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## **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### A Sabbath Thought

We live in a world of distinctions, marked by social, racial and economic differences. But, in God's kingdom, there is only one identifying characteristic. It is faith - faith that looks to the Lord of healing and mercy.

# About Today's Bible Readings

#### **ISAIAH 56:1, 6-7**

Where you come from does not matter, says the Lord. The important things are who you are and what you do.

# Responsorial Psalm: 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

# R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

#### **ROMANS 11:13-15, 29-32**

God never goes back on his word. No one is rejected in his sight because Christ has been designated the savior of all.

#### **MATTHEW 15:21-28**

A foreign woman demonstrates faith and wins from Jesus healing for her sick daughter.

#### ENTRANCE RITE: Baruch 5:5; Psalm 122:1-2

- V. Up Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God.
- R. I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." And now our feet are standing within your gates, Jerusalem.
- V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
- R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### THE GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out,

"Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David!

My daughter is tormented by a demon."

But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her.

Jesus' disciples came and asked him,

"Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us."

He said in reply.

"I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying,

"Lord, help me."

He said in reply,

"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."

She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."

Then Jesus said to her in reply,

"O woman, great is your faith!

Let it be done for you as you wish."

And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

#### This is the Gospel of the Lord!

## **Worship Services**

TODAY – August 20<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – August 27<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 AM – Holy Mass

## Champlain College

I will be departing after Mass today to travel with my family to Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont to help get my daughter, Danielle, settled in to begin her freshman year at college. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers as she starts her educational journey. I will return Tuesday to attend the Clergy Retreat.

# Central Diocese Clergy Conference and Retreat

I will be attending the Central Diocese Clergy Conference and Retreat held at the Villa of Our Lady in Mt. Pocono, PA from Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> until Thursday August 24<sup>th</sup>. During that time, should an emergency arise, I can be reached by calling the Retreat Center at 570-839-7217 and leaving a message stating that it is an urgent matter. Please pray for all of the clergy of the Central Diocese as we join together in prayerful reflection to strengthen and increase our faith and devotion to God's Holy people.

#### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Breakfast

I have been informed that both Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky and Bishop Bernard Nowicki, along with their wives, will be present at our 100<sup>th</sup> upcoming Anniversary Breakfast on Sunday, October 15, 2017. Mark your calendars, save the date, plan to attend, bring your families, loved ones, friends and neighbors. Working together as a team we can make this a very special event, glorifying God and giving thanks to Him for blessing us by allowing us to serve Him for one hundred years and trusting in His goodness for another hundred years.

#### **INTENTIONS:**

My Brothers and Sisters: Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish; For the health and wellbeing of Jules Nagy, Bob Rush, Bill Rush, Howard Friedman, Bernice Muha, Stanley Sostak, Rose Kubik, Janet Caruso, Nunzie Sospetti, Robert Paterson, Michael Havrilla, Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank Fisher, Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Carol Parker, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Sally Urban, Duane Schulte, Ruth and Michael Pivovarnick, Bernice Biroscak, Patrick Toner, Frank Gonzales, Gary Graham, Jackie Bayak, Berne Bloom, Joan Mainzer, Bob Agans, Victor McAlanis, Tom Goff, Macy Coram, June Didun and Stefan Revesz. For the repose of the soul of Stella Surma.

Our Father...

# Today's Hymns

The Hymns listed below can be found in the Blue Hymnal Books in the pews.

<u>Please</u>, join with the Choir in making a joyous noise unto the Lord!

Silence is much worse than singing off key!

### **Processional Hymn**

#1 - Hymn Of Faith

## Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 - Come, Thou Creator

#### **Offertory Hymn**

#151 - O Ever Holy Sacrament

#### **Communion Hymn**

#155 - Hallowed Be Forever

### **Recessional Hymn**

#178 - Jesus, Bless Your Faithful People