

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 16, 2020



The entire relationship between God and the Chosen People was founded on the covenant. The history of the Israelites, from Abraham to Moses to David, was anchored in the covenant and found opposition of enemy nations, from Egypt to Assyria to Babylon. But in today's first reading, we hear Isaiah tell his audience, recently returned from exile, that foreigners who held to the covenant would also be welcome on God's holy mountain, in God's house.

Admittance is not based on background, culture, or history, but on one's faithfulness and service.

It is a direct line from both Isaiah and Jesus Christ that Paul can say to the Romans, "I am the apostle to the Gentiles" (Romans 11:13). Paul has dedicated his ministry to making disciples of all nations, drawing foreigners to the Lord. Pope Francis has repeatedly emphasized that we are a missionary church, steadily calling us to go to "the peripheries" to minister to those on the outskirts of society.

The Canaanite woman in today's Gospel broke through a number of boundaries, but it was Jesus who broke through the first one. He journeyed to Tyre and Sidon, two cities in Phoenicia, part of Syria, where the people worshiped pagan gods. Jews did not typically venture there. He told the woman, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel," but this presence in her territory belied his words (Matthew 15:24). Jesus went outside Israel and found people of great faith outside the chosen ones. We too may find open hearts and willing souls outside our own borders.

Question of the Week

To what peripheries can I go to serve others? Do I see everyone as potentially eligible for salvation?

Saturday, August 15, 2020

Vigil Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Tiffany Page – David Madison

Sunday, August 16, 2020

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Earthy B. Lazard – Walter Banks, III – Melvina Kepp – Freddie Thomas – Lawrence Miller, Jr. Betty Cates – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Memory Britsch – Calvin Tate, Sr. – Jerome Lomba, Sr. – Carl Goldman

10:30a.m. Shirley & Lamar Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Claudia Claude – Guillory and Faciane Families – John and Melba Fletcher – Evelyn Ford

12:00p.m. David Madison – Tiffany Page – Intentions of St. Maria Goretti Parishioners

Monday, August 17, 2020

8:30a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jacobs, Sr. – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Tu Tran – Rosario Joseph Re – David Madison – Intentions of Stacy Martin – Therol Humphrey – Henry Martin – Kimberly Brown

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Rosario Joseph Re – David Madison – Intentions of Levy and Gwen Bouligny, Jr. – Stacey Martin – Kimberly Brown

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – David Madison – Rosario Joseph Re – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Henry Martin – Kimberly Brown

Thursday, August 20, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Msgr. Gauthreaux – David Madison – Rosario Joseph Re – Intentions of Levy & Simba Bouligny, III – Therol Humphrey

Friday, August 21, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – David Madison – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Kimberly Brown

Saturday, August 22, 2020

8:30a.m. David Madison and Family – The living and deceased members of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

My Queen, Mother of God, most holy and full of grace, you are the treasure of the mysterious and never failing ocean of divine grace.

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is suspended until Further Notice.

General Guidelines for Mass Attendance:

Please enter the door in the front to check in.

Please wear a mask during Mass aside from receiving Communion.

Every other pew in the Church will be roped off. Be mindful of social distancing and maintain six feet of distance from others at all times.

The sign of peace may be expressed by means of a smile and/or a nod of the head. No physical sign of peace will be exchanged.

When Mass is over, please do not gather in groups in the Narthex and continue to maintain social distancing.

Sign-up for the desired mass the day before for week day masses and by 12:00pm (noon) on Saturday for all week end masses at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daaac28aafbc61-mass>

Guidelines for Receiving Holy Communion:

Please bring hand sanitizer to use before receiving Communion.

During Communion, please maintain social distancing in the line by spacing out six feet from the person in front of you.

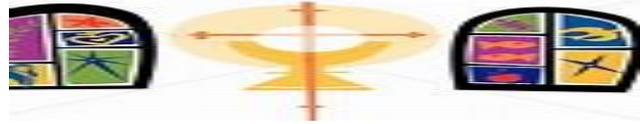
Communion will be distributed by means of the sacred Host only.

Out of consideration and concern for others, we ask everyone to receive Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue.

When approaching the priest for Communion, place your hand flat atop your other hand. The priest will place the Host over your hand and then let go of the Host to avoid any contact with your hand.

When someone offers us a service, we should not think that we deserve everything. Gratitude, appreciation is, first of all, good manners, but it is also a characteristic of a Christian. It is a simple but genuine sign of the Kingdom of God.

Pope Francis



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of Eric Johnson.

The Sanctuary Lamps in the Chapel this week will burn for the intentions of Calvin Tate, Jr. and Kimberly Brown

Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of the land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade the land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you, O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen

We welcome everyone into our parish. If you have not filled out a census card, the cards can be found on the table at the entrance of the church.