



PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM

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Sunday Liturgy: 11:00 AM

Saturday Liturgy: 5:00 PM

Wednesday & Friday Liturgy: 6:30 PM

Thursday Liturgy & Adoration: 6:30 PM



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READINGS

August/2022

August 21

12th Sunday of Pentecost

Epistle

Eph 3:1-13

Gospel

Mt 15:21-28



August 28

13th Sunday of Pentecost

Epistle

1 Cor 3:1-11

Gospel

Lk 8:1-15

TIME

* LITURGY INTENTIONS *

FROM



Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

August 21

11:00 AM

Dunia Masri Nahas (40-Day)

By: Nada Nahas

August 28

11:00 AM

Remember Me In Your Kingdom

Alvira Abou Jaoude & Dr Boulos Tawk

By: The Priest

By: The Najm Family

Sept. 4

11:00 AM

Available

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2022

August 21

MYA

August 28

Yvonne & Joumana Najm

Sept. 4

Available



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PARISH OFFERING

August 14-15, 2022



Weekly offering

\$686.00

Assumption Day Offereing

\$467.00

Assumption Dinner

\$197.00

Donation

\$300.00

Total Income

\$1,650.00

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Important Messages

Daily Readings

Monday: Acts 27:14-26; Lk 12:54-59

Tuesday: Acts 27:33-44; Lk 13:1-5

Wednesday: Acts 28:1-10; Lk 13:6-9

Thursday: Acts 28:11-15; Lk 13:10-17

Friday: Acts 28:16-22; Lk 13:18-21

Saturday: Acts 28:23-31; Lk 13:22-30



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Is a vigil light burning 24/7 and kept near the Blessed Sacrament. The light indicates the unfathomable mystery of the Eucharistic presence of Jesus. It reminds us of the reverence due to the Sacrament. The burning light is a pious custom as a way of prolonging our adoration and prayer to honor His presence.

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Upcoming Second Collection

- Sept. 11: Catholic University of America
 Oct. 23: World Mission Sunday
 Nov 13: Maronite Patriarchal Charities

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2022

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| August 21: | Pastoral Council Meeting |
| September 4: | Liturgical Committee Meeting |
| September 11: | Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Celebrated) |
| September 14: | Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Actual) |

11th Sunday of Pentecost

Qurbono P. 425; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. John p. 815

Faith of the Canaanite Woman

Today's Gospel emphasizes the fruits of the evangelical mission to the Gentiles through her absolute profession of faith in Jesus. The Lord granted her wishes because of her great faith, cured her daughter immediately, and told her what he never told anyone else: "Great is your faith! Let it be done to you as you wish."

Shifting his mission from the Jewish territories to the neighboring districts of Tyr and Sidon Jesus is inviting all nations to the Kingdom. Three attempts engaged Jesus in the case of the Canaanite woman, but he ignored them. The first was when she came to Jesus pleading to drive out the demon from her possessed daughter. The second was when his disciples urged him to grant her wish and send her away so that she would stop being a nuisance to them. He ignored it saying: "My mission is only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." The third was when he sternly told her: "It is not right to take the food of the sons and daughters and throw to the dogs." To call someone a dog was a deadly and contemptuous insult. The only way one can understand the threefold refusal of Jesus is to see it in the light of the following perspectives: (a) testing of the Canaanite woman's faith; (b) pointing out that salvation first should come to the Jews, then to the rest of the world; (c) telling his disciples to go and preach the Gospel to the entire pagan world after his death and resurrection; and (d) inviting the Gentiles and the pagan world to share in the salvific Eucharistic Banquet.

This Canaanite woman whose daughter was grievously afflicted heard of the wonderful things Jesus is doing in transforming peoples lives, so she followed him and his disciples. Deep inside, he was moved with pity and compassion for this woman, but he did not show his emotion publicly. Knowing that she is a Canaanite and a pagan who is looking for a miracle, puts him in a predicament. The Canaanites are the fiercest enemies of the Jews. Should he help her before helping his own people? Should he do that publicly in front of his disciples? The best way was to show everyone how much faith this non-Jewish woman had in Jesus.

Everyone realized that in spite of the fact that she was ignored, refused and insulted, she persisted in her unwavering faith and kept her trust in him. She did not take as insult what Jesus told her regarding the food of the Israelites being thrown to dogs. Instead, she responded respectfully: "Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the leavings that fall from their masters' tables." She was humble, courageous, smart and quick to respond, which proved to Jesus that she has all the qualification to earn his compassion, acceptance and willingness to make the miracle happen. Realizing that she has such a strong, unshakable and indomitable faith, he said to her: "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done to you as you wish." Jesus did not easily make such a statement to anyone. This Canaanite woman earned it through her strong faith and her wish was granted.

We relate to this gospel today by asking ourselves the following questions: Has the fruits of the mission to all nations reached me? Do I search for Jesus with determination and deep faith? Do I give up easily on Jesus? The Canaanite woman was ignored on three occasions, she was also insulted, but she never gave up. How often have I walked away from Jesus because what he asks me conflicts with my social way of life? How strong is my faith in him? How do I live my Christian commitment today, is it out of convenience or out of deep and strong conviction?