

Ordinary Time

AUGUST 17, 2014 ♦ TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday
AUGUST 18
Weekday
Ez 24:15–24
Mt 19:16–22

Tuesday
AUGUST 19
Weekday
Ez 28:1–10
Mt 19:23–30

Wednesday
AUGUST 20
*Saint Bernard,
Abbot and
Doctor of
the Church*
Ez 34:1–11
Mt 20:1–16

Thursday
AUGUST 21
*Saint Pius X,
Pope*
Ez 36:23–28
Mt 22:1–14

Friday
AUGUST 22
*Queenship
of the
Blessed
Virgin Mary*
Ez 37:1–14
Mt 22:34–40

Saturday
AUGUST 23
Weekday
Ez 43:1–7a
Mt 23:1–12

Sunday
AUGUST 24
*Twenty-first
Sunday in
Ordinary Time*
Is 22:19–23
Rom 11:33–36
Mt 16:13–20

I watched a friend tell a group of children the story of the good shepherd. On the floor in front of him were wooden sheep, a shepherd figurine, and a fenced-in area. He had placed one of the wooden sheep a little bit away from the scene.

Before he got halfway through the story, one child raised her hand and asked why the sheep was by itself. He explained that the sheep was lost and asked what she would do about it. She looked for a minute, then picked up the little figure and returned it to the fenced area with the other sheep. He used that as the basis for his story, pointing out that Jesus cares for us the same way and will not leave us out of the flock.

In today's readings, we celebrate God's love for all people—including all who raise their voices in claim to the love of God, those who are not like us, and those who are strange, disenfranchised, and annoying.

The woman in the Gospel was not Jewish, and the disciples tried to keep her away. But in her faith, she cried to Jesus—and he heard her.

Matthew says that after her, many Gentiles (non-Jews) came to Jesus. He welcomed and healed them. He also fed them as easily as he fed the 5,000 Jews whose story we've already heard.

We might see these strangers as unloving and unlovable, but God isn't bound by what we see. Their faith, too, is a conduit for God's grace and compassion.

The little girl who saw a sheep by itself was moved with compassion.

So is God for all who seek him.

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Today's Readings
Is 56:1, 6–7
Rom 11:13–15, 29–32
Mt 15:21–28





20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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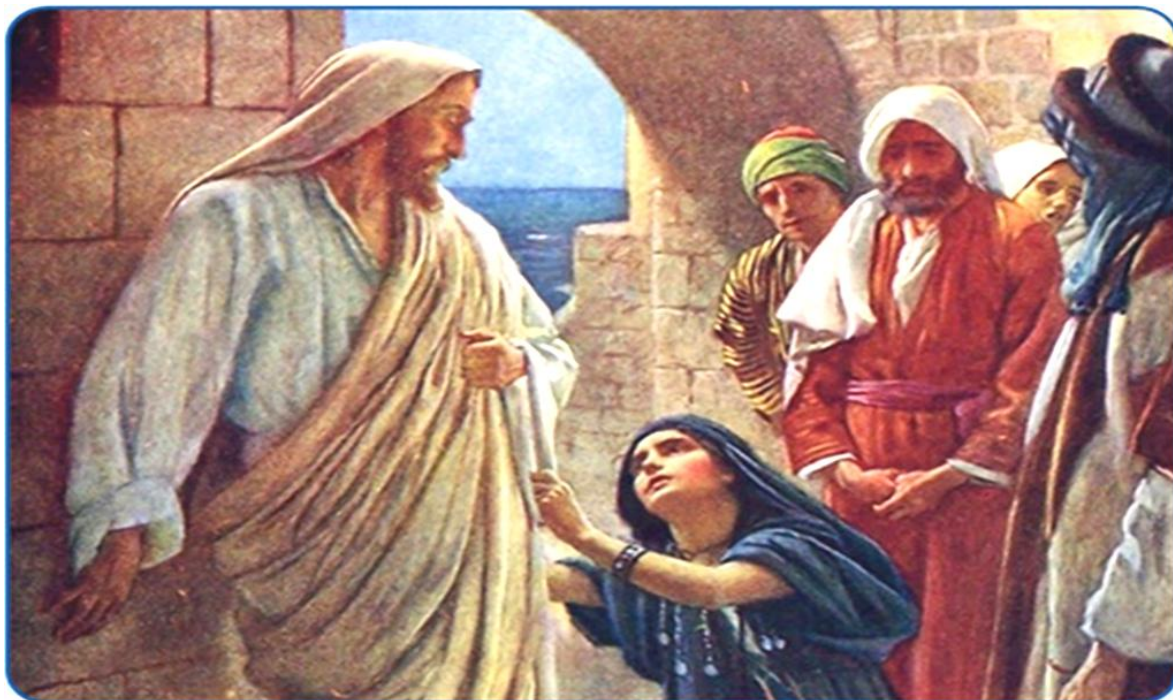
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m. to
9:30 a.m

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 5:30 pm Our Parish Family
Sun 9:00am Our Parish Family

Mon 8:00 am James Taylor
Tues 8:00 am James Taylor
Wed 6:00 pm James Taylor
Thurs 8:00 am +Steve Moran
Friday 8:00am James Taylor

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Today's reading ends well. Jesus said "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." Jesus praises the Canaanite woman's faith and heals her daughter. But before this pleasant conclusion, we have the difficult scene between the woman and the Lord. First, he ignores her request, then he responds by talking about not throwing the food of children to dogs. Was this really as cruel as it sounds to our modern ears? No. This is one of those passages where it is essential to understand the historical context. Jesus was not leveling a terrible insult at this particular woman. He was referring to a cultural reality of the day. Jesus was ministering outside of Jewish territory. This woman was a gentile of the region, not a member of the Jewish people. Thus, she belonged to the culture that worshipped idols and did not follow the Jewish rituals of cleanliness. Because of these practices, the Jews referred to Gentiles as "unclean dogs." This woman, however, proved herself as worthy as the Jewish "children" at the table of the Lord. The Jews received God's blessing because they believed in God. This woman proved that she did too. She was also a believer who recognized Jesus as the Messiah, calling him, "Lord, Son of David!" And Jesus responded in the end by treating her as one of his children, granting her request. We too live in a culture that is more and more ignorant of the true God. We are surrounded by idols of all kinds, and by practices that are hardly clean. Like the Canaanite woman, we need the courage to be countercultural. Even when secular society might mock us, may we be willing, like this humble woman of the Gospel, to profess our faith with passion and persistence.

Have a great week and may God bless all of us!

...Fr. Khoa

CYO: Spaghetti Dinner hosted by CYO Saturday, August 23rd at 6:30PM in church hall \$5 per person- includes salad, spaghetti plate with sides, dessert & drink.

CYO meets every other week on Sunday 6:00pm. You can visit St Ann CYO on www.facebook.com/stannslizanacyo or contact **Katelyn Moran and Danielle Ladner.**

Religious Ed: Meeting for teachers is on Sunday August 17 at 10:00AM. Parents, please contact Robert Lizana to register your kids for CCD. Thank you.

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:** 82Identifiable: **\$1,390.00;** Loose: **\$6,924.00;** Total: **\$8,314.00;** Children: **\$26.00.** Building Fund: **\$131.00.**
****Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84.**

OUR LADY OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable: **\$320.00;** Loose: **\$99.00** Total: **\$419.00.**
Thank you for your generosity.

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES

Bible Study: We will study the **Book of Revelation** on September 03, 2014. Classes will be held on **Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm. And on Thursday from 9-10:30am at CCD Building.** For more information, please contact **Ruth Schonewitz and Henrietta Ladner**

During school year, we will have Bible Study on Sundays for parents while their children taking CCD classes.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Aug 16 5:30pm	Richard Dunlap	W.C. King, Lenell King, Doris Snowden	Katelyn Casey McKenna	Doug Ladner Ira Necaie	Patricia Lizana
Aug 17 7:30	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Gil Aguirre	(OLC)
Sun Aug 17 9am	Katelyn Moran	Dale Babin Carolyn Brewer, Kim Wood	Carson & Kaison McGill	Robert Lizana David	Jason & Lisa Necaie Family
Sat Aug 23 5:30pm	Kathy Brogdon	Mike West Ellen West, Kay VanPelt	Katie Ladner Boots Moran	Doug Ladner Tim Brogdon	Helen O'Neal & Gloria Armand
Aug 24 7:30	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Gil Aguirre	(OLC)
Sun Aug 24 9am	Chantel Crabtree	Marlow Ladner, Helena, Derek Trosclair	Lilly Conner	Robert Lizana Pat Leimer	David Crabtree Family

Lizana Light: Fridays 9am-12 noon.

RCIA: Wednesday 6:30pm from September to May at Parish Chapel/Meeting Room. Please contact Tim Brogdon.

Parish Council: meet on third Saturday after 5:30pm mass.

Church Cleaning: Please contact Ellen West if you want more information.

Altar Society: If you are interested in participating, please contact **Lenell King**.

Project Hope and Compassion: If you have any question, please contact **Jodi Trosclair**.

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 or in emergency, 234-6005.

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

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:
Leslie Cuevas, William & Sherrie DeMello, Betty Pierce, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Annette Moran, Darlene Billingsley, Amy Dunlap, and James Taylor.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS † PLEASE FILL OUT A NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM AND SUBMIT TO PARISH OFFICE
FR. KHOA WOULD BE HAPPY TO VISIT WITH YOU AND HELP YOU ASSESS YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS.