

August 20, 2023

# TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## OH WOMAN, **GREAT** IS YOUR FAITH

Matthew 15:28



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*Pray without ceasing* <sup>1</sup> Thessalonian 5:17

## NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 20, 2023

In the Gospel this week we read of the Canaanite woman who begs Jesus to free her daughter from a demon. Even when Jesus seems to ignore her, the woman refuses to step back into the crowd but persists in shouting for Jesus to intervene for her daughter. This request was irregular as it came from a woman of Canaan who was not a disciple of Jesus or even a Jew. Regardless of her faith, the woman recognized the healing power that Jesus possessed and pleaded that He heal her daughter. Eventually, Jesus acknowledged the profound faith the woman demonstrated through her persistence and acceded to her pleas to save her daughter.

The Canaanite woman expressed the three essential components of prayer; love, faith, and humility. The woman showed her love for her daughter was so intense that she would overcome the repulsion the ancestral enemies of the Canaanites, the Jews, and ask Jesus to perform a miracle on her daughter. Her love for her daughter is so intense that the woman followed Jesus down the road crying and shouting out prayerfully for Him to listen to her plea. The woman observed that Jesus' miracles were not magic, nor did he perform for money and therefore she based her begging for Jesus' intervention on faith. The more she prays for Jesus to cure her daughter, the more her faith in Jesus grows. She became assured that only Jesus had the power to save her daughter. She concluded that she must be persistent to bring to Jesus' awareness of her daughter's plight. Even when Jesus comments that His Father sent Him to save the people of Israel, the woman did not slip away resigned to failure but rather increased her prayer. Jesus cured her daughter because the woman in her faith does not give up on her cry for His intercession of freeing her daughter from the demon.

The Canaanite woman models how to appeal to the Lord with intercessory prayer. Intercessory prayer has more validity when we ask for the Lord to intercede for a loved one, a family member, a friend, or one held in high esteem. This love we express for this individual is so intense that we would offer our life in trade for the recovery of the one we offered up in prayer. We also pray to improve the quality of life for our family, our community, our nation or our world. Alternatively, our prayers of intercession may be for advancement in a job or increased knowledge through education with our goal to improve the lives of others through our success. We offer these prayers because of love and knowledge that the Lord will intervene on behalf of those in need. We confirm our faith when we do not discontinue our intercessory pleas even when there is no immediate response. God does not delay His response to test us. Prayer is not like a game show where one must gain enough prayer points to win the prize. Nor does God answer prayers by chance, like winning at Keno or Bingo if we have chosen the right prayers. Rather when our prayer is our effort to show how deep our desire is that we are willing to persist in displaying what we believe through His power, God will change lives.

Finally, we must approach prayer of intervention with humility. Intercessory prayer is the request in faith for the Lord to look favorably on one's appeal to improve the lives of those we love. We cannot be arrogant in demanding that the Lord comply with our desire and wants within our time frame. Should God consider our prayers when He knows our inner most thoughts, and they do not compare with what we actually express in prayer?

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## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

|                  |             |   |
|------------------|-------------|---|
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>8/21</b> | <b>No Daily Mass</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>8/22</b> | <b>8:30 am Mass (SPP)</b><br>† Colleen Killinger<br>By Wayne & Susan Knapp,<br>† Mary Ann Nevriy<br>By Family   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>8/23</b> | <b>8:30 am Mass (SPP)</b><br>Souls of the Faithful Departed,<br>† Francis Mrkvicka<br>By Delbert Jonak & Renee Jonak  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>8/24</b> | <b>8:30 am Mass (SPP)</b><br>Archie Ambrose<br>By John & Dee Jerabek,<br>† Jim Leonard<br>By Kenny & Sharon Tibbetts  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>8/25</b> | <b>9:00 am Mass (Brookfield)</b><br>† Doug Derner<br>By CCW<br>† LaFern Mudloff<br>By Carolyn Synowski-Just & family  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>8/26</b> | <b>5:00 pm Mass (SPP)</b><br>† Steve Welch<br>By Buzz Welch<br>† Elaine Rozmiarek<br>By Carolyn Just  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>8/27</b> | <b>8:00 am Mass (SPP)</b><br>† Matthew Parsons<br>By Fr. Sid & Carol Bruggeman,<br>† Leo Stenka by CCW<br><b>10:00 am Mass (SPP)</b><br>† Colleen Brouillette<br>By Monte Brouillette & Family,<br>People of the Parishes |

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE AUGUST 26TH & 27TH

### SACRISTANS

Saturday - 5pm: Michael Happ/ Julie Baquet

Sunday - 8am: Mike Pittman / Ken Vincik

Sunday - 10am: Russ Kosmicki / Deacon Neil Baquet

### GREETERS

Sat - 5pm: Volunteers

Sun - 8am: Volunteers

Sun - 10am: Volunteers

### LECTOR

Sat - 5pm: Volunteer

Sun - 8am: Volunteer

Sun - 10am: Terri Townsend

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat - 5pm: Volunteers

Sun - 8am: Beth Svoboda/ Volunteers

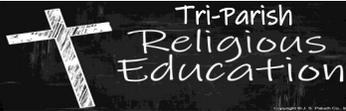
Sun - 10am: Chris Townsend

### ALTAR SERVERS

Sat - 5pm: Volunteers

Sun - 8am: Volunteers

Sun - 10am: Blake Reilly



Continue learning & growing in faith by attending Mass, reading the Bible, & helping others.

Religious Education Classes will be starting soon...

**Sunday, September 10 & Wednesday, September 13**

**PLEASE GET REGISTERED!**

**Fill out a paper form or use the**

**LINK: <https://www.osvhub.com/howard-county-catholics/religious-ed/2023-2024> (On our Parish Website)**

*Abundantly Blessed!!!*

*We are very pleased to **WELCOME** Tara Sjuts & Travis Sydczik as 9th Grade Catechists!*

**You can join our Religious Education Team too!**

Prayerfully consider being a Co-Catechist or Helper! Let's discuss the possibilities!

DREs ~ Becky Knox 308-571-0430 & Judi Baker 308-750-8418

**GOD Bless + THIS Child**

**BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENT**  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH  
Following 10:00AM Mass  
**Deacon James Pedersen**  
Son of  
**Kevin & Laura Pedersen**

**THANK YOU**  
**WELCOME**

to Tim Scheer for his time & talent in serving on Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Council!

to Liana Wroblewski, new member of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Council!

**CCW Meeting - Tuesday, September 5**

7:00PM Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Life Center

All women of the Parish are welcome to attend!

**Young at Heart POTLUCK LUNCHEON**

**Tuesday, September 12th, 12-1pm**

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Life Center

Main dish provided, please bring a side dish to share.

**CCW News - Sunday, September 17th**

Kathryn Circle will be hosting a full Breakfast

9:00am to 10:00am Parish Life Center



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

COUNCIL 1918

**MEETING: Tuesday, September 12th**

**7:00PM SPP NW Classroom**

OUR MISSION: Together, we're empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work, & in their community.

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR ... continued from page 2

How can we expect the Creator to respond in a favorable way to our prayer if we believe that we are entitled just because we ask? How often do we think that laying a guilt trip on the Lord will succeed when we don't get our way? Do we stop praying to God, thinking that we will get even when the Lord does not grant our every wish? Parents do not respond favorably when their children have such an attitude. We should not expect our Father sympathetically to listen to our prayer when we act in the same manner.

Understanding how God replies to prayer is very difficult for us as humans to understand. We cannot know what will move God's heart. A person may have his or her prayers quickly answered favorably. Others may pray for years and not receive the desired results. Often God acts on our behalf and graces us with an action that we may not fully comprehend. Certainly, God does not play favorites, as He loves us all equally. Therefore, we cannot categorize God's response to our prayers as a win or a loss. All prayers that we offer to God will benefit those that we have raised up in prayer. We must learn to accept that prayer is under the guidance of God. We must place our trust in the Lord that he listen to each one our pleas for mercy and that He will act according to each one's needs, even if we may never fully understand. Lovingly and continually pray to the Lord for His mercy. Have faith in the Lord that He will give us what leads us to eternal life. With humility, we accept that He knows how to care for our needs.

Let us put our hands together in prayer knowing that God will see to the need of each of us.

*Jr. Vincent L. Pasqua*

**THEOLOGY ON TAP**



presents:

**HUMAN LOVE IN THE DIVINE PLAN**

Pope John II's teaching explained By **Ann Rief**

August 30th, 7pm Loup River Distillery

(Back Room)



**2023 Mental Health Mile**

St. Paul Community Advocates Reaching Everyone



**September 10th 3-5PM**

**WALK to promote mental wellness ... about 1 mile, starting at Hospital with stops around highlight areas to promote mental wellbeing. Last stop at Park for BBQ.**

T-shirt & meal included, \$5/person or \$20/family Register at Howard County Medical Center or <http://getmeregistered.com/CARETeamMentalHealthMile>



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!**

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# Peters

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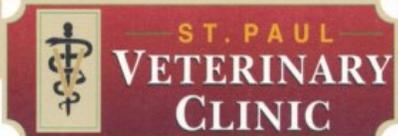


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| LORD'S PORTION   | WEEK AT A GLANCE   |  |  |   |
|--|--|--|--|---|
|  | August   | Monday 21  | Tuesday 22                                   | Wednesday 23  |
| <b>Sts. Peter and Paul</b><br>General Fund - \$3,378.5<br>Parish Life Center - \$220.00<br>Maintenance - \$50.00 | <br><b>Mark your Calendar</b> | No Daily Mass<br><i>Busy Time</i><br><i>Women's Holy Hour</i><br>7pm SPP | Daily Mass 8:30am SPP                        | Daily Mass 8:30am SPP<br><br>Please submit <b>BULLETIN</b> items via e-mail or call the church office by <b>Noon on Wednesday</b> |
| <b>St. Anthony</b><br>General Fund - \$392.00  | <b>Thursday 24</b>   | <b>Friday 25</b>   | <b>Saturday 26</b>                           | <b>Sunday 27</b>  |
| <b>St. Joseph</b><br>General Fund - \$191.00   | Daily Mass 8:30am SPP  | Daily Mass 9:00am at Brookfield  | Reconciliation 4:30pm SPP<br>Mass 5:00pm SPP | Mass 8:00am SPP<br>Mass 10:00am SPP   |