



[Jesus said,] "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that hour.

MATTHEW 15:28

AFRICA STUDIOS/ISTOCK

Insider Versus Outsider

Our need to belong often creates community. As nurturing and supportive as communities can be, they can also be exclusive, concerned only with the insiders and marginalizing the outsiders. Today's readings depict something remarkable. We read that foreigners, or outsiders, enjoy hospitality and privilege that one would expect insiders to receive.

The prophet Isaiah states that even foreigners will worship in the temple. This is not a story after conversion to the religion of Israel, but of Israel taking a step toward universality: "My house shall be called / a house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7).

The Gospel story recounts a discussion between Jesus and a Canaanite woman. She was doubly marginalized—as an inferior woman and as a despised Canaanite. Yet, her love for her daughter compelled her to approach Jesus, pleading for help—something a

"proper" Jewish woman would never do to a man, nor a Canaanite to a Jew. Many in Israel certainly had a sense of exclusivity, and a disdain for the Canaanites. Those may be evident in Jesus' reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matthew 15:24). But we can be sure that Jesus—God's love in the flesh—didn't share his countrymen's disdain for anyone. The woman, having heard that Jesus was a healer, remains undaunted. She crosses restrictive gender and ethnic lines in her search for help. Jesus finally praises her, not for her love, but for the faith that her love engendered. And she was a Canaanite!

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- What groups are marginalized by our society? How open are you to them?
- How welcoming are you to people who are new to your groups?



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Sacrament of Baptism

(Classes and Parents Interview)
 Contact Pastor

Sacrament of Marriage

(Classes and Couple Interview)
 Contact Fr. Jason -6 Months Prior

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
 By appointment with the Pastor

AUGUST 16TH

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 10:30am
Daily Mass: (Wed-Spanish)-Fri at 12:10pm

Thurs at 5:30pm

Adoration /Confession: Tue 5:30-7:30pm Thurs 6:00-7:00pm

Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mass: 1ST Sat 10:30am

Confession: Saturday 4:00-5:00pm OR By Appointment

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Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00am (Oct 1 - May 31)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

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*This is my body, which will be given up for you.  
This is my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
It will be shed for you & for all... so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.*

*Masses will be offered August 2020  
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|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sat, Aug 15</b> | +Stephen 'JR' O'Donnell<br>+John Luther<br>+Clare Wood                                | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Chip & Sammie Wood                         |
| <b>Sun, Aug 16</b> | +Clare Wood<br>+Lorri Montoya<br>OLOG - +Anne Conder<br>OLOG - SI- Helen Mary Varner  | by Chip & Sammie Wood<br>by Chip & Sammie Wood<br>by Frances Green<br>by Carlos & Bernie Fernandez    |
| <b>Sat, Aug 22</b> | +Stephen 'JR' O'Donnell<br>+Jim Miller<br>+Lorri Montoya                              | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Chip & Sammie Wood                         |
| <b>Sun, Aug 23</b> | +Lorri Montoya<br>+John Luther<br>OLOG - +Anne Conder<br>OLOG - SI- Helen Mary Varner | by Chip & Sammie Wood<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Frances Green<br>by Carlos & Bernie Fernandez |
| <b>Thur Aug 27</b> | +Betty Fogarty                                                                        | by The Kirk & Gurule Families                                                                         |
| <b>Sat, Aug 29</b> | +Jim Miller<br>+John Luther<br>+Eloy Gonzales                                         | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Chip & Sammie Wood<br>by Ross & Shelley Carte                          |
| <b>Sun, Aug 30</b> | OLOG - +Anne Conder                                                                   | by Frances Green                                                                                      |

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- Shelley Carter—Sanitizing  
**Sun, Aug 16** 10:30am - Andrea Naranjo—Lector  
- Donna Kimble--Sanitizing  
**Sat, Aug 22** 5:00pm - Shelley Carter—Lector  
- Sammie Wood—Sanitizing  
**Sun, Aug 23** 10:30am - Craig Reeves—Lector  
- JoAnn Padilla--Sanitizing

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|              | <u>SFX</u>  | <u>OLOG</u> |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| August 08-09 | \$ 2,591.00 | \$ 229.00   |
| August 01-02 | \$ 1,293.00 | \$ 607.00   |
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## ACA Pledge Goal Report

*St. Francis Xavier-Clayton  
% of Participation - 11.82  
Number of Families - 313  
Parish Goal - \$13,500.00  
% Goal Pledged -71.81%  
% Goal Paid -71.29%  
Total Pledge-\$9,694.00 Total Paid-\$9,624.00  
Short-\$3,876.00*

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# Dear Padre,

**Is it wrong to hope for a miracle? My son has been diagnosed with cancer, and I am praying for one!**

**W**hen my mother was a teenage girl, she suffered from internal problems. Her mother took her across Detroit to a famous healer, Fr. Solanus Casey. He talked to her, prayed over her, and sent her back home. After that visit, my mother's internal problems disappeared!

As Christians, we believe in miracles. It is the legacy handed to us by the Lord Jesus. Remember that once Jesus had trained his disciples, he sent them out in pairs to cure the sick and drive out demons (Luke 9:1-6). They, like the Lord, became miracle workers. Jesus worked his miracles out of compassion (Luke 7:13). He wanted to show us that our God was a personal God, genuinely kind and loving.

The first step to asking for a miracle is to believe deeply in the power of Jesus. Jesus always demanded that an initial faith be present before he performed a miracle (Matthew 21:22). The miracle would then deepen, strengthen, and stabilize this faith. The second step is to be tireless in your asking. Saint Luke's section on prayer (Luke 11:1-13) promises success for those who keep knocking on God's door. The final step is to accept whatever the Lord gives. Perhaps the Lord has greater plans for your son than you might know or fathom.

The Lord's greatest miracle for us is the Eucharist. Here would be the proper place to lay your request before the Lord!

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR  
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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Jesus shows a particular predilection for those who are wounded in body and in spirit: the poor, the sinners, the possessed, the sick, the marginalized. Thus, he reveals himself as a doctor both of souls and of bodies, the good Samaritan of man. He is the true Savior: Jesus saves, Jesus cures, Jesus heals.*

—ANGELUS, FEBRUARY 8, 2015

## Calendar

### Monday

AUGUST 17  
Weekday  
Ez 24:15-24  
Mt 19:16-22

### Tuesday

AUGUST 18  
Weekday  
Ez 28:1-10  
Mt 19:23-30

### Wednesday

AUGUST 19  
Weekday  
Ez 34:1-11  
Mt 20:1-16

### Thursday

AUGUST 20  
St. Bernard,  
Abbot and Doctor  
of the Church  
Ez 36:23-28  
Mt 22:1-14

### Friday

AUGUST 21  
St. Pius X,  
Pope  
Ez 37:1-14  
Mt 22:34-40

### Saturday

AUGUST 22  
The Queenship of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
Ez 43:1-7ab  
Mt 23:1-12

### Sunday

AUGUST 23  
Twenty-first Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Is 22:19-23  
Rom 11:33-36  
Mt 16:13-20

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