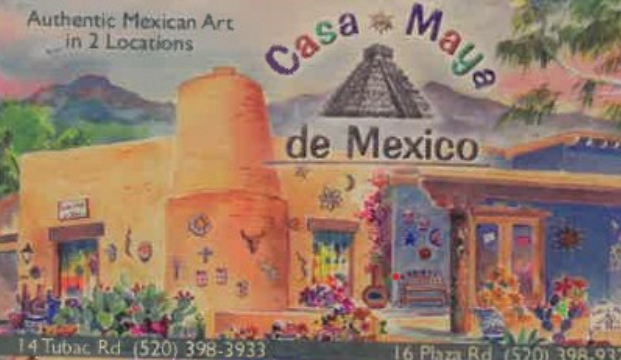


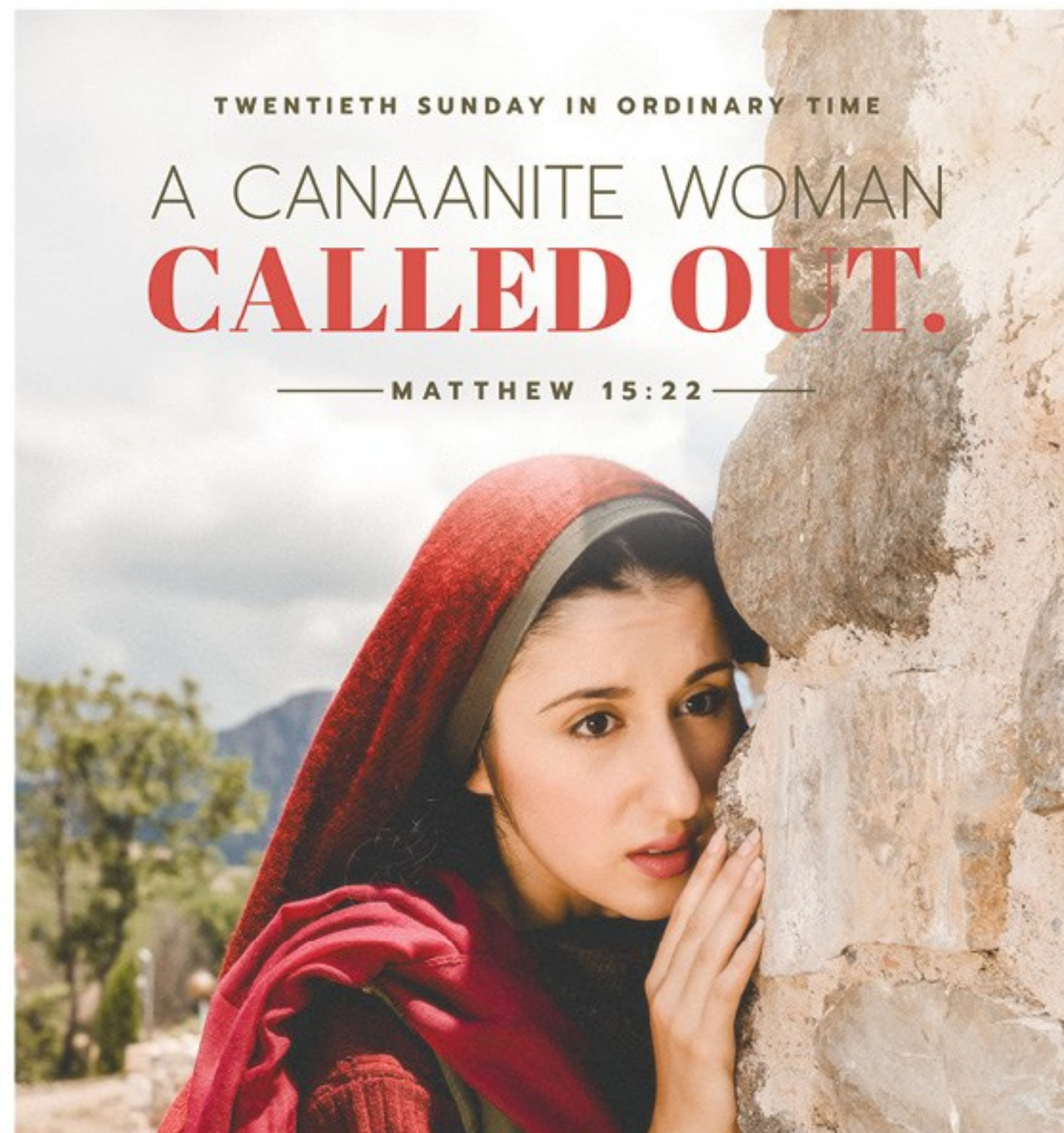
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A CANAANITE WOMAN CALLED OUT.

— MATTHEW 15:22 —



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As a Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Tucson,
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St . Ann's Parish

No Saturday Mass until October
Sunday's at 9:00 a.m.

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Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

St Ferdinand's

Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Weekday Communion Service only

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday &
Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Communion Antiphon

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption .

Prayer after Communion

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;
Water from the side of Christ, wash me; Passion of
Christ, strengthen me;
O good Jesus hear me; Within your wounds hide me;
separated from you, let me never be; From the evil
one protect me; At the hour of my death, call me;
And close to you bid me; That with your saints,
I may be praising you forever and ever. Amen.

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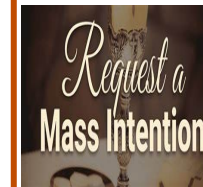
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament St. Ann's Parish

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
The month of September we will not be
having Adoration of the blessed
Sacrament, until Father Joseph returns



Important Reminder

Once you have received the host in your
hand, Please **do not** step to the side
and then consume it. You **must**
consume the host **in front** of the
Eucharistic Minister before heading
back to your seat.



Mass Intentions

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or
deceased, is a beautiful and meaningful part of our Catholic tradition. Contin-
uing this long-standing practice, you may remember someone who has
died—whether recently or many years ago. Mass intentions are not only for
the deceased. They also make thoughtful and prayerful gifts for special
occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, or in thanksgiving for prayers
answered.

To request a Mass intention, please call or visit the parish office. Mass intentions are \$10.00 each.

All Mass intentions must be submitted **at least one week prior to the Mass date** in
order to be listed in the bulletin. **All mass intention must be done a week before mass**
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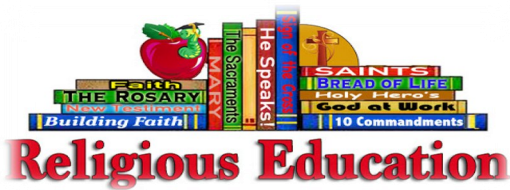


Safe Environment

We all have a duty to protect the
vulnerable. If the abuse happened in the Diocese of Tucson,
call the victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson at
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Adult Protection of the Diocese at
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Homebound Communion

For All St Ann's & Its Mission
Parishioners
that are in need of
Homebound Communion brought to them, must first
contact the Parish Office and make the proper
arrangements. 520-398-2646



Last Day of Religious Education
Registration is on August 19, 2026

First Day of Class
for all RE students will be
Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Supporting Our Parish Through the
Summer Months

The summer months are often financially
challenging for our parish, and we continue to
look for practical ways to reduce expenses.
We recently replaced our seven-day beeswax
sanctuary candles—which cost \$128 per case
of 12—with an electric sanctuary candle.

We are also grateful to Marty Durkin for
helping upgrade our telephone and alarm
systems. These improvements have reduced
the parish office’s telephone expenses by
approximately 50 percent.

Every saving makes a difference. Please
continue to remember and support St. Ann’s
Parish and Its Missions throughout these
difficult summer months. Your prayers,
generosity, and faithful support are deeply
appreciated.

Blessing to All.

Temporary Mass and Confession Schedule

Please note that while Father Joseph is away, the following changes
will be in effect from **August 24 through October 16, 2026:**

- Weekday Masses will be replaced by **Communion Services**.
- There will be **no Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Ann’s** until
Father Joseph returns.
- Sunday Mass will continue at **9:00 a.m. at St. Ann’s Parish**
and **11:00 a.m. at Assumption Chapel in Amado**, located only
about 15 minutes from St. Ann’s.
- Confessions will be available on Sunday mornings **30 minutes**
before each Mass.
- The month of September we will not be having Adoration of
the blessed Sacrament.

We encourage everyone who normally attends the Saturday Mass to
join us at one of our Sunday Masses. Thank you for your patience and
understanding, and please continue to keep Father Joseph in your
prayers during his travels.

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.”
He said in reply, “I was sent
only to the lost sheep of
the house of Israel.” But
the woman came and did
Jesus homage, saying,
“Lord, help me.”
- Mt 15:22, 24-25

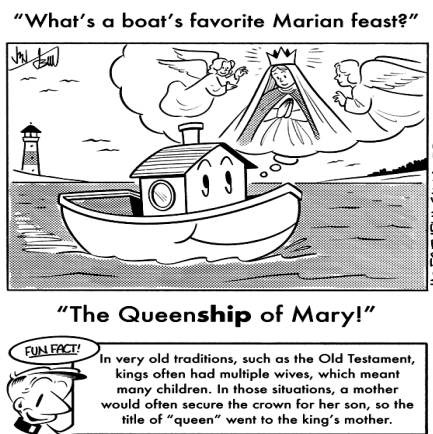
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Questions of the Week
Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:
The Lord reveals to Isaiah that He desires a house of prayer for
all peoples. Do you see your faith community being open to
outsiders?

Second Reading:
Paul sees how God used Israel’s unbelief in Jesus as an
opportunity to extend His mercy to the Gentiles. Have you ever
shown mercy to someone in an unexpected way?

Gospel:
The Canaanite woman is persistent with Jesus to heal her
demon-possessed daughter, and so he does. When have you felt
heard by Jesus?



Sunday’s Readings

First Reading:
Thus says the LORD:
Observe what is right, do what is just;
for my salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be revealed. (Is 56:1)

Psalm:
O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67)

Second Reading:
For God delivered all to disobedience,
that he might have mercy upon all. (Rom 11:32)

Gospel:
Then Jesus said to her in reply,
“O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish.” (Mt 15:28)

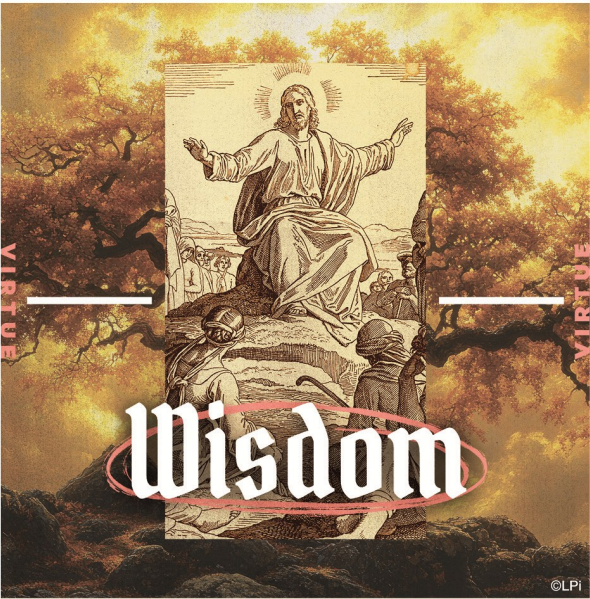
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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

The Canaanite woman did not take Jesus’
initial refusal as rejection, but as an invitation
to engage with God, to show him the depth of
her faith. When our prayers are not answered
as we wish, will we have the courage to do the
same?

Observances for the week of
August 16, 2026

- Sunday:** 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: St. John Eudes, Priest
Thursday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of
the Church
Friday: St. Pius X, Pope
Saturday: The Queenship of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

They say that wisdom comes with
experience, and it does — but
only if you accept it. Wisdom
originates in both our will and in
our intellect, meaning we must
ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of
wisdom — and remember to be
ready when it comes.

Prayer for Conversion
in Our Communities

Dear God,
Move in our community:
Bring Your light to the darkness,
Your justice to the oppressed,
Your hope to those in despair,
Your healing to those in pain.
Work in us, Lord, and change our
hearts,
making us more loving, more
merciful, and more compassionate.
Amen.

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Chess, Not Checkers

There’s a saying that good leaders have to play chess, not checkers.

It will surprise no one who knows me well that I am terrible at chess. It’s not so much a lack of skill (although that’s part of it) as a lack of effort. I find chess exhausting. To succeed at this complex game of strategy, you have to see not just the board in front of you, but the person in front of you — and more than that, you have to consider not just what is, but what could be.

I prefer checkers.

When I read a Gospel passage like today’s, I think of what Jesus would be like as a chess player. It’s so easy to see this account of the Canaanite woman and her tenacity and take it at face value, as a reminder to pray without ceasing, to never stop asking God for what we need. And certainly, it is that.

But it’s not only that.

We see a woman begging God for help, and we see God refuse — at first. We see her persist, and we see him capitulate. At least, that’s what it looks like to us.

What does it look like to Jesus?

Jesus sees this woman’s face and hears her words, just as his disciples do — but he also sees her heart. He sees her whole life. He sees every moment that leads up to this one. He sees her belief, but he also sees her unbelief. He sees her wounds. He sees her daughter.

He sees the game board not just for what it is, but for what it could be.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?
Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Our prayer group is discussing ways we can change and strengthen our faith. What one thing could we change that would have the greatest impact on our faith?

Answer:

A famous coach once said that when the team is in trouble and things aren’t going well, go back to the basics; when the team is winning and things are going well, go back to the basics! Any renewal program, faith development, or spiritual growth effort has to start with the basic core of what it means to believe. If the foundation is not strong, the house will not stand.

So if you work on one thing, begin with the idea that God is love, who loves us and calls us to love one another. If we really take that belief to heart, it changes how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It would change how we pray, how we treat others, and how we understand and live our own lives. Our sense of mission and purpose will be more focused on God’s plan and our role in it. Love is the core of faith, the goal of life, and the hope of heaven. Whatever we do to strengthen and deepen our faith will begin and end with love.

Readings for the week of
August 16, 2026

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:

Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30,
35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:

Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:

Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/
Mt 22:1-14

Friday:

Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 22:34-40

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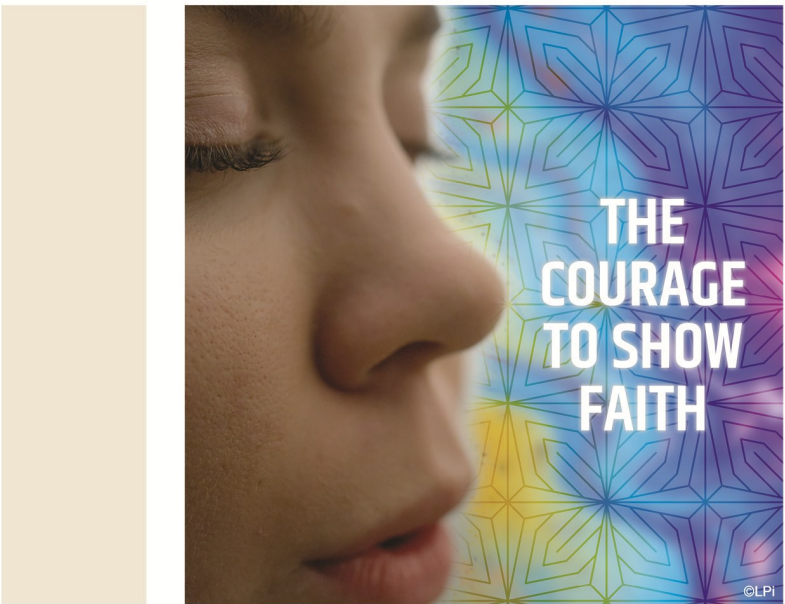
Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-
14/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday:

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



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Gospel Meditation
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Does God ignore or act a bit rough with you? Jesus crosses the border into the pagan region of Tyre and Sidon, the territory long outside the covenant. There, a Canaanite woman calls out, **“Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David.”** At first, he is silent. Then he rebuffs her. **“It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.”** But the Church Fathers saw this not as an insult but as an initiation. Christ draws out of her heart a deeper faith.

She presses on. **“Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.”** Jesus’ silence and response solidify her humility and trust. She thus becomes a model for prayer for centuries of Christians. St. Augustine said she shows how sinners come to grace by moving from silence to humility to perseverance.

This woman is the Church. She is you and me. She is every soul who dares to cry out from the margins, who endures divine silence until it turns to compassion. When Jesus says, **“O woman, great is your faith,”** it is the joyful cry of God discovering faith where the world least expects it. Even the smallest crumb of Your mercy, Lord, is enough to heal the soul. Do we have the courage to show faith like that?

— Father John Muir