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Sat: Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sun: 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday (Tue - Fri): 7:00 a.m.

First Friday: 7:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

One (1) hour before Weekend Masses or by appointment

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First Friday: 7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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	<i>People of the Parish</i>	
SUN	08/16/2026	7:30AM
	<i>Edward Ray Chavis, Jr. (D)</i>	
	<i>The Edward Ray Chavis Family</i>	
SUN	08/16/2026	10:00AM
	<i>Edmonia Guillory (D) – Edwin E. Vallery</i>	
TUE	08/18/2026	7:00AM
	<i>In Thanksgiving – Judy Johnson</i>	
WED	08/19/2026	7:00AM
	<i>Dr. U. W. Watkins, Jr. (D)</i>	
	<i>Tywanna Navy</i>	
THUR	08/20/2026	7:00AM
	<i>George J. Breaux (D) – Betty Burney</i>	
FRI	08/21/2026	7:00AM
	<i>The Soul of Florence McChristian (D)</i>	
	<i>Theresa Savoy</i>	
SAT	08/22/2026	5:00PM
	<i>Joseph & Earlene Duplechaine (D)</i>	
	<i>The Duplechaine Family</i>	



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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's readings stress God's desire that we reach out to others. Isaiah preaches that God welcomes foreigners who come to worship the LORD. Paul calls himself "the apostles to the Gentiles" and hopes this might draw more of his own people to Christ. Impressed by the tremendous faith of a Canaanite woman who relentlessly cries out to him, Jesus answers her desperate prayer. May today's readings remind us that our faith calls us to reach out to all people.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK**Sunday – August 16**

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

Monday – August 17

Ez 24:15-23
(Ps) Dt 32:18-21
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday – August 18

Ez 28:1-10
(Ps) Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35-36
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday – August 19

Saint John Eudes, Priest
Ez 34:1-11
Ps 23:1-6
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday – August 20

Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church
Ez 36:23-28
Ps 15:12-15, 18-19
Mt 22:1-14

Friday – August 21

Saint Pius X, Pope
Ez 37:1-14
Ps 107:2-9
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday August 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ez 43:1-7
Ps 85:9, 10-14
Mt 23:1-12

AUGUST 22**The Queenship of Mary**

This feast day recognizes Mary as the "Queen of Heaven and Earth" and celebrates her special role in salvation.

We may think of queens as the spouse of the king, but there is another key relationship: the king's mother. In Biblical history, we see instances where the mother of the king is given due as a queen herself, complete with a throne! Mary's guiding influence over her Son is seen most notably in the Wedding Feast at Cana. Mary is not Queen on her own merit. She is "full of grace" and "blessed" in "all ages" because of the reign of her Son.

Lord, we pray for all our military service members who put their own lives on the line to protect our families and country.

Army: Sade Beck, Jacc Blanks, Wadie Troy Butler, Patrick Clay Jr, Kalah A. Guidry, Angel Guillory, LaTroy King, Essence McMillan, Gary Christian Robertson, Anthony Lamar Smith II

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Air Force: Samuel Houston, Roderick Jones, Joshua Creeks, Joffre Lander

Marines: Reginald Ward



2026-2027 CCE REGISTRATION

2026-2027 CCE Registration will be accepted in the CCE Office as follows:

Monday - 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Saturday - 9:30am to 11:30am

Classes are every Monday at 6:00pm for Jr High and High School Students and Saturday at 9:30am for Pre-K and Elementary Students. Call (713) 731-2775 for additional information.

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Gold and Silver Wedding Jubilee Masses

The Office of Family Life Ministry has set the 2026 Jubilee Masses for married couples celebrating 25- or 50- year milestone anniversaries. Both Masses will be held at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Pkwy, Houston, TX 77002.

For couples celebrating **50 years** of marriage, the Mass will be Sunday, **September 20**, Celebrant Bishop Italo Dell'Oro, CRS; use this link for more information or to register: <https://archgh.swoogo.com/50WAJ26>

For couples celebrating **25 years** of marriage, the Mass will be Sunday, **October 11**, Celebrant Archbishop Joe S. Vasquez; use this link for more information or to register: <https://archgh.swoogo.com/25WAJ26>

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When unable to receive Holy Communion, pray the prayer below:

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.

Stewardship Reflection

That we may show our gratitude for God's great gifts through our active participation in the ministry of God's Church. *"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."* - **Romans 11:29** God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone. Each of us has a part in God's salvation plan.

IN THE ONE, WE ARE ONE
IN ILLO UNO UNUM
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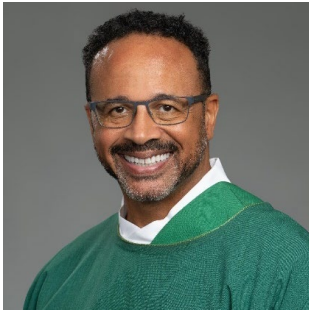
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ATTENDANCE

In-person Mass attendance on Saturday, August 8th and Sunday, August 9th was **520**. The 7:30am Mass Livestream on Sunday received **82** views. Please join us via YouTube Livestream or bring a friend to come and worship with us in the church.



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

August 16, 2026

Pray with Faith

Happy Sunday! The readings this Sunday invite us to reflect on something essential to our Christian journey: **prayer.**

We need prayer for our world, **our country**, our communities, our families and ourselves. But today's Gospel reminds us that it is not enough simply to pray. ***We must pray with faith.***

The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus desperate for help. Her daughter is suffering, and she cries out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David!"

But Jesus does not immediately answer her. How many of us know that feeling?

We pray about our families, marriages, children, health, finances or jobs, and sometimes it seems as though nothing is happening. We wonder, "Lord, are You listening?"

The Canaanite woman could have given up. Instead, she persisted.

Jesus teaches us to **"pray always without becoming weary."** Prayer is not simply about asking God to give us what we want. **Prayer is an encounter with God.** It is part of our relationship with Him.

When we pray, I believe we should ask God to do two things:

Mold our heart and move His hand.

There are times when we desperately need God to move His hand.

"Lord, heal this person." "Lord, open this door."

"Lord, restore this relationship." "Lord, help my child."

Jesus encourages us to ask: **"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."**

But while asking God to move His hand, we should also pray, **"Lord, mold my heart."**

Change me. Strengthen me. Give me wisdom. Teach me patience. Help me trust You.

Sometimes God changes our circumstances. Other times God changes **us in our circumstances.**

Parents understand this. Children ask us for things all the time. Sometimes we say yes. Sometimes we say no. And sometimes we say, "Not yet."

We may know something our children don't know.

What they want may not be what they need, or perhaps they simply aren't ready for it.

Yet we never want them to stop coming to us.

Neither does God want us to stop coming to Him.

Sometimes we become discouraged because God's timing doesn't match ours. Growing up in the Baptist church, I often heard the saying, **"God may not come when you want Him to, but He's always right on time."**

Faith means trusting God's timing and God's will.

It may also mean allowing God to change our prayer.

Instead of only praying, "Lord, give me more money," perhaps we pray, "Lord, teach me to be wise with what You have already given me."

Instead of only praying, "Lord, change this person," perhaps we also pray, "Lord, show me what You want to change in me."

Mold my heart and move Your hand.

The Canaanite woman demonstrates this kind of faith.

Even when Jesus' response seems discouraging, she continues: **"Lord, help me."**

She refuses to walk away.

Finally, Jesus tells her, **"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."** Her daughter is healed.

This woman was considered an outsider, yet Jesus responded to her faith. God's mercy was greater than the boundaries people had created.

Perhaps you have been praying about something for a long time. Maybe you are tired. Maybe you're wondering whether God hears you.

Don't stop praying.

Pray when the answer is yes. Pray when the answer is no. Pray when the answer is "not yet."

Prayer is not simply about getting what we want from God. Prayer keeps us connected to God. It molds our hearts, strengthens our faith and can move the hand of God.

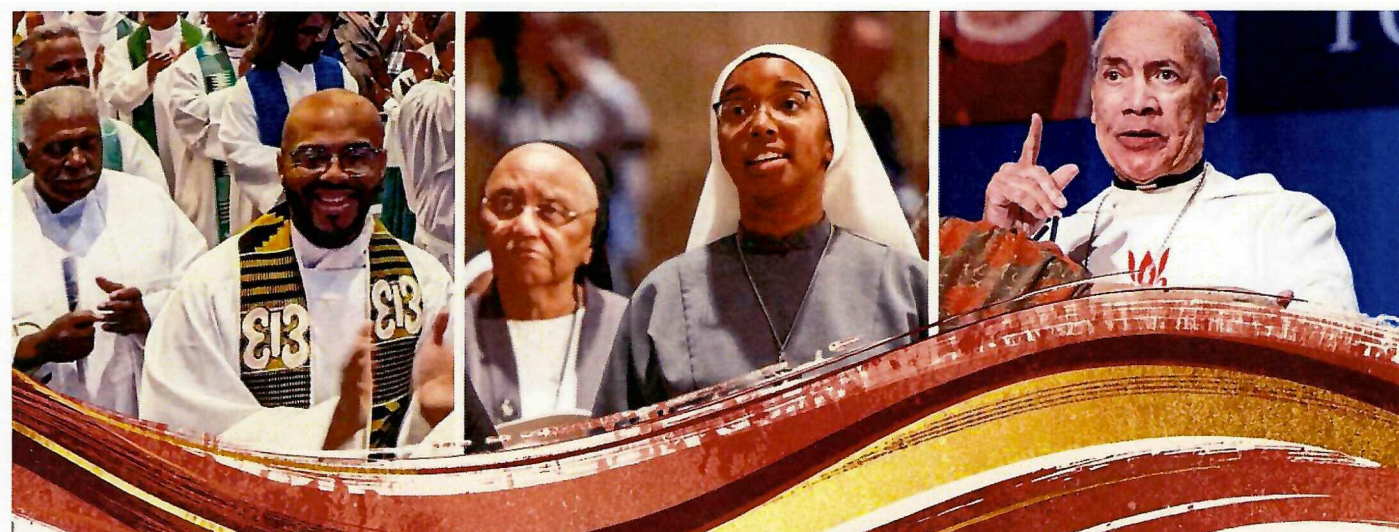
Whatever you are carrying today, bring it to Him again.

Lord, mold my heart.

Lord, move Your hand.

And then trust Him.

Keep asking. Keep seeking. Keep knocking. Above all, **pray with faith.** Amen



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Black Catholic History Month Prayer Breakfast
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Saturday, November 14, 2026 | 9-noon

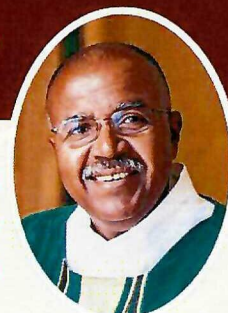
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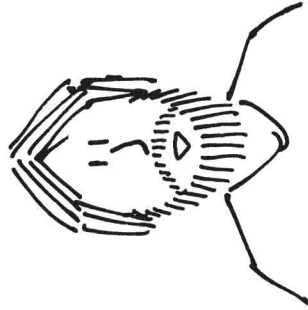
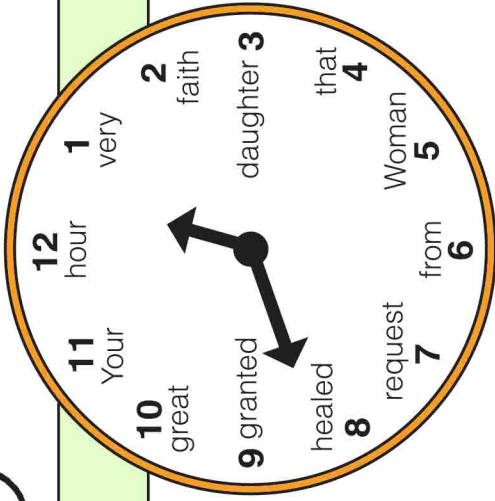
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What did Jesus tell
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fill in the missing words.



Jesus said, “ _____, you have

_____.

is _____.” And her _____

was _____

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Jesus Teaches, and a Woman's Faith

The Pharisees complained
to Jesus that His disciples did not wash
their hands before they ate.

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Jesus called the crowd to Him and said, “ _____

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_____, that is what _____s you.”

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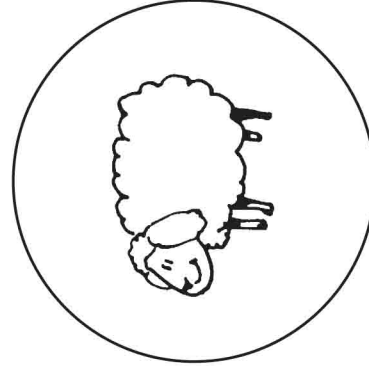
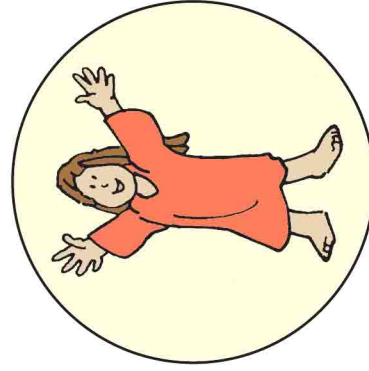
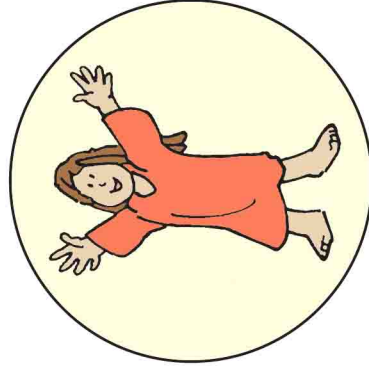
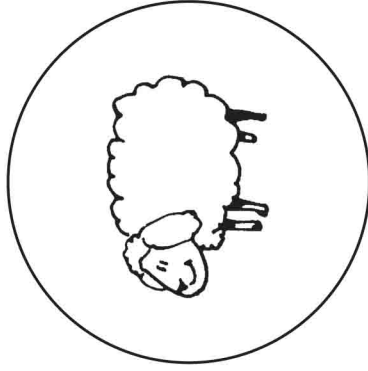
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Jesus told her she had great faith.
Her daughter was healed.

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Jesus Teaches, and a Woman's Faith

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