

St. Edward the Confessor

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ

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.



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 16th, 2020

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From Fr. Mike's Desk

Today's Gospel, as I have said many times before, is a most difficult Gospel to preach on. In fact, it is even difficult to read. It shows us a Jesus no one wants to see. It shows us a Jesus that is completely opposite from the Jesus we usually see. Jesus is mean to this woman, and makes her jump through hoops to seek a cure for her daughter. This is certainly true after a quick surface reading, however, if we study it closely, we can see much is at work here, and Jesus is not as mean as He appears.

Many of the biblical commentators, point out that this reading is a foreshadowing of the Church reaching out to non-Jews, and looking at some of the problems that this may present. At first many believe that Matthew's disciples were reluctant to embrace gentile converts, but that idea changed as they better understood Jesus' universal call. We see this reluctance as we read Matthew's account and how the Apostles wanted Jesus to give her what she wants so she will go away. At first it looks like Jesus does not know what to do, as the Apostles did not care about this woman, they just wanted her to go. However, Jesus is truly moved with compassion for this woman and her daughter. But if He gave into her request as she is a gentile, and to top it off a Canaanite (the ancient enemies of the Jews), He would lose all credibility among the Jews. This would be evidence to use against Him by those who would denounce Him. At least that is how it seems on the surface. Jesus comes back at the woman's call by stating that He came for the lost sheep of Israel, but she persisted and said "Lord, help me." Jesus' reply was certainly surprising when He tells her; "*It is not right to take the food of children and throw it to the dogs.*" How can the Son of God refer to a person as a dog? Yet it was common in Jesus' day for the Jews to refer to non-Jews as dogs. While this is bad enough, by today's standards, the word used commonly was that of defining a street dog. A dog that was savage and a scavenger (a word that later would be used to refer to Christians). Again, why would Jesus use this expression? Well the truth is Jesus used another word for dog when He addressed her. Jesus used the word which denotes a pet or a beloved dog. In fact, in older translations the words pet dog are written. This is a different matter; Jesus is truly looking at her with compassion. While the others may not have picked up on the use of the word, the woman did, which is why she was bold enough to reply to

Jesus, "Please Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." She made the connection with Jesus and understood how His approach was different from the crowd and even His disciples.

This account also tells us other reasons why Jesus came to her aid. He answers her request because of her great faith and her great love. She is a model for us to follow as she believed that He had the power to cast out the demon which is why she addresses Him as Lord. She was persistence in her faith and in her prayer that she would not allow even Jesus to stand in her way. How often in our prayers do we get weary, or think that God is not listening to us? We must be like this woman and not allow anything to stop us. The other reason why she is a model for us, is her capacity to love. She loved her daughter so much, that she would continue crying out until Jesus stopped. God who is love, responded in kind and rewarded her love for her child as He showed His love for her. Compassion, love, prayer and faith all come together in this Gospel message. Let us have the ears to hear, the eyes to see and to realize that God is always at work in our world and in our lives.

God bless you always!

Fr. Mike

Next Week's Readings

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2020

First Reading - Isaiah 22:19-23

Psalms 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

Second Reading - Romans 11:33-36

Gospel - Matthew 16:13-20

“Lord God, be my refuge and my strength.”

Mass Intentions

Mon. - 8/17 - Monday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time
9:00 am Louis J. Gugliotta

Tues. - 8/18 - Tuesday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time
9:00 am Vincent Preziosi

Wed. - 8/19 - Wednesday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time
9:00 am Maria Rosa Gaita

Thurs. 8/20 - Memorial of St. Bernard
9:00 am For Our St. Edward's Parishioners

Fri. - 8/21 - Memorial of Saint Pius X
9:00 am Jean Carr

Sat. - 8/22 - Memorial of the Queenship of The Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am Robert, Anne & Edward Geber
5:00 pm Victor Casagrande
Madeline Tully
Patrick Driscoll
Mary Keenan
For Our Parishioners

Sun. - 8/23 - Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Brian Mulvey
9:30 am Patricia Murphy
11:30 am Anna & Joseph Nemecek
Patrick Driscoll
Paul O'Donnell
Gloria Murray Hanrahan
Morgan Kelly Walsh
7:00 pm No Mass

Please remember that the church will be open daily for your own private devotions, which may include: An Act of Spiritual Communion, Praying the Divine Office, Praying the Rosary, or writing down your own intentions in the book found at the rear of the church.

The Altar Bread & Wine

For the week of August 16 - August 22, 2020

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Alexus (Lexi) Bonasera

By: Deacon Ray and Nancy D'Alessio

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For the week of August 16 - August 22, 2020

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Military List

“Lord, hold our troops in your loving hand. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen”

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Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Vann, U.S. Navy

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Kathy Rooney	Rosalie Schiovone	Julianna Key
Michele Wesch	Frank Meyers	Susan Giambalvo
Katy Monte	Alvaro Banchon	Alexandra Reuter

From Death to New Life



Patricia E. Herlihy

Next Week's Presider Schedule

Saturday, Aug 22	5:00 PM	Fr. Celestine
Sunday, Aug 23	7:30 AM	Fr. Hyacinth
	9:30 AM	Fr. Mike
	11:30 AM	Mmgr. Beckmann

Fr. Mike's Letter for Week 21 of the Corona Virus Crisis

The following letter was posted last week, prior to The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, on the St. Edward's website as well as on Flocknote. The letter is reprinted here for those of you who do not have internet access.

As if the Corona Virus was not enough, this week Mother Nature hit us again with Tropical Storm Isaias. It might make some people ask, what did we do to deserve this? Well of course the answer to this question is, we did nothing wrong and God is not punishing us for anything we might have done wrong. The storm is nature following what the natural world dishes out to us. The natural world has its own laws and protocols to follow and we must do our best to try and understand them, and likewise respect them. Keep in mind, that God has given us a great deal of knowledge about the world. Think about it, we know so much more than we knew 100 or even 50 years ago. However, COVID 19 shows us that we still need to know more. In due time we will know more, but right now we know more than we did five months ago. As mentioned in this space many times, God is guiding us on the road to a vaccine and hopefully better treatments. Hopefully, a year from now, we will have a greater understanding of the virus, a vaccine, and less fear. However, a year is 365 days away, and so much can happen in a year, both good and bad. So, what do we do? Do not lose faith in God, or in the people who are working hard to develop a vaccine, and better treatments. Do not lose faith in those who are taking care of the sick in the hospitals and nursing homes, and at their own homes. All of us must work together and pray together, it does make a difference.

The name Isaias is Spanish for Isaiah. The Prophet Isaiah is one of the major prophets of the Old Testament, and during the time of his prophecy, the people were told that Jerusalem would be conquered, and the people would be taken into exile. Later, he would tell the people that their time of exile would end, and that God would return them to their old life. In fact, God promised that they will have a better life, and they are told that God will send a Messiah. The Messiah whose life and message would free them and all the people of the world. Isaiah also warns the people, as time went on, that they were not following the Lord's commands, and they were not leading better, holier lives and were not doing their part to prepare the world for the coming of Christ. Unfortunately, the people refused to hear, and as a result they fell into their old ways and trusted only in human beings and not God. As time went on, they were conquered by the Greeks and the Greeks were conquered by the Romans, who in 72 AD destroyed the Temple. However, things were different in 72 AD. The Messiah had come, the Pascal Mystery was carried out (and is still being carried out) and the Holy Spirit came upon the Church. All things were new, for Jesus had changed the world and us.

Again, as we go through this difficult time, never forget that things are different because of Christ. Even though we have lost people whom we love, remember they followed in the footsteps of Christ and all the Saints. While we miss them, we know that they are still with us as they are members of the Communion of Saints. Also, they are in a better place and one day we will be with them again.

God bless you and do not lose faith!

Fr. Mike

To find out more about how the Diocese of Rockville Centre is providing for their congregation during the COVID-19 crisis, including information about Recent Updates, News and Directives, Parish Livestreams and other resources, please visit the website for the Long Island Catholic Plus at;

WWW.LICPLUS.ORG/CORONAVIRUS

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The Gospel today announces that the kingdom and salvation are for all people. It is our persistent calling out to Jesus and our faith that count, for Jesus always responds.

With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use...and give it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

If you know of someone who might benefit from a virtual home visit, please call our conference at:

516-218-7837

Volunteers Needed

Since the early days of quarantining during the Covid-19 pandemic, St. Edward Church has relied on the talents and kindness of Mr. Vincent Albrecht - our school's principal - to film Sunday Masses for posting on the parish YouTube channel and Facebook page. His dedication has allowed all of us to visit our Church each week and participate in Liturgy from the comfort of our homes. We are especially grateful!

Although the Church has reopened, we want to continue offering these broadcasts. Mr. Albrecht is getting ready to open our school once again for the 2020-2021 school year, and thus, we are hoping to find a volunteer (or several volunteers) to record Mass for us each Sunday in his place. Mr. Albrecht is happy to offer training and answer questions along the way. (Masses are recorded at 7:30 AM on Sundays.)

If you want more information or are interested in helping, please email Mr. Albrecht using the subject line of "Masses" at valbrecht5571@stedwardconfessor.org or call the school office at 516-921-7767. Please leave a message with your name and phone number, and mention you are calling about recording upcoming Masses.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please forward this to anyone you think might be willing to assist us.

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"Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me." Matthew 18:4-5



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Are You Being Called to Serve?

Hello! My name is Deacon Art Candido!

*As **DIRECTOR OF DIACONATE FORMATION**, my ministry is to **FORM CATHOLIC MEN INTO DEACONS** who serve in our Diocese of Rockville Centre.*



*If you have ever thought about **SERVING GOD AND THE CHURCH** as a deacon, I invite you and your wife to attend one of our **INFORMATION SESSIONS** so I can share about the diaconate with you.*

There are three meeting dates to choose from—

7:00 PM Tuesday, September 15th
4:00 PM Sunday, September 20th OR 7:00 PM Thursday, September 24th

*at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743.*

To reserve a place at one of the meetings,
*contact my assistant, Carol, at 631-423-0483 Ext. 179
or email diaconateformation@drvc.org*

Words of Advice for College Students Striving for Holiness

Bishop Barres has written a special letter to college students, acknowledging that much has changed in the world since last semester, and so much will be different on campus this year. Yet one thing remains: the love of Jesus Christ. Whether you are navigating long distance learning or returning to a campus on Long Island or a campus in another part of the country, entering as a transfer student or just beginning, the Holy Spirit calls you to live in this love. The Holy Spirit desires spiritual greatness from you right in the midst of the heavy crosses the world is carrying. In his letter Bishop Barres offers some short words of advice as you strive for holiness in this unique moment of history. He will be praying for each of you, along with your family and every friend you make on campus. His entire letter can be using this link:

<http://faithdigital.org/Rockville/Bringing-Christ-to-Campus/>

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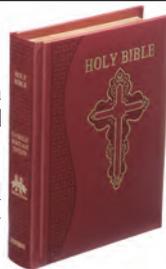
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