

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Aug 16, 2020

ST. MARY PARISH WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Aug 18 - 7:00 p.m. Lilly Kipper Req'd by Janis & Brian Thelen
 Wed. Aug 19 - 9:00 a.m. Rita Tangney Req'd by Audrey Donald
 Thur. Aug 20 - 9:00 a.m. Lorraine Pickett Req'd by Grace & Kim Lennox
 Fri. Aug 21 - 9:00 a.m. Lou Mulhall Req'd by Mary & Bill Hammond
 Sat. Aug 22 - 4:00 p.m. Johnathan Donald McQuarrie Req'd by The Smith Family
 Sun. Aug 23 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. Aug 22 - 4:00 p.m. Pauline Mills
 Sun. Aug 23 - 9:00 a.m. Debra Ross

CONFESSION only by appointment, call Fr. Joe at: 519-323-1054 ext. 7

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Aug 22 - 5:30 p.m. The People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Ayton

Sun. Aug 23 - 11:00 a.m. Keith W. Heep Req'd by Agnes & Roy Diemert

**Prayer is the root,
the fountain,
the mother
of a thousand blessings.**

—St. John Chrysostom

**Our labour here is brief, but
the reward is eternal.**

—St. Clare of Assisi

**Hold your eyes on God
and leave the doing to him.
That is all the doing you have
to worry about.**

—St. Jane Frances de Chantal

**True love begins
when nothing is looked
for in return.**

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

**Life passes so quickly that
we ought to think more
of how to die than how to live.**

—St. Teresa of Avila

We hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.

Family Connection

Even when spurned by Jesus, the faith of the Canaanite woman makes her bold enough to argue and ask again for what she needs. Her persistence and great confidence that Jesus could heal her daughter reminds us of the confidence with which our children bring to us their own needs. In their faith and trust we can find modern examples of how we might approach God in prayer.

As a family recall some times when a request for something was presented by one family member to another with confidence and persistence. If the request was denied, talk about why that was so. If the request was eventually granted, talk about what led to the change of heart.

Pray the Rosary with Cardinal Collins

The last Saturday of every month, Serra International hosts a virtual global Rosary for vocations. In this way, Serrans from all over the world come together to prayerfully support our mission. You can join too.

This month's rosary will be led by Serra International Episcopal Adviser Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, on August 29, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. To join our rosary from your computer, tablet or smart phone, go to: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/314315981> or call 1 (647) 497-9380 Access Code: 314-315-981. Don't miss this opportunity to pray with Serra International's wonderful and dedicated Episcopal Adviser, Cardinal Collins.



When you kneel before an altar, do it in such a way that others may be able to recognize that you know before whom you kneel.
 —St. Maximilian Kolbe- Aug 14

Maximilian was born in Poland in 1894. During the Nazi occupation of Poland, he helped thousands of refugees, including Polish Jews. He was arrested by the Gestapo in 1941 and imprisoned at Auschwitz and where he died. He offered his life instead a young father. Maximilian was canonized in October 1982.



Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Aug 22

In 1954 Pius XII instituted this memorial "so that all may clearly recognize and more zealously venerate the kind and maternal rule of the Mother of God."
 It is celebrated on the octave of the Assumption.

Pray for people who are infected with COVID-19 or facing quarantine.

For families with young children at home for the foreseeable future: God, help mothers and fathers to partner together creatively for the care and flourishing of their children. For single mothers and fathers, grow their networks of support.

For parents who cannot stay home from work but must find care for their children: God, present them with creative solutions.

"It takes faith to hear God's call in our lives and sometimes it may not be what we expect." Is God calling you to life as priest? Contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Sunday's Readings

First Reading
Isaiah 56:1,6-7
 The Lord reveals his salvation to all.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8
 All the nations will praise God.

Second Reading
Romans 11:13-15,29-32
 God's favor to Israel is irrevocable.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 15:21-28
 Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman because of her great faith.

Background on the Gospel Reading

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon.- **Rev. J. Selvanayagam** Tue.-Rev. G. Mulhall
 Wed.-Institute of Kkottongnae Sisters of Jesus
 Thurs.- Rev. Msgr. R. Modeski
 Fri.- Rev. S. Gilbert Sat.-Rev. M. Puljic, O.F.M.