

AUGUST 16, 2020 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday, August 15th

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
4:30 Ann Craig by Maureen and Ron Blizchuk

Sunday, August 16th

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 Mr. & Mrs. Alberto and Giovanna Cefis by the Cefis-Sunnberg Family

Monday, August 17th No Mass

Tuesday, August 18th

9:00 Souls of the Serrao-Cordeiro Families by Effie Cordeiro

Wednesday, August 19th

St. John Eudes

Thursday, August 20th No Mass

St. Bernard

Friday, August 21st

St. Pius X. pope

Saturday, August 22nd

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
4:30 Emily Resuello & Asuncion Corpus by Mr. & Mrs. Danilo Corpus

REFLECTION

Our Gospel today, from Matthew, reminds us to trust in Him even when it seems He is not answering our prayers.

God wants to lead us to the joy of heaven to spend eternity with Him. For that, we must be strong in faith and live our lives as an act of love and gratitude to Him. In other words, we must allow Him to transform us into saints. This is what the stewardship way of life is meant to do. Sometimes, that will feel painful to us. Often, it will be challenging.

Jesus certainly challenged the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel passage from Matthew. She called out to Him on behalf of her daughter, who was being tormented by a demon. What did

Jesus do in reply to this mother's desperate plea? Nothing. He "did not say a word in answer to her." Undeterred, the woman continues to call out to Him, yet He still does not give her what she asks for. Instead, He continues to challenge her faith.

And she rises to the challenge to such an impressive degree that Jesus exclaims, "O woman [a term of deep respect in that day], great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." Imagine hearing those words proclaimed over us by God. Truly there could be no higher honor than hearing our Lord say that to us.

So we must accept the difficulties that come with the stewardship way of life. Some days will be a true challenge to our trust in God. But those are the days when God is making saints of us.

Let's embrace the hard days during these difficult times. The deep joy that eventually comes, the eternal reward He promises, will be so worth it.

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***note the change to the following message:

Donations to Lebanon

This coming weekend (August 15-16) Archbishop Lépine has requested that a collection be taken up in all parishes in order to assist those affected by the horrendous explosion in Beirut. All monies collected will be sent to the Maronite community, who are already working as volunteers on relief efforts in Lebanon.

If you will not be attending Mass this weekend, you can also make an online donation directly to Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. at <https://www.devp.org/en> As a member of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Development and Peace will be participating in the matching fund launched by the Canadian Government and the Humanitarian Coalition to help the people of Lebanon.