

August 16th – 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

. . . a Canaanite woman of the district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon . . ."

"Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."

Matthew 15: 21-28

"Somos personas"

In the July/August issue of Spirituality and Health, money writer Paul Sutherland writes of traveling to a beach in Nicaragua with his family. During the long drive in their van, they came to a narrow street in the village of Santa Teresa. THUD! Sutherland's front tire lodged in an uncovered drainage hole. Some men from the village saw their plight and came over to push the van, but it wouldn't budge.

As Sutherland tried to figure out what to do next, a farmer drove by on his tractor. He pulled ahead of the van and stopped in the middle of the narrow street and looked under the van. Without saying a word, he ran to a little nearby shop and came back with a length of blue rope. He secured the van's chassis with the rope and attached it to a chain he had with tractor. In a *minuto corto*, he pulled the van out.

Sutherland was overcome with gratitude. "Gracias. Thank you. Gracias," Sutherland said as he tried to hand the farmer some money. But the farmer refused, saying "Somos personas." "For your family," Sutherland said, but he still refused to take the money. "Somos personas," the farmer repeated.

When Paul and his family got back in the van and started on their way, his daughter Akasha asked, "Dad, do you know what he was saying?" No, Dad said.

"Dad, he was saying 'We are people.' Dad, he was saying we are the same, we are all people. We are here to help one another. We are people. Somos personas."

In today's Gospel, it is the Canaanite woman pleading for her daughter who reflects God's vision of our shared humanity. Despite the ridicule and abuse she endures, she believes in the idea of *Somos personas*, that "we are people" all held in the hand and heart of God. In honoring the goodness and love of the Canaanite mother for her sick child — who, as a Canaanite, represents one of Israel's most despised enemies — Christ opens our eyes and hearts to see one another as God sees us. Paul Sutherland comes to that realization in the generosity of a poor Nicaraguan farmer. The call to discipleship demands that we look beyond labels and stereotypes to realize that every one of us is a child of God, brothers and sisters all.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.

Reconciliation:

By request

Mass During the Week:

**No mass from Tuesday August 18th to Friday, August 21st
Mass will resume on Saturday, August 22nd.**

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Discontinued until further notice.

Marriages:

Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

St. Vincent de Paul:

To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

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August 9, 2020

Regular Sunday	\$1083.40
Building Fund	20.00
Votive Candles	10.00
Garden Party Proceeds	30.00
Mass Stipends	10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	5.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 7 pm	No Mass
Wed, 10 am	No Mass
Thur, 7 pm	No Mass
Fri, 10 am	No Mass
Sat, 4:30 pm	Late Edward Buckle
Sun, 11 am	Parish Community

PARISH DUES: Received with thanks from: Christine McCarthy, Ed and Theresa Dobbin.

COVID 19: To protect yourselves and others, we ask that you maintain physical distancing of 6 feet at all times. This does not apply to people within the same bubble. Hand sanitizer is provided in the church or you may bring your own. Facemasks are not required but you may wear one if you wish.

E-TRANSFER: Now you also have the option to make donations via email money transfer. The email address for e-transfers only is sacredheartrcparish@gmail.com. Please use "Church" as the password to the security question you are asked to create, also include your envelope # in the comments section if you have one, if not please include an address where a tax receipt may be sent. Thank you."



SAINT BERNARD: August 20 is the feast day of Saint Bernard. As a young man, Bernard studied theology and Holy Scripture and later decided to join the Cistercian Order. He was responsible for founding many monasteries, among them the famous Abbey of Clairvaux. He also composed a number of works and he undertook many journeys for the honor of God. Saint Bernard is a Doctor of the Church because of his writings and sermons which greatly influenced Europe during the 12th century.

REGISTRATION FOR MASS: While dealing with the Covid 19 Pandemic we are required to keep a contact list of all persons attending all services and masses. You should call in Monday to Friday between 9 am and 1 pm to have your name registered. You will be asked to provide your telephone number and to answer some simple screening questions.

VIGIL LIGHTS (votive candles): Due to the pandemic we cannot have different people lighting different candles. For that reason the votive candle stand had been removed for the time being. We will however try something a little different. The votive candle stand will be put back in place but parishioners are not allowed to light candles by themselves. The candle will be lit by one of the parish representatives who is an usher or registrar for that day. Please remember at all times to maintain physical distancing. Offerings for the candles must be placed in an envelope and deposited in the offertory basket.

A SUMMER BLESSING:

May you walk with God this summer.
In whatever you do,
wherever you go,
walking with God means...
walking with honesty and with courage,
walking with love and respect,
with concern for the feelings of others
May you talk to God this summer
and every day and in every situation.
Talking with God means...
Praying words of praise
for the beauty of creation
Saying prayers of thanks
for friends and good times,
Asking God's help in all your decisions,
Expressing sorrow when you have failed.
May you talk and walk with God every day.
Amen.

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION – August:

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

CHURCH PAINTING/STUCCO REPAIR: For some time, our church has been in need of stucco and concrete repairs. Once these repairs are done the church would need to be repainted. The Parish Council and Finance Committee has approved a major contract to have this facelift done as one project. Please be patient while this work is being done and please be vigilant to the work of our contractor. This work which began on Monday July 13th will continue throughout the summer.

HUMOR: Why did the newspaper talk to the icecream? To get a scoop!

MASSES CANCELLED: Due to the ongoing repairs to the church, there will be no daily mass from Tuesday, August 18th to Friday, August 21st. Mass will resume on Saturday, August 22nd at 4:30 pm.

CRISIS IN LEBANON – Development and Peace Emergency Fund:

The situation in Lebanon following August 4th explosion has been described as “beyond imagination.” Thousands of people have been affected with over 159 people dying, over 6,000 injured, and over 300,000 people left homeless. The explosions have also worsened the country's social, economic, and political crisis.

Development and Peace's partner, Caritas Lebanon, is providing food, water, medical aid, and psychological and social support to those impacted by this crisis. Development and Peace and its trusted network of partners in the country are also assessing the long-term impacts and needs of this crisis.

Please join in Pope Francis' invitation to pray for the victims, for their families, and for all of Lebanon. Please also consider joining the Pope in responding to this desperate cry for help by donating to the emergency relief effort at Development and Peace – Caritas Canada through the following link: <https://bit.ly/2DRwfiv> or by calling 1 888 664-3387.

Development and Peace is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada and the Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis.

HUMOR: Where do you learn how to make icecream? At sundae school!