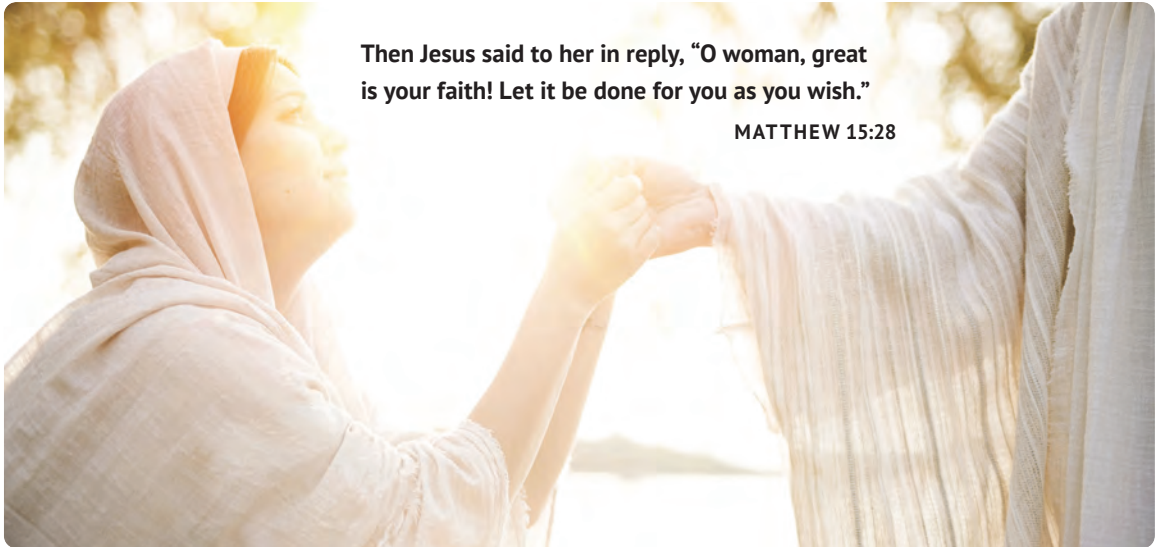




Then Jesus said to her in reply, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.”

MATTHEW 15:28

Still Redeemable?

ANN M. GARRIDO

Not once, not twice, but three times in today’s gospel, Jesus dismisses the Canaanite woman who comes to him for help. First, he refuses to speak to her. Then, he says he has come only for “the lost sheep” of Israel. Finally, he compares her to a dog. In ancient Judaism, dogs were considered unclean animals, and to call someone a dog was a harsh insult. How does it feel to hear Jesus speak to a woman in this way? We must admit that it does not sound like the Jesus we know and love.

With the trajectory of the encounter headed downhill (and picking up speed), it is hard to imagine that anything could be done at this point to change the outcome. If I were in her situation, I would have been so offended after the third dismissal that I would have simply slammed the door on the way out. But, remarkably, the story takes a 90-degree turn when the Canaanite woman enters into a verbal joust with Jesus and jolts him into taking her seriously. Very seriously. Jesus praises her for her faith.

“Faith in what?” one might ask. Perhaps faith that this relationship could still turn around. Faith that the antagonistic plotline of history between Jews and Canaanites could still change. Faith that Jesus could still be something other than a dismissive man. Faith that an ignored voice might still be worth hearing. Do we have the praiseworthy faith of the Canaanite woman? Do we still believe that troublesome interactions can yet be redeemed? ●



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OF OUR PARISH
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Reflect

How strong is my faith? Strong enough to be persistent?

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ST MICHAEL'S

TUESDAY: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SATURDAY: 4:00 - 5:00 PM

SACRED HEART

FRIDAY: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

"Come adore the Lord truly present in the most blessed sacrament"

August 15th The Assumption of Mary

The Assumption of Mary is a Catholic teaching.
It states that at the end of her life on Earth,
**Mary was taken up into heaven
with both her body and her soul.**

Mary, pray for us!





Join us for
BINGO
 every
TUESDAY NIGHT
 IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA





DOORS OPEN
AT
6:00PM



GAMES START
AT
7:00PM

WE NOW HAVE TWO JACKPOTS
 WORTH **\$1,000** EACH,

54
NUMBER CALLED

&

42
NUMBERS CALLED






★ **RAFFLE PRIZE IS NOW UP TO** ★

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*Let the little children
come to me,
and do not hinder
them, for the kingdom
of God belongs to
such as these.*
 ~ Mark 10:14



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— TEAM — GEORGIA



*Helping Georgia get to Boston
for more answers and hope.*



As most of you know, Georgia, daughter of Kevin & Devin Waller, will be traveling to Boston Children's this December to see the doctor who discovered the genetic mutation that she has. The family is excited about possibilities of getting more answers for Georgia.



T-SHIRTS: \$20 EACH



COLOR: LIGHT BLUE



**SIZES: TODDLER
THROUGH 3X**



**ALL PROCEEDS WILL HELP
PAY FOR HOTEL AND
TRANSPORTATION/TRAVEL
EXPENSES WHILE THEY
ARE IN BOSTON.**

Thank you for your donations and prayers for the Waller family!

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Please let Kevin or Devin Waller
know what size shirt you would like.



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CHECK

For cash or check payments, envelopes will be available in the church vestibule.
Please place your donation envelope in the collection basket
or turn it in to the church office. Thank you!

El Gremio del Niño Jesús de Praga

El Gremio está formado por mujeres de **Sagrado Corazón y San Miguel** que comparten el deseo de servir a Dios, a nuestras parroquias y a nuestra escuela, al mismo tiempo que construimos amistades y compañerismo con otras mujeres de la Iglesia.

Nos reunimos cuatro veces al año y apoyamos activamente las actividades de la iglesia y la escuela durante todo el año.

¡Nos encantaría que te unas a nosotras!



PRIMERA REUNIÓN DEL AÑO



**DOMINGO,
30 DE AGOSTO
A LAS 2:00 PM**



**EN CASA DE
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Marion, AR



**¡SOCIAL DE
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No es necesario traer nada, ¡solo tráete a ti misma!

♡ Ven y disfruta de un dulce momento de convivencia, amistad y fe. ♡



SANTA ROSA DE LIMA

Mística y miembro de la Tercera Orden de Santo Domingo.
La primera santa nacida en las Américas.

VIDA Y DEVOCIÓN



Nació de padres españoles en el Virreinato del Perú.



Tomó el nombre Rosa después de que una sirvienta viera su rostro transformarse místicamente en una rosa durante su juventud.



Elegió una vida de severa penitencia, oración intensa y ascetismo privado en el jardín de su familia.



Dedicó su tiempo a cuidar a los pobres, los ancianos y los enfermos de Lima.

LEGADO Y PATRONAZGO



Murió el 24 de agosto de 1617, a la edad de 31 años.



Es honrada con una fiesta el 23 de agosto.



Fue nombrada patrona principal de las Américas, Perú, Sudamérica y Filipinas.

“Aparte de la cruz, no hay otra escalera por la cual podamos llegar al cielo.”

— SANTA ROSA DE LIMA —



THE INFANT OF PRAGUE

Guild

The Guild is made up of women from both Sacred Heart and St. Michael's who share a desire to serve God, our parish, and our school while building friendships and fellowship with other women of the church.

We meet four times each year and actively support church and school activities throughout the year.

We would love to see you join us!



FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR



**SUNDAY,
AUGUST 30TH
AT 2:00 PM**



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**ICE CREAM
SOCIAL!**

**NO NEED TO
BRING ANYTHING—
JUST YOURSELF!**

Come enjoy a sweet treat, fellowship, and friendship!
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

SAINT ROSE OF LIMA

A mystic and a member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic.

The first native-born saint of the Americas.

LIFE AND DEVOTION



Born to Spanish parents in the Viceroyalty of Peru.



Took the name Rose after a servant saw her face transform into a mystical rose in her youth.



Chose a life of severe penance, intense prayer, and private asceticism inside her family's garden.



Dedicated her time to caring for the poor, the elderly, and the sick in Lima.

LEGACY AND PATRONAGE



Died on August 24, 1617, at the age of 31.



Honored with a feast day on August 23.



Named the primary patroness of the Americas, Peru, South America, and the Philippines.

"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven."

— SAINT ROSE OF LIMA



You Know its



BACK TO SCHOOL

at SMCS when.....



everyone suddenly remembers just how much stretching it takes just to get through the day.



the paperwork starts coming in faster then we can sign it.



lunches are packed, backpacks are ready and snacks are already being shared

.....the classrooms are being filled with little voices, big smiles, and lots of excitement!

Welcome back SMCS!

Here's to another wonderful school year!

Welcome back SMCS !!



Mrs. Laura's
Kindergarten class



Ms. Tara's
5th grade class



Mrs. Leigh Ann's
2nd grade class



Mrs. Stefanie's 3rd grade class



Mrs. Ginny's
1st grade class



Mrs. Lanie's Pre-K4 class



Ms. Sharon's Pre-K3 class



LITURGICAL
MINISTRIES



Week of	August 22, 2026	August 23, 2026
Lector	Rebecca Warner	Melanie Beyers
Linens	Dorothy Foster	
Communion	Fairley Vega	Melissa Morphis
	Jo Ann Vega	Jessica Galtelli
	Elizabeth Reece	Katie Reese
Offertory	Chris Warner	Fletcher Family
	Rebecca & Stewart Warner	
Greeters	Rita Fratesi	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & FELLOWSHIP



INFANT OF PRAGUE GUILD: Meetings are held quarterly in the school cafeteria. *Please watch here for announcements*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: First Sunday of each month · 7:00 p.m.

Finance Council - Thursday, Aug. 20th · 5:00 p.m.

Pastoral Council- Thursday, Aug. 20th · 6:15 p.m.

✧ **PARISH FELLOWSHIP** ✧

SACRED HEART BRUNCH - First Sunday — Sept. 6th *Following Mass*

ST. MICHAEL'S BRUNCH- Second Sunday — Sept 13th *Following Mass – Knights*

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	August	15	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Etta Kelly†
Sunday	August	16	8:30 am 10:30 am	Frank J. Alpe† Cathryn Simpson†
Monday	August	17	NO MASS	
Tuesday	August	18	6:00 pm	Danny Foster†
Wednesday	August	19	8:00 am	Dale Sella†
Thursday	August	20	8:00 am	Libby Burroughs (B'Day)
Friday	August	21	8:00 am	Mary Ann Tyrone
Saturday	August	22	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Danny Foster†
Sunday	August	23	8:30 am 10:30 am	Pam Schroeder† Michael Burroughs(Anni)†



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Bangie Camper, JoAnn Vega, Patsy & Danny Haynes, James Bell, Charlie Dabbs, Ginny Kimbrell, Carlton Coveny, Carla Sanderson, Kathleen Alparo, Baby Arabella, Ward Roberts, Melanie Beyer, Fairley Vega, Olivia Vega, Richard Gunter, Steve Marasco, Illuminata Wilhelmi, Nancy Ellis Hays, Cathy Stockbridge, Theresa Black, Mary Ann Tyrone, Donald Turlich, Vickey Stanford, John Baioni, Will Hutcherson, Mandi Tacker, Matthew Bain, Edna Alpuente, Joan McCarty, Jane Rice, Neil Sponer, Tracey Tyrone Cox, Grace Pulliam, Alaina Goldsby, Nancy Jackson, Janet Long, Jim Pugh, Jose Cantu, Balthasar Arellano, Joe Alvarez, Jay Gultner, Scott Goldsmith, Ruben Saldivar, Joanna Kim, Mayson Hall, Walter Smith, Freddy Crabtree, Richard Batkey, Leroy England, Gloria Anderson, Cindy Dabbs, Juan Perez, Jr., Lillie Clark, Eric Densford, Joan White, Tina Imboden, Kay Loney, Johnny McMullin, Victims of War and Violence in our country and throughout the world, especially in the Ukraine. All persons serving in our Military, The Seminarians of the Diocese of Little Rock, and the Religious Men and Women of Arkansas.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION:

August 9,2026 St. Michael's \$3,913.00

Sacred Heart \$896.00

Dear Padre,

What does the Church teach about evolution?

In 1950, Pope Pius XII assured believers that there is no intrinsic opposition between Christianity and the theory of evolution, provided that God is affirmed as the Creator of all things and that the human soul is acknowledged a direct creation of God. (See *Humani Generis* [On the Human Person], 36.) In section 6 of his October 22, 1996, address to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, Pope St. John Paul II sanctioned the acceptance of evolution theories but added that the nature of the soul and its relationship to God are beyond the realm of science. Thus, the Catholic Church maintains that while evolution explains the development of life, it is God who initiated and guided the evolutionary process, and that our providential God is ultimately responsible for creating the human soul.

Many people find Darwin's evolutionary theory (*On the Origin of Species*, 1859) hard to reconcile with their literal interpretation of the biblical account of origins in Genesis 1 and 2. But views on whether God created human beings in evolutionary stages that span millennia, or literally created human beings in an instant, can coexist for Catholics. Yet, regarding the latter view, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* discourages an overall literal interpretation of the Bible, encouraging readers instead to recognize its various literary genres. (See CCC 109–117.) Recall, too, that the Bible wasn't written for scientific information, nor was Darwinian biology written for theological revelation. ●



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday

August 17

Weekday

Ez 24:15–23

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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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

[T]he pain that moves us to compassion is not the pain of a stranger; it is the pain of a member of our own Body, to whom Christ our Head commands us attend, for the good of all. In this sense, our service is identified with Christ's own suffering and, when offered in a Christian spirit, hastens the fulfillment of the Savior's prayer for the unity of all.

MESSAGE ON WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, ROME, FEBRUARY 11, 2026

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