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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."
And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.
- Mt 15:28

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COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

AUGUST 12 & 13, 2023—WEEKEND TOTALS:

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	720.00	541.00
OTHER	30.00	139.00
ASSUMPTION	459.00	N/A
PARISH TOTAL	1209.00	680.00

OTHER- E-GIVING, VIA USPS, VOTIVES

Dear Lord, today we ask that You bless Fr. Juanito with a safe trip and cover him with Your protection. Shine Your face on him Lord, so that no harm come upon him and shower him with Your grace as he goes. We pray that he and his loved ones would experience Your presence and Your peace during this trip that no trouble or mishap would come upon them. Keep them in good health and give them wisdom and alert minds throughout their journey. May they get to their destinations safe and sound. We beseech You, Lord, hear us. Amen!

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Aug 19 (SH)	Chris Caffrey Tony Stellato	Aug 26 (SH)	No Mass
Aug 20 (SC)	Kathy Marcais Ken Stuff	Aug 27 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Michele Furnare

Counters Schedule

Aug 23 (SH)	Barb Bilins Kathy Avery	Aug 30 (SH)	Katherine Downing Noreen Brownell
Aug 21 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Ann Mahon	Aug 28 (SC)	Bette Papa Sandy Hayes

Food Pantry



Aug 23-SC	Bette –Flo-Marjorie
Aug 30-SC	Andrea-Louise-Michele
Sept 6 (SH)	Jamie Lemiszki John Nigro



Sat. Aug. 19, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) †In memory of Dick English, requested by Gary & Noreen Brownell and family.

2.) †In loving memory of Alfred Ferguson, requested by Barbara Krawiecki and family.

Sun. Aug. 20, 8:30 am (SC) - †In memory of Ralph & Sadie Mancini, requested by their children.

Mon. Aug. 21 thru Sun. August 27, 2023

Mon. Aug. 21, 5:30 pm (SC) - †For the repose of the soul of David Kollar, requested by Pat & George Galeazza.

Tue. Aug. 22, 5:30 pm (SC) - †For the repose of the soul of David Kollar, requested by Linda Kollar.

Fri. Aug. 25, 8:00 am (SC) - No Mass

Sat. Aug. 26, 4:00 pm (SH) - No Mass

Sun. Aug. 27, 8:30 am (SC) - †Birthday remembrance for Julia Wray, requested by Jim Wray.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 20, 2023 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The suffering of a child symbolizes uniquely terrible evil as well as despair about the future. This week's Gospel gives a "limit" case in which Jesus encounters this evil in the form of a mother with a suffering daughter. What he does is stunning and massively helpful for us if we bravely ponder the details.

The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and begs his mercy. "My daughter is tormented by a demon," she declares to him. Shockingly, he responds first with silence, then with a dismissive comment, and only then finally accedes to her third request. Is this simply a lesson in perseverance in our petitions to God, who is like a genie in a bottle? Does that justify the humiliation and pain this woman suffers? Is the Lord cruel?

I don't think so. Notice how the encounter ends. She compares herself to a dog at the table of a master. Jesus responds by praising her great faith and fulfills her deep desire. Somehow this non-Israelite woman intuits that this harrowing situation is not dumb suffering. She senses that the door of God's family is, in Jesus, being opened to her and her loved ones. She trusts she is at the Lord's table, and her desires will be fulfilled and that all her sufferings — and her daughter's, too — will lead a great banquet. In our sufferings this week, the Lord wants us to treat him less like a genie in a bottle and more like the Master who has taken us — lost little dogs that we are — into his home forever. Trust that and keep praying in the face of evil.

~Father John Muir

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The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary - August 22

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But the Blessed Virgin Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.

In the fourth century Saint Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." The Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany celebrate her queenship.

The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption, and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power.

As Saint Paul suggests in Romans 8:28-30, God has predestined human beings from all eternity to share the image of his Son. All the more was Mary predestined to be the mother of Jesus. As Jesus was to be king of all creation, Mary, in dependence on Jesus, was to be queen.

All other titles to queenship derive from this eternal intention of God. As Jesus exercised his kingship on earth by serving his Father and his fellow human beings, so did Mary exercise her queenship. As the glorified Jesus remains with us as our king till the end of time (Matthew 28:20), so does Mary, who was assumed into heaven and crowned queen of heaven and earth



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass at Sacred Heart in Fr Juanito's Absence: At this time we are unable to find a temporary replacement for Fr. Juanito during his vacation. Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart will be canceled during this time (Aug 26 through Sept 30). We will alert you if this should change. There is a 4pm Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Mary's in Amsterdam as well as a 4pm Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville.

Saint Cecilia Parking Fundraiser: Volunteers are needed for our parking lot fundraiser on Saturday, **Sept. 16**. Please call or text Kelly Viscosi @ 518-774-7250

Saint Cecilia Meeting - Faith Formation: There will be a meeting in St Cecilia Hall on Tuesday Aug. 22 at 7:00 pm to discuss this year's Faith Formation Program. All parents, teachers, former teachers, and interested parish members are invited to attend. We are looking for information and suggestions for the coming year. Any questions, please call Kathy Marcais at 518-577-3481.

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