

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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August 20, 2023

Mass Schedule:

Mon., Tues., Fri. - 12:00 Noon
Saturday Vigil - 5:30 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am
Reconciliation OLP/SP Wednesday 4:00-5:00pm
SJB/HT Thursday 4:00-5:00pm

Office Hours for SJB/HT

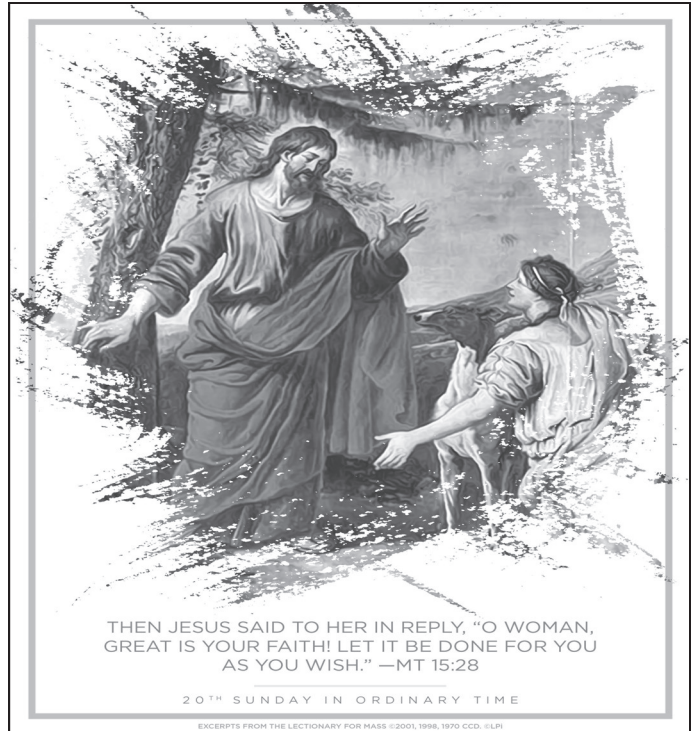
Monday~Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm
Friday 9:00am-2:30pm
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St. John The Baptist/Holy Trinity

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday, 9:00am
Monday, Tuesday & Friday Noon in Chapel

Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church

Saturday, 4:00pm ~~~~~ Saturday, 6:00pm Vietnamese
Sunday, 7:30am, 11:30am & 5:00pm
Sunday, 9:30am Vietnamese
Tuesday – Friday 9:00am in Chapel



August 20, 2023

20th Sunday In Ordinary time

The suffering of a child symbolizes uniquely terrible evil as well as despair about the future. This week's Gospel gives a "limit" case in which Jesus encounters this evil in the form of a mother with a suffering daughter. What he does is stunning and massively helpful for us if we bravely ponder the details.

The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and begs his mercy. "My daughter is tormented by a demon," she declares to him. Shockingly, he responds first with silence, then with a dismissive comment, and only then finally accedes to her third request. Is this simply a lesson in perseverance in our petitions to God, who is like a genie in a bottle? Does that justify the humiliation and pain this woman suffers? Is the Lord cruel?

I don't think so. Notice how the encounter ends. She compares herself to a dog at the table of a master. Jesus responds by praising her great faith and fulfills her deep desire. Somehow this non-Israelite woman intuits that this harrowing situation is not dumb suffering. She senses that the door of God's family is, in Jesus, being opened to her and her loved ones. She trusts she is at the Lord's table, and her desires will be fulfilled and that all her sufferings — and her daughter's, too — will lead a great banquet. In our sufferings this week, the Lord wants us to treat him less like a genie in a bottle and more like the Master who has taken us — lost little dogs that we are — into his home forever. Trust that and keep praying in the face of evil.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

Pastor Father Daniel Caruso
Secretary/Bulletin Nancy Bergeson

Senior Priest in Residence Fr. Lester Smith

In Residence Fr. Paschal Anionye
In Residence Fr. Bernard Dan

Music Director/Organist James Stanley

Buildings/Grounds Robert Warren
Religious Education Betty Warren

Rectory Closed

The rectory will be closed August 18th also 21st - 25th. There is Noon Mass as usual.



Holy Water Fonts

Holy Water has been returned to all fonts at the entrances of Church. We will not be reintroducing the Precious Blood during Mass.

(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman -
The Prayers God Always Answers



When I was a child, my mother bought a book called "The Prayers God Will Always Answer." I remember my anticipation as I cracked the spine and turned to the first page.

I had been spending a lot of time asking God — begging God, actually — over and over again for some specific things that were not materializing. Frankly, it was beginning to feel a lot like that time I asked Santa Claus for a new house, only to wake up on Christmas morning to find ordinary, non-house-shaped presents under the tree — and a growing sense of suspicion that my faith had been ill-placed.

To the great disappointment of my pre-teen heart, my mother's book was not a directory of magical phrases God is compelled to obey. It was a list that included things like "Forgive me" and "Help me." I tossed it aside, disappointed.

I marvel at the wisdom and the confidence of the Canaanite woman who persists in begging Jesus to heal her daughter. She is ignored, and still she will not be deterred. The disciples try to dismiss her — still, she presses on. Christ himself challenges her, and her faith makes her ready with a reply.

Somehow, I am sure that even if Christ had said, "No, it cannot be done for you as you wish," she would have still dropped to her knees and worshiped him, because she knew what I did not: God is not a vending machine, and he's not the genie from "Aladdin." Prayer is not a negotiation, but a relationship.

The story of the Canaanite woman is not a story about how to get God to give you what you want. It is a story about the prayers God always answers.

"Then Jesus said to her in reply, 'O woman, great is your faith!'" — Matthew 15:28 ©LPi

MY HOUSE SHALL
BE CALLED A
HOUSE OF PRAYER
FOR ALL PEOPLES.

Isaiah 56:7



Sacrificial Giving

Please contact Fr. Dan if you have any questions about our parish finances.

Week August 12th & August 13th

SJB/HT Collection: \$4,171.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$6,340.00

Thank you to all those parishioners who have faithfully been mailing their envelopes because they still cannot attend Mass. If you have been away or have been unable to attend Mass, please remember to send your donation to the Parish Office. We appreciate whatever you can do to help with expenses.



A Family Perspective Family Life Education

The mother in today's Gospel persisted, even when she was ignored and insulted. She would do whatever was necessary to bring relief to her child. Parenting is more than bringing life into the world; it is also about sacrificing daily for your children.

Pray For Vocations

The Canaanite woman called out to Jesus, the eternal high priest, knowing that He could help her if she had faith. Have others pointed out to you that you could help others, or do you feel like you could help people like Jesus did as a priest or religious. Call Father Jason Hage 315-470-1468 or write: vocations@syrdio.org. tions@syrdio.org.



Retirement Fund for Religious

Our women and men religious offer gratitude.

A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them." Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit retiredreligious.org.

We will continue to collect for this fund through August 27th. Please do put your name on the envelopes in order to have your donation added to contributions.

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Remember: Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, B.J. Bubniak Family, Arlene Bukowski, Dave Calkins, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Theresa Domathowski, Hank Donohue, Ginny & Erin Donovan, Jenny Emmi, Tenley Farrow, Marilyn Ferretti, Mary Frenza, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Camille Grosso, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Josephine Indelicato, Mary Isgar, Carla Johnson, Tony Lauretti, Shirley Kerr, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Judy & Skip Marioritti, Darlene Morga, Diane Moro, Peggy Palerino, The Pavia Children, Antoinette Perotta, Philomena Piraino, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Sal Scro, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Esther Sindoni, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Timothy K. Suppes, Barbara Traino, Gerry Vaccaro, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins and Fred Wheeler.



Saturday August 19, 2023

4:00pm OLP/SP - Edwin McKinlay
Mary DiBello - Julia
Kenneth Carlton - Kathleen Emmi
Henry Pagano - Mary & Joe Tangredi
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Maria Lauro Pallotta & Christina Carapella -
Anna Gianantonio

5:30pm SJB/HT - Agnes Ewald - Estate
Jean Sherlock - cindy Hughes & Family

Sunday August 20, 2023

7:30am OLP/SP -
9:00am SJB/HT - Antonio McLaughlin - Mother
William Warren - Nancy Bergeson
Agostino Canzano - Theresa & Dennis Capria

11:30am OLP/SP - Jonathan Markson
Leon Saya - The Family
Clara Centore - The Family
Angela Cannata - Gloria Lobello

5:30pm OLP/SP - N/A

Monday August 21, 2023

12:00pm SJB/HT - For the people

Tuesday August 22, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP - N/A
12:00pm SJB/HT - Agnes Ewald - Estate

Wednesday August 23, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP - Pasquale & Giovannina Geremia - Gilda
4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession

Thursday August 24, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP - N/A
4:00pm - 5:00pm SJB/HT Confession

Friday August 25, 2023

9:00am OLP/SP - Mary Taft - Jim & Julie Taft
12:00pm SJB/HT - Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Princi - Daughter

Saturday August 26, 2023

4:00pm OLP/SP - Susan Sawmiller - Esther Pagano
Benny & Terry Cimino - Son, Joseph
Frank & Orsola Razzano - The Family
John & Rosalind Pascarella - Esther Pagano
Yolanda Rosati & Aida Scipine - Margaret & Steve
Anthony "Midnight" Silvaggio -
Wife, Sally & Sons, Jeff & Tony

5:30pm SJB/HT - Mark Riley - Mr. & Mrs. Michael Morga

Sunday August 27, 2023

7:30am OLP/SP - Anthony J. Duchessi - Children
9:00am SJB/HT - Pat Wall - Husband, Jack
Mae Backus - The Family
David McLaughlin - Mother
Thomas Bleskoski - Fran & Judy
11:30am OLP/SP - Gregory Charles Snyder - Mom
Jane Lostumbo - Ginnie & Family
Giulia DeTommaso - Sister, Frances
Vinnie Rose - The Foster & Murdock Families
Maureen Padvano - Angela & John Cappuccilli



Lector Schedule - Aug. 26th & Aug. 27th

5:30pm SJB/HT: Owen Donovan
9:00am SJB/HT: Chet Wisniewski

Labor Day/Rectory & Mass Schedule

On Mon. Sept., 4th the rectories of SJB/HT and OLP/SP will be closed due to the Labor Day Holiday. There is no Noon Mass at SJB/HT this day.



Religious Orders

Question: What is the meaning of the letters that professed religious have after their names?

Answer: The Catholic Church includes hundreds of religious communities. The priests, religious brothers, religious sisters, and nuns of these communities (which are often referred to as "religious orders") are committed to particular spiritual traditions and often to a particular charism (such as teaching, healthcare, social work, or pastoral care).

To help identify a person as a member of a particular religious community, the custom developed of including post-nominal letters that provide a sort of shorthand for the name of the community that the priest, brother, sister or nun is part of. So, for example OSB after a person's name would indicate that they are a member of the Order of St. Benedict (the Benedictines), just as SJ would indicate that a priest or brother is a member of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) or RSM would show that a woman is a Sister of Mercy. Other common examples include:

- DC = Daughters of Charity
- FSC = The Brothers of the
Christian Schools/Christian Brothers
- OCist = The Order of Cistercians
- OCD = Order of Discalced Carmelites
- OFM = The Order of Friars Minor (the Franciscans)
- OFM Cap = The Capuchin Franciscans
- OP = The Order of Preachers (Dominicans)
- OSF=Franciscan Sisters
- SC = Sisters of Charity
- SDS = Society of the Divine Savior
(Salvatorian Priests and Brothers and Salvatorian Sisters)
- SSND = School Sisters of Notre Dame
- SVD = Society of the Divine Word
(Divine Word Missionarie) ©LPi

The Queenship of Mary

August 22, 2023

The Memorial of the Queenship of Mary was first instituted in 1954 by Pope Pius XII. According to Catholic tradition, as Christ is king of the world and saves the people from their sins, Mary is queen over the earth because of her role in the story of divine redemption, serving as mother to the Savior.



Sunday August 27, 2023 continued

11:30am OLP/SP - Marie Felice - Mary Scarfino
Mary Discenza - Jim & Angela
5:30pm OLP/SP - N/A

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