

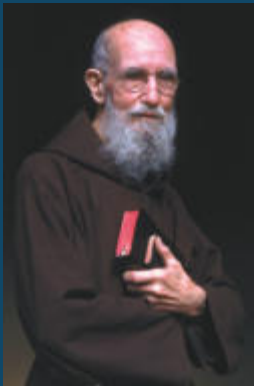


St. Mary's-Big River Catholic Church

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16th, 2020

Childhood Parish
of
Blessed
Solanus Casey



The Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
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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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Welcome to St. Mary's

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Mass Schedule

Weekend:

Saturday 6:00 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

Weekday:

Mon. to Fri. - Noon

*Check bulletin or website for
changes!

Confessions - *Use rectory garage Confessional*

- Wednesday 9 AM to 10 AM

- Saturday 4:30 PM to 5:45 PM

- Any time by appointment

Knights of Columbus

Blessed Solanus
Casey Knights of

Columbus chapter at St. Mary's will
resume meetings as soon as the
Bishop allows (due to COVID-19).

**"In service to One,
in service to all."**



These are temporary times due to COVID-19.



Readings for the week of August 16, 2020 Cycle A

Sunday:

Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday:

Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-21/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3, 3-6/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:

Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14

Friday:

Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-9 /Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:

Ez 43:1-7/Ps 85:9-14/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday:

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

After Israel's return from their captivity in Babylon, Isaiah prophesied the Lord's salvation to all people of faith and good will, not just Israel. Thus says the LORD: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed. (Is 56:1)

Psalm:

O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67)

Second Reading:

Paul sees the rejection of Jesus by the Jews as the vehicle for God's mercy to all, both Jew and Gentile alike. Just as you once disobeyed God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now disobeyed in order that, by virtue of the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. (Rom 11:30-31)

Gospel:

Jesus initially reacts negatively to the Canaanite (Gentile) woman in a manner familiar to most Jews of that day. But Jesus showed the disciples that faith in him transcends the historic divide between Jew and Gentile. 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) ©LPi

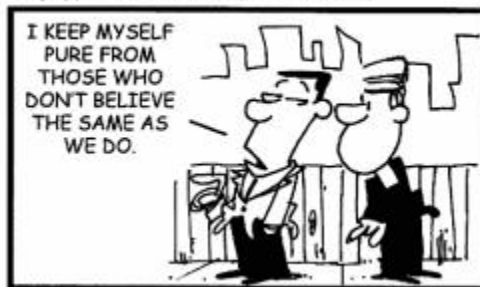


GOSPEL MEDITATION

Every day we are called by Christ to respond in some way. The more practice we have at giving of ourselves freely and living in His presence, the easier it is to discern that call. Once we hear the call, the choice is ours: will we respond with yes or no? We could say that we are not required to say yes because God has given us free will. However, our response speaks much to where we are in our maturity of faith. When we were children, the word "no" used to be one of our favorites. If we continue to say that as we get older, well, that says something about where we are in our walk with the Lord. If we truly are disciples of Jesus Christ and are serious about growing in our faith, we will say "yes." We are not required to say yes, but we say yes because that is who we have become.

Have we matured enough to say yes when God calls, regardless of how much our answer may cost us? What matters more to us: what it will cost us or our relationship with Jesus? Some days we will easily be able to say yes. The grace and love he gives us will be plenty to see us through whatever situation in which we find ourselves. However, we are imperfect beings and there will be days when we are more into ourselves than him. It is on those days that we find ourselves at a true crossroads of a challenge. The choice is always ours. Hopefully, our faith will be strong enough. His call is never for his own sake. He calls us because the world he created and the Church he instituted need us. They wait just as he does for our response. ©LPi

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Mass Intentions

Monday, August 17

For - Clare Gannon
By Dan & Lisa Gannon

Tuesday, August 18

For - Genevieve Garvick
By Pat Bjork

Wednesday, August 19

For - † Dean Reis
By Bob & Joanne Maier

Thursday, August 20

For - Eli Books
By Steve & Ashley Books

Friday, August 21

For - † John Matzek
By Marian Pechacek

Saturday, August 22

6:00 pm - † John Matzek
By Steve & Missy Langer & Logan

Sunday, August 23

9:30 am Living & Deceased Members
of St. Mary's Big River Parish
By Parish

Book of Eternal Life: Please daily pray for our deceased parishioners who are listed in the white binder in the back of the church. They are listed by the date of death.

Liturgical Assistants

August 22nd

Saturday - 6:00 pm Mass

Reader: Kerry Stees
Usher: Mark Huppert
Rosary volunteer

August 23rd

Sunday - 9:30 am Mass

Reader: Shari Turvaville
Ushers: John Yunker, Charles Beeler
Rosary volunteer
\$ Counters: Team 4

Thank You for your service

A special thank you to Michael Gugala and his sons for their dedicated service to St. Mary's. Michael has been a reader on Saturday's and Sunday's and his boys have served both masses as well. Their family will soon be moving to a new state. We will miss them!

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