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870-316-0229

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The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord . . .

*I will bring to my  
holy mountain . . .*

for my house shall be called a  
house of prayer for all peoples.

ISAIAH 56:6, 7

August 16, 2020

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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870-520-8331**

**MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, August 17 - Public Mass  
7:00 a.m. Janet Ross †  
by Khoa Nguyen Family

Tuesday, August 18 - Public Mass  
5:30 p.m. Int. of Beverly Bartels  
by Nancy DePriest

Wednesday, August 19 - Public Mass  
7:00 a.m. Dileeni Nonis †  
by The Nonis Family

Thursday, August 20 - Public Mass  
5:30 p.m. Int. of Pat & Debbie Quinn on  
their 55th Wedding Anniversary  
by The Quinn Family

Friday, August 21 - Public Mass  
7:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving  
by The Nonis Family

Saturday, August 22 - Public Mass  
Public & Livestreamed Mass  
5:30 p.m. Mary Rothe †  
by Cindy Cole

Sunday, August 23- Public Mass  
8:00 a.m. Claudio Sertorio †  
by Fatima Lee

10:00 a.m. Gary Hendon †  
by Tamara Jansen

Public & Livestreamed Mass  
12:00 p.m. Mass for Parishioners

Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 p.m. Church  
or by appointment, 870-932-2529.



**Frank Dittmeier**  
Brother of Holly Jordan

Eternal rest grant unto him,  
O Lord.  
And let perpetual light shine  
upon him.  
May his soul and all the souls of  
the faithful departed through the  
mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.  
Please keep his family in your  
prayers.



**PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**  
Office Hours 8 a.m.—4 p.m.

Monday August 17  
7:00 a.m. Public Mass  
7:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m. Adoration

Tuesday August 18  
5:30 p.m. Public Mass

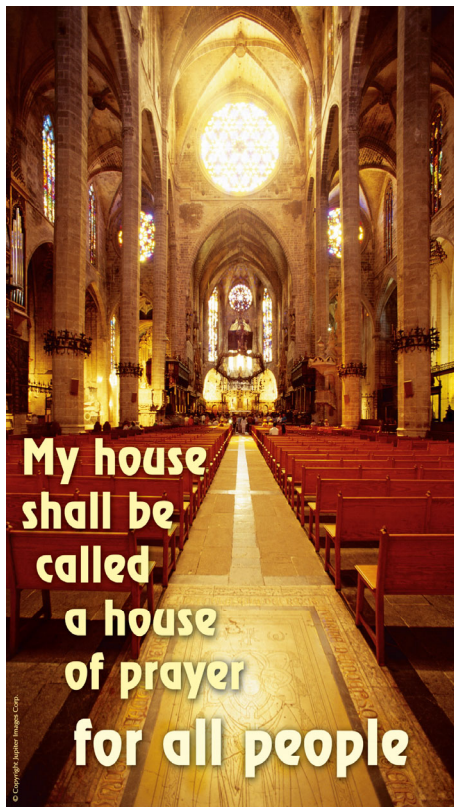
Wednesday August 19  
St. John Eudes, Priest  
7:00 a.m. Public Mass  
7:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m. Adoration

Thursday August 20  
St. Bernard, Abbott and Doctor of the Church  
5:30 p.m. Public Mass

Friday August 21  
St. Pius X, Pope  
7:00 a.m. Public Mass

Saturday August 22  
Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
5:30 p.m. Mass—Public & Live Streaming

Sunday August 23  
8 a.m. Mass—Public Mass  
10 a.m. Mass—Public Mass  
12 p.m. Mass in Spanish—Public & Live Streaming



**My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**  
AUGUST 16, 2020

Sunday Is 56:1, 6-7  
Ps 67:2-3, 4, 5, 6, 8  
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32  
Mt 15:21-28

Monday Ez 24:15-24  
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday Ez 28:1-10  
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday Ez 34:1-11  
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday Ez 36:23-28  
Mt 22:1-14

Friday Ez 37:1-14  
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday Ez 43:1-7a  
Mt 23:1-12

Sunday Is 22:19-23  
Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8  
Rom 11:33-36  
Mt 16:13-20



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Mondays, Wednesdays	7:00am 7:30am-7:30pm	Public Mass Church is open for Adoration
Tuesdays & Thursdays	5:30pm	Public Mass
Friday	7:00 am	Public Mass
Saturdays	4:00pm-5:00pm 5:30pm	Confessions in the Church (In the Chapel and Priest Vesting Room) Public Mass of the Sunday (English) livestreamed
Sundays	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	Public Mass (English) Public Mass (English) Public Mass (Spanish) livestreamed

### Guidelines:

Those who visit the Church **must** follow the directives and restrictions imposed by the Governor and Bishop and respect Blessed Sacrament Church guidelines:

Sundays and the Holy Days of obligation are still under suspension.

Must always wear masks (age 10 and over) or other protective covering of mouth and nose except when receiving Holy Communion during Mass. **(Please bring your own mask when possible)**

All must use a hand sanitizer upon arrival at the Church.

Maintain social distance of 6'

Holy Communion reception on the hand during the Mass (without gloves)

If you would like to receive Holy Communion on the tongue please request the Priest after Mass.

Only the Church main doors (that is southside entrance) will be open for entry and exit.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY UPDATE

For those in our community in need of assistance (rent or utility), volunteers are answering requests by phone.

During the past two weeks:

Utility assistance for 8 families

Rental assistance for 4 families were provided.

*Priority is given to members of our parish family.*

If you or someone you know, is a resident of Craighead County, and struggling to make ends meet, please call:

870-316-0229.

We thank you for answering our prayers and ask for your continued support! God bless you all.

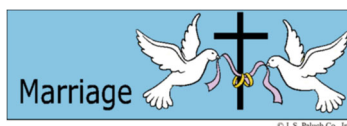
### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Prior to the Baptism of a child, parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Class. For more information and/or to register for the class, please contact: Sara Beth Cook, 870-897-3279 or [sarabethcook@gmail.com](mailto:sarabethcook@gmail.com).



### MARRIAGE GUIDELINES

Those considering marriage need to notify the parish priest or deacon of their intention to marry at least six months prior to their intended wedding date. Wedding dates will be finalized only after consultation with the priest or deacon. Attendance of an approved marriage preparation program is required. Please call the parish office, 932-2529, for further information and/or an appointment.



Have you  
prayed the  
Rosary  
today?





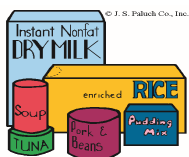
**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The special intentions of parishioners, especially those homebound/hospitalized, Agnes Tipton, Michelle Veteto, Shelby Ward, Lloyd McCuiston, Tim Veteto, Koen Smith, Yelba & Raymond Stevenson, Kathy & Donald Plessinger, Jody Amick, Millie & Bill Kueter, Nikki Amick, Mary Ann Eaton, Vicki Elder, Rita Vaught, Metta Nesmith, Nancy McFarland, Freda & Jim Cole, Carolyn Boling, Jeannette Haddad, Pat Dacus, Rita Puryear, Charles Kline Family, Eddie Reinhart, David Wolters, Odette Dawood, Mary Lane, Charlie Payne, Brenda Hetler, Tim Winemiller, Aaron Brodell, Betty Cornell, Misael Reyes, Kat Wright, Sid McCaffey, Gary Wells, Robert Surdyk, Mary Anne Hay, Cecilia Tacon, Rex Fletcher, Larry McKinney, Marisol Guerra, Melody Kennedy, Javier Garduno, Tim Reed, Nathan Barajas, Andy Sanders, Bill Ritter, Earl Wallace COVID-19 sufferers

**WORK OF MERCY**

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry has received 17 lbs. of goods and \$5 donation from our parish this month. Thank you!

**F.Y.I.**

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry Drive Thru hours are: Mondays, Tuesday & Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (weather permitting) HNFP is located on the corner of Huntington and Vine. For more information please contact HNFP at 935-7298



**WHY PRAY?**

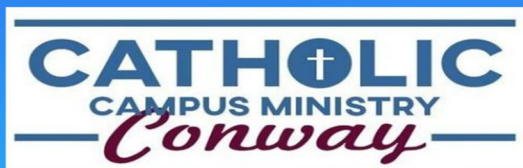
The “foreigners” as Isaiah calls them, the “Gentiles” as Paul calls them, or the “Canaanites” as Matthew calls them are called to worship the one true God in prayer. As we listen to today’s readings, perhaps we are tempted to ask: Why pray? The question is rhetorical; it is tantamount to asking why should 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. We have the opportunity to talk to Jesus Christ in prayer. Our relationship with him must be enthusiastic; it cannot be faint-hearted. John Donne, a fifteenth-century poet, knew what the qualities of good prayer were. Donne asks God to treat him differently from most Christians. The poet does not want God to merely “knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend,” but also to “break, blow, burn, and make me new” (*Holy Sonnets*, XIV).

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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**Anyone that has volunteered to teach for the Religious Education 2020/2021 School Year there will be a meeting Saturday, August 22 at 10:00 am in the cafeteria.**

**If you have any questions please contact Cindy Cole at the Parish Office 932-2529.**



**Catholic Campus Ministry of Conway is looking for their Alumni from our Parish. If you or anyone you know is an Alumni please contact the Parish Office at 932-2529.**

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lectionary readings today invite us to consider both the human tendency to build boundaries between people, and God's tendency to cross and even to break these boundaries. Isaiah and Paul speak of God's ongoing desire to bring all of humanity under divine care. The scene in Matthew's Gospel alludes to the long-standing distrust between foreigners and the Jewish people. Though Jesus initially resists, he then celebrates the faith of the Canaanite woman and heals her daughter. Those who are given the gift of faith can be tempted to believe that God is present only to them, implicitly creating barriers against others. But the gift of faith is meant to serve God's larger purpose, so that everyone might be united with God. By his act of healing, Jesus breaks the boundary between Jew and Gentile, and invites both to be a part of God's people.

### STANDING FAST

Matthew opens the scene in today's Gospel by setting up a conflict. Unlike the parallel story in Mark (7:24), the woman is described as "a Canaanite." This label serves to evoke the ancient animosity between Jews and other peoples in the region. The woman, who is never named, begs for help for her daughter. The disciples are actively dismissive of her, as a woman and a foreigner, and deem her to be unworthy of their attention. The text suggests that Jesus initially sided with the disciples. But then he recognized the strength of her faith.

Many women, foreigners, or marginalized persons might identify with this woman's story. Sometimes faith means standing fast, in care for others or in fidelity to truth, even when it seems that no one supports you. Somehow, the woman recognized God's power and God's care within Jesus. And Jesus recognized that God was active within her, manifested in her commitment to her daughter. Jesus saw his Father's larger horizon of care for everyone, Jew and Gentile, within this faith-filled woman.

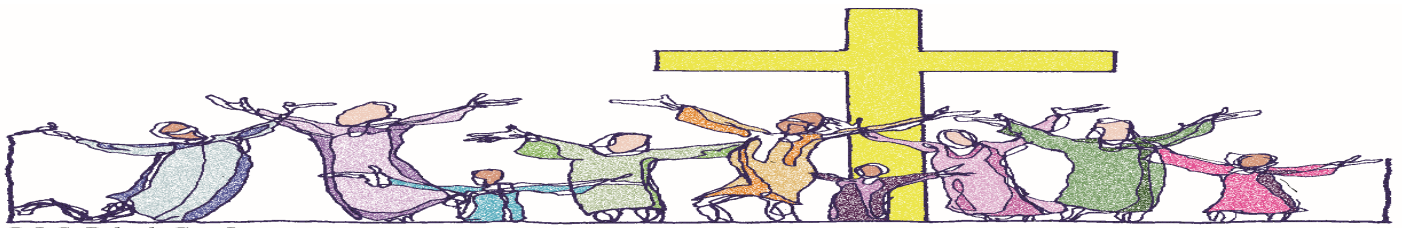
### A NEW TEMPLE

Isaiah articulates the vision that it is God's deep desire that all human beings will respond to God in prayer and thanksgiving. God will summon everyone to "my holy mountain," that is, the temple Mount. The temple was the primary symbol of God's presence among the people. The Temple was where communal worship and sacrifice took place. Worship served to give thanks for God's blessings on the people. Sacrifice served to help heal relationships between God and Israel, and within the community, when sin had damaged or broken them.

The early church reflected upon this vision and saw Jesus as a new temple. The person of Jesus is to be worshiped as God's active presence within human life. Jesus is to be worshiped in prayer and thanksgiving, and Jesus is where relationships are healed and renewed. In Jesus, God invites the whole world into God's loving care.

Today's Readings: Is 56:1, 6–7; Ps 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13–15, 29–32; Mt 15:21–28

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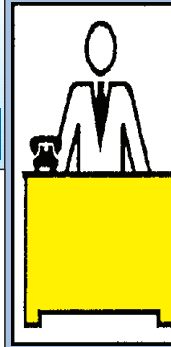
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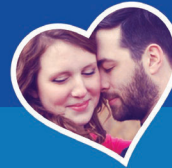
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