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ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

THEN JESUS SAID TO HER IN REPLY, "O WOMAN, GREAT IS YOUR FAITH! LET IT BE DONE FOR YOU AS YOU WISH." -- MT 15:28

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"MUJER, IQUÉ GRANDE ES TU FE! QUE SE CUMPLA LO QUE DESEAS". –MT 15, 28

20° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

350 SUTTON DRIVE AT ST. CLOUD Parish Offices: 1201 Donaldson Ave. SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78228 Office Hours: Monday-Friday / 8:30am to 5:00pm www.saintpaulsa.org / (210) 733-7152 or (210) 736-0055

WELCOME!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses Saturday Vigil - 5:30 pm Sunday -8:00 am 9:45 am (Spanish) 11:30 am 5:30 pm

Daily Mass

Monday—Communion Service Tuesday - Friday Mass: 8:00 am - English 12:00 pm - Spanish

Confession Saturday...... 4:15 - 5:15 pm

Administrator

Rev. Jesuraja Alangaram

Deacons

Agustin Arismendez Adrian Cepeda Carl Weekley Norman Kutschenreuter, Retired

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ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL NOW ENROLLING PREK3-8TH GRADE

"Educating children in the Spirit of Christ yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Schedule a Tour: 210-732-2741 307 John Adams San Antonio, TX 78228 Back to School Night

¥ First Day of School ★ August 14th

* Morning and After-School Care Available

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please contact the Pastoral Team a minimum of six months prior to the proposed date.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY Office hours: 9 am-12 noon Monday & Thursday 314 John Adams Dr. 210-998-2440

PRAYER/WORSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP 3

AACC INITENITIONIC

MASS INTENTIONS							
Saturday, Aug. 19)						
5:30 p.m.	† Darren Dominguez † Antonio Patlan, Jr.						
Sunday, Aug. 20							
8:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. Sp	 † Victoria G. Pacheco St. Paul Guadalupana Society Members † Rosalva "Rosie" F. Hernandez Special Intention-Dora Lopez 						
11:30 a.m.	† Irma Rivera de Vega Liv & Dec Martinez-Garza Family & Friends Special Intention—Earline Valdez						
5:30 p.m.	For the People of the Parish						
Monday, Aug. 21							
8:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parish						
12:00 p.m.	† Jerry Ghastin						
Tuesday, Aug. 22							
8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	† Leslie Hildebrand Snyder For the People of the Parish						
Wednesday, Aug.	23						
8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	† Deacon Clayton Mangold For the People of the Parish						
Thursday, Aug. 24							
8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	† Deacon Daniel Muraida For the People of the Parish						
Friday, Aug. 25							
8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	† Deacon Pedro Patlan For the People of the Parish						
Saturday, Aug. 26	3						
5:30 p.m.	† Dora R. Vasquez † Max & Josephine Scheffel & Trini Lopez						
Sunday, Aug. 27							

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 20, 2023

Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29- 32/Mt 15:21-28
Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1- 12
Next Sunday:	ls 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33- 36/Mt 16:13-20

Observances for the week of August 20, 2023

Monday:	St. Pius X, Pope			
Tuesday:	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary			
Wednesday:	St. Rose of Lima, Virgin			
Thursday:	St. Bartholomew, Apostle			
Friday:	St. Louis			
	St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest			
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STEWARDSHIP FOR AUGUST 13, 2023

Mass	Env.	Envelopes	Loose	Totals
5:30 pm Sat.	31	1310.00	216.00	1526.00
8:00 am	44	1057.00	413.00	1470.00
9:45 am (Span)	28	1522.00	493.00	2015.00
11:30 am	15	735.00	322.20	1057.20
5:30 pm	21	1127.00	297.57	1424.57
Personal Delivery	21	1391.00	-0-	1391.00
Totals	160	\$ 7,142.00	\$ 1,741.77	\$ 8,883.77

Online donations: \$2,350.00

2nd Coll—Project 2000: \$1,503.73

Thank you for your support and generosity.

2nd Collection: Aug. 20 for Building/Maintenance Fund 2nd Collection: Aug. 27 for Project 2000

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 20, 2023



8:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

9:45 a.m. Sp

SANCTUARY LIGHT

For the People of the Parish

For the People of the Parish

† Estella Guajardo † Irma Rivera de Vega † For Souls in Purgatory

† Jose Gil Gonzalez & David Alvarado

Liv & Dec Martinez-Garza Family & Friends Liv & Dec Vales, Valdez & Morales Families

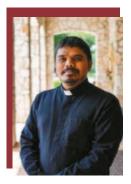
† Deceased

Donated this week by: Ken Ortensie In Loving Memory of twins **STEVE and SANDY ORTENSIE** on their heavenly birthday



ALTAR FLOWERS Donated this week by: TOM CARDENAS ~ RTC Floristry

PASTOR'S CORNER 4



Dear Parishioners,

woman is feeling. The woman cares deeply woman persists, and Jesus applauds her about her daughter and her story reminds us tenacity as an indication of true faith. Will we of what faith and prayer and love looks like when we are faced with real, personal adversity. It is a story that reminds us of the importance of persistence and what it means to trust in Jesus.

The Canaanite woman calls out to Jesus, "Have pity on me." Yes, we all want God's Fr.Raja pity and thus divine healing, if not a cure. Like the begging woman, we all want to be heard, understood and have our requests fulfilled immediately.

It is interesting that Jesus does not respond The word of God, this weekend, is really a to her request. "He did not say a word in simple story that any parent would recognize answer to her". The disciples simply want

and understand, especially the anguish the him to send the woman away. But the be like Canaanite woman who persists until our plea is heard?

> We wish all students and teachers God's blessings.

Dios te bendiga a ti y a tu familia.



Baby Leana Aracely Garcia Alicia Villarreal Baby Jonah Arismendez Maria Luisa Anguiano Kathleen Muldoon Debra Perez-Galan Virginia Martinez

Carrie Robley Ted Ozuna Kim Trinidad Martha Klein Mary Cors Marissa Perez Linda Garza Itzel Elizondo Susan Garav

GOSPEL MEDITATION -

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

20th 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



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Prayers God Always Answers

When I was a child, my mother bought a book called "The Prayers God Will Always Answer." I remember my anticipation as I cracked the spine and turned to the first page.

I had been spending a lot of time asking God — begging God, actually - over and over again for some specific things that were not materializing. Frankly, it was beginning to feel a lot like that time I asked Santa Claus for a new house, only to wake up on Christmas morning to find ordinary, non-house-shaped presents under the tree — and a growing sense of suspicion that my faith had been ill-placed.

To the great disappointment of my pre-teen heart, my mother's book was not a directory of magical phrases God is compelled to obey. It was a list that included things like "Forgive me" and "Help me." I tossed it aside, disappointed.

I marvel at the wisdom and the confidence of the Canaanite woman who persists in begging Jesus to heal her daughter. She is ignored, and still she will not be deterred. The disciples try to dismiss her — still, she presses on. Christ himself challenges her, and her faith makes her ready with a reply.

Somehow, I am sure that even if Christ had said, "No, it cannot be done for you as you wish," she would have still dropped to her knees and worshiped him, because she knew what I did not: God is not a vending machine, and he's not the genie from "Aladdin." Prayer is not a negotiation, but a relationship.

The story of the Canaanite woman is not a story about how to get God to give you what you want. It is a story about the prayers God always answers.

"Then Jesus said to her in reply, 'O woman, great is your faith!"" — Matthew 15:28

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¡EL RINCON DEL PASTOR! | 5

Queridos feligreses,

La palabra de Dios, este fin de semana, es realmente una historia sencilla que cualquier padre reconocería y comprendería, sobre todo la angustia que está sintiendo la mujer. La mujer se preocupa profundamente por su hija y su historia nos recuerda cómo se ve la fe, la oración y el amor cuando nos enfrentamos a una adversidad personal real. Es una historia que nos recuerda la importancia de la persistencia y lo que significa confiar en Jesús.

La mujer cananea clama a Jesús: "Ten piedad de mí". Sí, todos queremos la piedad de Dios y, por lo tanto, la curación divina, si no una cura. Al igual que la mendiga, todos queremos ser escuchados, comprendidos y que

nuestras peticiones se cumplan de inmediato.

Es interesante que Jesús no responde a su pedido. "Él no dijo una palabra en respuesta a ella". Los discípulos simplemente quieren que él despida a la mujer. Pero la mujer persiste, y Jesús aplaude su tenacidad como indicación de verdadera fe. ¿Seremos como la mujer cananea que persiste hasta que nuestra súplica es escuchada?

Deseamos a todos los estudiantes y profesores las bendiciones de Dios.

Dios te bendiga a ti y a tu familia.

Padre Raja

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

20° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Un domingo más que se nos habla de la fe. Ahora, mostrada en una mujer cananea que suplicaba para que su hija fuera curada. Recordemos que el pueblo cananeo, en tiempos de Jesús, era idólatra y primitivo. De ahí surge la mujer que, con gran insistencia, suplicaba a Jesús por su hija. Esta mujer era valiente, con una fe segura, y fue así que decidida se postra ante Jesús para seguir pidiendo: "¡Señor, ayúdame! Jesús le dijo: No se debe echar a los perros el pan de los hijos. La mujer contestó: Es verdad Señor, pero también los perritos comen las migajas que caen de la mesa de sus amos. Entonces Jesús le dijo: Mujer, ¡qué grande es tu fe! Que se cumpla tu deseo" (Mateo 15:25-28).

La mujer fue felicitada por Jesús, y es puesta como ejemplo para sus discípulos entonces, y para nosotros actualmente. "Cristo se mostraba indiferente hacia ella, no por rechazarle la misericordia, sino para inflamar su deseo" (San Agustín). ¿Qué haces tú cuándo estás en una necesidad? Gritas, suplicas de rodillas al Señor para que te escuche. Acuérdate que la oración viene según la fe. ¿Cómo mides tu fe? ¿Es débil, es fuerte, es constante? Buscas a Jesús en todo momento o solo en tiempos difíciles. El domingo pasado, Pedro al hundirse en el agua exclamó: "Señor, sálvame". Hoy, la mujer cananea grita: "Señor, ayúdame". El Señor, escucha y atiende al que persevera constantemente con fe y esperanza en la oración. Qué hermoso es escuchar: "Que se cumpla tu deseo".



The Spiritual Companions invite you to join our Ministry Gathering September 2, 2-4 pm

We are a team of individuals who have many years of experience in service and ministry. Spiritual Companions support the Parish Pastor by caring for individuals and families in need of guidance and direction. Also, we work to deepen our relationship with God as we go about daily life.

For more information please contact Eloy Zapata at 210-274-9204

Los Compañeros Espirituales te invitan a unirte a nuestro Ministerio

2 de Septiembre de 2-4 pm

Somos un equipo de personas que tienen muchos años de experiencia en el ministerio de servicio. Los Compañeros Espirituales appoyan al Párroco assitiendo a las personas y familias que necesitan orientación y direccion.

Para mas informacion por favor contacte Eloy Zapata a 210-274-9204

Congregacíon de Hermanas Josefinas Casa de Oracion San Jose



Hna. Guadalupe Esperanza Mondragon Sanchez 2/7/32 ~ 8/13/23

May her soul, through the Mercy of God Rest in Peace

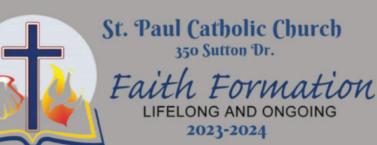




ST. PAUL GUADALUPANA SOCIETY

We continue to welcome our new members and we invite all parishioners to join us on the 3rd Sunday of every month for our Rosary that begins at 9:25 am followed by our Guadalupana Mass at 9:45 a.m. Our monthly membership meetings will resume on September 17. Until then, we welcome our new and potential members to join us for the many summer activities that we will share. Please join us as we continue to Our Virgen de Guadalupe, honor develop friends and fellowship with our members. For more information, contact President: Aurora Kaiser @ 210- 379 -7476.

6 CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS



Classes for Grades PK-5 Middle School - 6-8 High School 9-12 Sacramental Preparation for Children, Teens & Adults Adult Bible Study

Welcome to another Year of Faith Formation. St. Paul Catholic Church invites and welcomes all. Classes for Children, Teens and Adults will begin

Sunday, September 10, 2023 in the School Building

PK-5th & Adult classes ~ 10:00 am to 11:15 am. Middle & High School - 3:30 pm to 5 pm

Go to: saintpaulsa.org/faith-formation-1



For detailed information, please contact:

Anita Rivera Director of Faith Formation anitarivera@saintpaulsa.org 210-733-7152 ext. 122 Michelle Weekley Pastoral Associate in charge of Youth mweekley@saintpaulsa.org 210-733-7152 ext 128

Infant Baptism

/Infant Baptisms are celebrated on the 4th Saturday of each month at 12 noon in the church. A preparation class for Parents & Godparents is held at 11am prior to Baptism. Please visit https://www.saintpaulsa.org/baptism to register.

For more information, please call Anita Rivera, Director of Faith Formation 210-733-7152, ext. 122



ST. PAUL LEARNING CENTER

Welcome to a new school year, we will be starting our curriculum on September 1st, 2023. Our main goal is to address the needs of each child in a way that makes learning fun, meaningful. Some activities will be hands on learning. This approach includes a balance of child directed activities each day. This program is based on the philosophy that children learn best by doing hands on activities.

We wish a very Happy Birthday to Nicholas R 8/8 And everyone else who Celebrate a birthday in August

"So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love," Corinthians 13:13

For information or to schedule a tour contact: Josie Gonzales, Director at 210-738-8715.





Music, Games, Food, Bingo, Raffle, Vendors, Live & Silent Auctions!

St. Paul Catholic Church

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ST. PAUL ALTAR SOCIETY

The Roman The Sanctuary Lamp: Missal in the Catholic Church states (in "In accordance with traditional 316): custom, near the tabernacle a special lamp, fueled by oil or wax, should be kept alight to indicate and honor the presence of Christ." The red-globed lamp stands to the left of the tabernacle in our St. Paul altar space. Mary Ortensie, (210 385-4817) cares for the annual Sanctuary Lamp calendar and indicates there are still openings for sponsorship this year. The sanctuary light will burn for seven days in honor of a loved one or a special occasion/intention. Parishioners, to reserve your week, (\$10.00 donation), please give Mary a call.

The previously planned summer Morning of Reflection has been cancelled. Our next Morning of Reflection will take place during the Advent season. We hope to see all of you, members and men and women parishioners, at that time.



S.P.Y. NEWS:

High School Youth Group: Come join us each Monday, 6:30—8:30 pm at the JPII (306 John Adams). Next meeting: August 21st - first meeting of the new school year! Come join us.

Middle School Youth Group- Jr SPYs: If you are in middle school and would like an opportunity to share in social and spiritual activities with your friends, we meet twice a month at the JPII (306 John Adams) on a Sunday from 1:30—3:00 pm. Next meeting: August 20th - first meeting of the new school year! Come join us.

Tongues of Fire-Young Adult Group -Keep the fire burning bright with your faith by joining the Tongues of Fire Young Adult Group They will be meeting every Thursday, 7:00-9:00pm at the Community Center (1201 Donaldson). All Young Adults are invited to attend, and now is a great time to join as they just started a new teaching series called

Alpha. This series is an invitation to continue to pursue your faith journey and grow closer to Jesus. There will be group sharing and we will encourage young adults to live by the spirit and not the flesh.

Girl Scouts meet Sundays, 1:30-3:30 pm at the JP II (306 John Adams) for August and September. Next meeting: August 27th

Family Retreat - Do you desire a stronger relationship with your children? Are you looking to take your family's prayer life to the next level? Then, the Family Retreat Ministry would like to invite you to the third annual Family Retreat at HEB amp in Leakey. This retreat is for families, children, single moms, single dads, grandparents raising grandkids, even adult children are invited. It will be held October 6th through October 8th. Registration is gong on now. Come enjoy a weekend with your family through Sacraments, prayer, relaxation, fun activities and so much more. You can register through the website, or contact Michelle Weekley.

For information please call Michelle Weekley, 210-733-7152, ext. 128.



MONTHLY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Monday, August 28th at St. Matthew's McDonald Center, 7:00pm in room 104. This group has been in existence for many years and the goal is to share ideas, experiences, etc. and derive support, information and encouragement from those in the same situation. There is no pressure or commitment involved. For more information call Ray Baird at 210-865-5671 or Kay Delaney at 210-342-5334. All are most welcome.





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