

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 14, 2011

TODAY (Green)

Is 56:1,6-7
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32
Mt 15:21-28

NEXT WEEK (Green)

Is 22:19-23
Rom 11:33-36
Mt 16:13-20

WHY PRAY? *The “foreigners” as Isaiah calls them, the “Gentiles” as Paul calls them or the “Canaanites” as Matthew calls them are called to worship the one true God in prayer. As we listen to today’s readings, perhaps we are tempted to ask: Why pray? The question is rhetorical: it is tantamount to asking why should friends talk to one another or people in love kiss one another. Prayer is a way of relating to God, a way of talking to God. The apostles had the opportunity to talk to Jesus in the flesh. It takes a dynamic faith on our part to come to God in prayer. As Jesus once said, “Knock and the door will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7). It may take pounding the door down, but if we are as persistent as the woman in today’s Gospel, the results will follow.*

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

- August 13, Saturday**
6:00 p.m. St. Ann Parish Family
- August 14, Sunday**
7:00 a.m. Nicholas, Paula, Jasmine rb Melanie Splendora
9:30 a.m. +Debra Albert rb her Parents
- August 15, Monday**
12:15 p.m. Special Intention-TB rb BAB
- August 16, Tuesday**
12:15 p.m. +Ruth McFarlane rb Marie Serieux
- August 17, Wednesday**
6:30 a.m. B'day Mable Richardson rb Sacred Heart Soc.
- August 18, Thursday**
12:15 p.m. Lavonda Morris rb Raphael Brathwaite
- August 19, Friday**
6:30 a.m. B'day Harold Marcano rb Rita Marcano
- August 20, Saturday**
8:30 a.m. Special Intention-David Baptiste rb his Sister

WEEK IN PREVIEW

- Mon.** OFFICE CLOSED
12:15 p.m. Special Mass – Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Tues.** 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, closing with Benediction
- Wed.** 8:30 -11:00 a.m. Deacon Hyacinthe available for Prayer and Counseling
10:30 a.m. Service at Grigg Home for Aged
- Fri.** 8:30 -11:00 a.m. Deacon Hyacinthe available for Prayer and Counseling
5:30 -6:30 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, closing with Benediction
- Sat.** 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Meeting of Religious Ed. Teachers/Aides: Levels 8 & 9

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Begins Sunday, August 7th to Sunday, August 28th
Sundays after the 9:30 a.m. Mass
Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

(New Students: Please bring a copy of Birth Certificate)

DAILY READINGS

- Mon. Rv 11:19a:12:1-6,10 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56
Tue. Jgs 6:11-24a Mt 19:23-30
Wed. Jgs 9:6-15 Mt 20:1-16
Thu. Jgs 11:29-39a Mt 22:1-14
Fri. Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22 Mt 22:34-40
Sat. Ru 2:1-3, 8-11;4:13-17 Mt 23:1-12

ELDER ABUSE...It’s a crying shame. Physical, Emotional, Sexual Abuse or Financial exploitation can continue and often escalates if there is no intervention. Known or suspected cases of abuse should be reported to appropriate agencies. Intervention can often save the assets, health, dignity or even the life of an elder. Preventing elder abuse means doing three things: a) listening to seniors & caregivers, b) Intervening when you suspect elder abuse, c) educating others on how to recognize and report elder abuse. If you suspect elder abuse, report to the Division of Adult Protective Services, 773-2323 ext. 2044. For Financial exploitation, 774-1662 or 513-8884.

St. Joseph High School freshmen will attend orientation on **Thursday, August 18**, at 9 a.m. and sophomores at 1 p.m. Juniors will attend on **Friday, August 19**, at 9 a.m. and seniors at 1 p.m. **Classes begin on Monday, August 22. Registration is still open.**

BOOKSTORE:

DVD of Fr. Anthony Ozele's **Rekindle the Fire of the Holy Spirit** teaching given during our Patronal Feast Celebration is available in the Bookstore--\$10.00.

CD of Mother of Mercy, a Rosary of Healing. Mary takes us on a Contemplative journey through the mysteries of Jesus her Son. The Rosary is a prayer which we say with our hearts, our lips and our fingers. In this Rosary, for the healing of memories, we ask Jesus to heal us as we join our prayers with those of his Mother. The central person in the Rosary is not Mary but Jesus. The biblical passage which best summarizes the Rosary is found in Philippians Chapter 2:6-11, Dana sings "By His Wounds I have been healed. He has set the captives free. My eyes now see my Saviors love for me." (Fr. Kevin Scallon) (contains 2 CD'S--\$19.99)

PARISH REGISTRATION

Are you a registered parishioner? We are often asked to provide affidavits for baptismal and confirmation sponsors. We can only do this if a person is registered, active and contributing member in our parish.

Are you a registered parishioner? If not, please register. Registration forms are available at the church doors and in the Marian Hall. Please complete one and put it in the collection baskets or bring it to the office. We thank you.

THANK YOU—Praise the Lord!

Our **\$40,000** goal for the **Bishop's Appeal** has been achieved. Just a few parishioners need to fulfill their pledge. I am very grateful for your wonderful generosity and timely response. God bless you!

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP—How much should I give? Before you decide how much to give...pray for guidance...talk it over with your family...reflelct on the meaning of "sacrifice."

Your giving is the key to the success of church plans and programs. To help us met our obligations, please about **TITHING** and become **GOOD STEWARDS** by obtaining Offertory Envelopes available in the Marian Hall as a weekly reminder to support your church.

Diocesan Cruise

You are invited to join Bishop Bevard on a Diocesan Cruise. Please call the Chancery 340 774-3166 ext 213 or Discount Travel 340 777-8273 for details.

OUR SICK. Please keep in the charity of your prayers the sick amongst us. Alberta Hendrickson, David Petersen, Agneta C. Petersen, Elisa M. Harrison, Sherill T. Petersen, Centelia Matthews, Hendrick Pascal, Magdelene James, Lucinda Pemberton, Mary Denis, Catherine Decembre, Leona Javoire, Emile Durant, Marie James, Yolanda Hector, Pricilla Brown, Doreen Pemberton, Zephryne Thomas, Muriel Campbell, Elden Serrant, Steve Beharry, Olive Alexander, Joseph Jones, Henry & Margaret Carter, Abel Javois, Catherine Panchoo, Stanislaus Prescott, Marv Jon, Frances Allen, Julie Dizon, Irene Prevot, Eves Beaubrun, Mary Colianni, Josephine Prescott, Hyacinthe Bright, Steve Keith, Doreen Henry, Nkoski Denie, Jeremy Morgan, Ritchie Swanston, Anthony Smith, Catherine Samuel, Larry Cook, Marie Gilbert, Fenton Pierre, Omar Dubois, Frank Albany, Mary Martin, Herman Britton, Mary Bishop, Justin Garcia, Russel Hernandez, Dave Sherwood, Venice Cummings, Bernadette Koupie, Keith Scantlebury, Claude Steele, Olive Le Cointe, Maria Hall. **Please call the Office to add or remove names from this list.**

MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

God of all goodness, look with love on those who wait for the safe return of their loved ones who serve in the armed forces of their country. In faith and hope we turn to you for comfort. Grant that we may trust in your mercy and send an angel to sustain us as we await their safe return. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Fr. Simon Obeng, Fr. Alejandro Sanchez, Fr. Jose Herrera, Fr. Eric Hoag, Fr. Cecil Corneille, Sanil-Dale Tison, Darryl D'Souza, Brian Krauser, Gemma Emmanuel, Levi Denios, Natasha & Ivone Alcala, Linus Felix, Camillus Thomas, Erica A. Toussaint, Nareka Selkriege, Agnes Lindsay, Patrick Rivers, Denecia Weekes, Marcus Maximin, Miguel Navarro, Jr., Mariel Chinouyaz, Audin Benjamin, Jane William, Verin Nesbitt Wescott, Michael Moorehead, Brian Halloway, Istomin & Ismael Lampe, John Noel, Pablo Montanez, Jr., Dwayne Thomas, Xandrio Tank Yuk, Robinson Ferdinand, Kimberly John-Baptiste, Kimberly Ferdinand, Mario Mason, Jr., Aaron Thomas, Valence Modeste Kelly, Iulani Greenidge, Anissa Eversley, David Best, Wayne J. Baker, Kareem James, Reginald Antoine, Marvin Delsol, Ismenio Lampe, Brian Peterson, Elsworth Stevenson, Patricia Charles, Terrance Ritter, Lawrence Ritter, Tasha Warner, Shana Antoine, James Frymyre, Kevin Purcell, Emmanuel Maldonado, Denis Duparl, Louis Encarnacion, Pedro Reyes, Patrick Vernon, James Gaston, Fabian Claxton, Collin Joseph, John A. Francis, Jon Megahy, Nyasia Reed, Jason Jaggernauth, Martin Alexis, Joel Gilbert, James Bressendroff, Darnell Noel, Leroy Harry, Carlyn Jno. Baptiste, Jeffry Centeno, Anthony Camacho, Aubrey Camaho, Austin Carino, Kernatha Auguste, Masline Noel, Darwin Richards. **Please call the office to add or remove names to this list.**