed by his actions that it did not matter whether someone was Jewish or not, what mattered was the faith in a person's heart. And this woman proved to Jesus and the doubting disciples that she had great faith. How many others would have even approached Jesus to ask for his help? How many others would have persevered when he appeared unresponsive? By pausing in his response, and first mentioning the standard reply, Jesus gave this woman the opportunity to demonstrate her great faith. And then, he answered her request and praised her extraordinary faith. What a lesson for his

prejudiced disciples! And what a lesson for us, both to persevere in faith, and never to judge others on mere appearances.

May God bless all of us!

...Fr. Khoa

Parish Council: meets this Saturday August 19.

CCD: CCD will start on **September 10**. Please contact Robert Lizana the DRE. Thank you.

Blood Drive: **There will be a blood drive on Wednesday September 20th**. For more information, please contact **Jodi Trosclair**. Thank you.

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

Bible Study: We study **Prayers on Monday August 14 at 6pm**. Please join us. For more information, please contact **Ruth**.

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:**

76Identifiable: **\$1,641.00**; Loose: **\$1,191.00**;
Total: **\$2,832.00**; Children: **\$31.00**; Feast of Assumption: **\$391.00**.

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Identifiable: **\$130.00**; Loose: **\$160.00**; Total: **\$290.00**

****Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84.**

Thank you for your generosity.

Catholic Students Please contact me this week if your children or grandchildren attends Catholic School this year. (Jacob Estrada, Will Dreher, Nick Quintini, Austin Scarengoes, Carson, Keegan, and Kennedy.)

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Aug 19 5pm	Judith Martinez	WC King, Lennell King, Kay VanPelt	Austin S.	Ira Necaise Mike	Kermit and Dianne Northrop
Sun Aug 20 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Aug 20 9am	Kathleen Necaise	Susan Peleaz, Robin Peterson, Kim Wood	Carson Keegan	Will Burkes Garland	Marie Nance Family
Sat Aug 26 5pm	Henrietta	Kermit Northrop, Diane Northrop, Doris Snowden	Austin S.	August Dale	WC & Lennell King
Sun Aug 27 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Aug 27 9am	Kathyn Ladner	James Quintini, Lester Palmer, Will Burkes	Will Nick	Pat William Shaw	Frankie and Emma Ladner

Donations during the summer

During the summer, please remember that the Parish operates year 'round including summer time. Please don't forget that your weekly offering is always very important to keep normal operations steady. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

RCIA: Please contact the office.

MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards and envelopes are available at the office.

Bereavement Committee: Please contact **Sharon Leimer** at 539-9928. Lasagna, green salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE
Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding. Please contact us well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive info: one's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:
Leslie Cuevas, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, John Moran, Jerry Rutland, Regina Franke, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Andrew Fillengame, Melissa Peterson, Breanna Ladner, Gerald Barrilleaux, Margaret Northrop, Andrew, James Moran, Sharon Somora, and Marie Nance, Patricia Lizana, August Schonewitz, William Shaw, Robert Necaise, Nancy Ladner, and Loretta Ladner.

PRAYER DURING HURRICANE SEASON:
O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey Your commands, including hurricanes. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear of Your power into praise of Your goodness. Grant this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.