

August
15-16,
2026

St. Joseph

Catholic Church



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 15- St. Joseph Parishioners

Sunday, August 16 - Kevin McKee+

Tuesday, August 18 - Bob Watkins+

Wednesday, August 19 - Jeanne Akers+

Thursday, August 20 - Farol Stroyan+

Welcome!

MISSION STATEMENT

"Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples. Preach the gospel to all people."

MASS TIMES

Tuesday, Wed., Thurs., Fri., 8:30 AM

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 10:00 AM

ADORATION

Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

BAPTISM

Parents seeking Baptism for their child should contact the Pastor. It is expected that you are a registered parishioner taking part in the liturgical life of the Church - which includes attendance at Mass.

NEW TO THE PARISH?

Registration forms are in the lobby, or online:

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This Sunday's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 56:1,6-7
Responsorial Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8
Second Reading Romans 11:13-15,29-32
Gospel Reading Matthew 15:21-28

Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about Jesus walking on the water and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as 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.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern.

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.

--Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

Parish Calendar

Sunday, August 16

Tree of Sharing Team Meeting 11:00 AM

Tuesday, August 18

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

Mass Intention: Bob Watkins+

Women's Book Club 12:00 PM

Wednesday, August 19

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

Mass Intention: Jeanne Akers+

Thursday, August 20

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

Mass Intention: Renee Briscoe+

Friday, August 21

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

Saturday, August 22

Women's Health & Wellness 8:30 AM

Sacristans/Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers/Coffee & Donut Hosts

Saturday, August 22

Sacristans - Ed and Meg

Lector - Terry C.

Eucharistic Ministers - Leslie and Leslie

Sunday, August 23

Sacristans - Charles and Maureen

Lector - Jean S.

Eucharistic Ministers - Natalie, Sandra,
Lynne, Leshley

Sunday, August 23

Coffee and donut hosts - Jennifer and Edsel

DATES COMING UP ...

- SEPT 1 FALL PREVENTION CLASSES BEGIN**
Tuesdays & Thursdays 1:00 - 3:00 PM
For four weeks.
- SEPT 13 PARISH PICNIC**
SUNDAY 2:00 PM
- SEPT 27 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN**
SUNDAY 9:00 AM
- OCT 3 OKTOBERFEST**
SATURDAY 5:30 PM
- OCT 15 HEALING MASS WITH LUNCH**
THURSDAY 11:00 AM
- OCT 30 HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL**
FRIDAY 5:00 PM
- NOV 8 NEW PARISHIONER LUNCHEON**
SUNDAY 11:30 AM
- NOV 20 TREE OF SHARING IN THE LOBBY**
- NOV 25 THANKSGIVING DAY VIGIL MASS AND PIE SOCIAL**
WEDNESDAY 5:30 pm
- NOV 27 FR. TOM'S NATIVITY FAIR IN THE GATHERING SPACE**
DISPLAYED FOR TWO WEEKS
- DEC 8 FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**
MASS AT 8:30 AM AND 6:00 PM



Please watch for an RSVP and potluck signup via Flocknote. Thank you.



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