

SUNDAY OF THE CANAANITE



Icon of the Canaanite Woman (Matthew 15:21-29)

The Gentiles Cry Out for Jesus

To grasp the inner motive of the Canaanite woman for obtaining what came to pass, we must reflect on the impact of her words. There is a firm belief that there was and still is in Israel a community of converts who passed over from the Gentiles into the works of the law. They had left behind their previous life and were bonded by the religion of a foreign land and dominating law as though from home. The Canaanites were inhabiting the lands of present-day Judea. Whether absorbed by war or dispersed to neighboring places or brought into servitude as a vanquished people, they carried about their name but lacked a native land. Intermingled with the Jews, therefore, these people came from the Gentiles. And since a portion of those among the crowds

who believed were converts, the Canaanite woman most likely had left her territory, preferring the status of a proselyte - that is, coming out from the Gentiles to the community of a neighboring people. She was appealing on behalf of her daughter, who was a type for all the Gentile people. And since she knew the Lord from the law, she addressed him as Son of David. For in the law, the king of the eternal and heavenly kingdom is referred to as the "rod out of the stem of Jesse and the son of David." This woman, who professed Christ as both Lord and Son of David, did not need healing. Rather, she was begging for help for her daughter - that is, the Gentile people in the grips of unclean spirits.

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Anti-Catholicism and Abortion

You do not have to be Catholic (or even religious) to know that medical and scientific evidence confirms that what grows in a mother's womb is a new, distinct human being. Moreover, everyone can understand that each human being—without discrimination—merits dignity and respect. At the very least, respecting human life must exclude the deliberate and direct destruction of life—and that is exactly what abortion is.

However, the fact is that no institution has stood up against the abortion industry more than the Catholic Church. The Church has consistently taught and will continue to teach that abortion is evil, whether its words are popular or unpopular, politically correct or incorrect, because the "values" of different cultures may change from time to time, but the truth does not change.

Pro-abortionists disparage Catholicism because it is the bulwark against abortion, just as the communists vilified Catholicism because it was a bulwark against communism.

Bernard Nathanson, a renowned and reformed abortionist, admitted that demonizing the Catholic Church was a specific tactic of the pro-abortion movement. He stated, "We systematically vilified the Catholic church and its socially backward ideas...we fed the media such lies as we all know that opposition to abortion come from the hierarchy and not for most Catholics...and that Catholics in favor of abortion are enlightened and forward looking."

What is even more disturbing about Nathanson's statement is that the pro-abortion propaganda fed to the mainstream media is uncritically accepted by it.

—January 22 was the anniversary of Roe V. Wade.—

January 23, 2022

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Liturgy Schedule

Monday	January 24	8:00 a.m.	Intention of Christopher/Elizabeth Macik by Macik family
Tuesday	January 25	8:00 a.m.	† Anita Fadorsen by John/Mary Dirda
Wednesday	January 26	8:00 a.m.	† Helen Kapa by Arline Kral
Thursday	January 27	8:00 a.m.	† Virginia Ferraro by Jim/Darlene Hritz
Friday	January 28	8:00 a.m.	† Patricia Kucinka by Chuck/Judy Churavy
Saturday	January 29	Vigil Liturgy 4:00 p.m.	Intention of the Parishioners
Sunday	January 30	Three Holy Hierarchs 10:30 a.m.	† Harry Dudick by Dudick Family

		Altar Servers	Lectors	Greeters
January 29	4:00 p.m.	J. Bremner & J. Cohn	G. Huntz	J. Pinchot & L. Greb
January 30	10:30 a.m.	M. & A. Masters	J. P. Masters	H. Pariza & J. Carrig

Sin would have fewer partakers if the consequences occurred immediately.

From the Pastor's Desk

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on a few things in regard to parish life.

Recall a couple of months ago I mentioned during a sermon about the upcoming Worldwide Synod of the Catholic Church where input from the laity is being sought to help direct the future. Each parish of our Diocese/Eparchy will have a voice! Information will be

forthcoming soon pertaining to how this is going to unfold. **Bishop Milan** met last week with the Presbyteral Council (of which I am part) and will finalize his plans before the end of this month. Please be ready and willing to participate!

Catering by Verba's officially took over duties on January 1. The transition process is moving slowly due to a few unavoidable circumstances on their end. However, some important pieces will be in place very soon at which time I will be able to share information that will pertain to all parishioners regarding rental of the hall, activity center and pavilion. In addition, I'm hoping a decision will be made soon on the "re-naming" of the Party Center (dropping "New Orleans").

We recently had work completed throughout the complex to improve our WiFi capability. With the need to stay updated digitally, the **Advisory Board and Finance Commission** felt it was a necessary expenditure of \$7,600.00. The new password is Welcome1 (username stjoequest). Please make note of this.

It was announced that we once again are sponsoring a "Boy Scout Troop." This troop will become more and more visible as the weeks and months draw on. Troop 811, as they are called, are inviting scouts from all packs and troops to participate in "Scout Sunday" on February 6 at our parish. Following the liturgy there will be some table activities for the boys/girls involved. The adult leaders will also be present. As a sidenote, the troop held their "winter campout" on the back property this weekend. The snow made it a "true winter" experience for them!

Have a blessed upcoming week!



Thanks to the **Ladies' Auxiliary** for providing the birthday cake last Sunday for **Father Vasyl!**

Building Commission Meeting

The **Building Commission** will meet on **Wednesday** at **6:00** in the Education Center Conference Room.



Please remember all the sick/suffering in your prayers, especially **Mary Dirda** (The Oakes; rehab); **Diane Balasz** (St. Joseph Villa; rehab); and **Joe Popik** (home).

2021 Financial Report

The **2021 Financial Report** should be available next weekend in the vestibule. It will contain a listing of your individual donations, a re-cap of the parish income/expenditures/savings and a review of the sacramental information.



Are you interested in being notified when someone in the parish dies? If so, contact **Michele** in the office (**440-526-0016**) and she'll add your name to our e-mail list. If you don't have a computer and want to be notified by phone, call **Barbara Shepard** (**440-427-5999**).

ByzanTEEN Gathering

Area **ByzanTEENS** will meet in our Education Center **tonight** at **5:00**. **Fr. Lukas Mitro** and **Fr. Cyril Pinchak SJ** are conducting the sessions. All high school students are encouraged to attend!

St. Joe's Featured on Radio

Our parish was featured on **"Where We Worship"** recently. If you missed the broadcast, you can go to the website of AM 1260 The Rock and listen to the archived version.

Your Weekly Offering

January 16, 2022

Sunday:	\$4,909.00
e-giving:	200.00
Student Envelopes:	15.75
Cash:	60.00
Candles:	201.00
Holy Days:	30.00
Horizons:	115.00
Initial Envelope Offering:	44.00
Building Fund:	15.00
Christmas:	50.00
In Memory George/Irene Marko :	2,000.00
In Memory Mike Prischak :	100.00
Total:	\$7,739.75

Have you remembered St. Joseph Church in your Will and/or Trust?

MAY THE LORD SOFTEN OUR HEARTS WITH COMPASSION, THAT WE MAY TREAT EACH PERSON WITH RESPECT THAT AFFIRMS THE GIFT OF LIFE

Prayer from Intercessions for Life

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Lord, we pray for all mankind to have the grace to understand that each and every life has the right to life.

Quotes "For Life"

"Fewer women would have abortions if wombs had windows."

Dr. Bernard Nathanson,
former abortionist turned pro-life in his
1979 book *Aborting America*.

**"What you are is God's gift to you.
What you become is your gift to God."**

Hans Urs von Balthasar

**"The old law permitted abortion to
save one life when two would
otherwise die. The new law permits
abortion to take one life when two
would otherwise live."**

Herbert Ratner, M.D.

**"Even now I feel a little
peculiar about it,
because as a physician
I was trained to
conserve life, and here
I am destroying it."**

Dr. Benjamin Kalish,
abortionist

**"We must also recognize our sinfulness when we survey damage
abortion has caused in our culture, we must repent for our sins of
omission. We Christians bear some responsibility for our national shame.
Some of us have supported pro-life positions. Many of us have failed
to change minds or win hearts. We've failed to convince the culture
that all life has dignity. In the prospect of unspeakable evil we've done
too little for too long with tragic results."**

Denver Archbishop Samuel J. Aquilla (January 22, 2013)



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MEN'S CLUB: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

A-OK CLUB: 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

FOREVER YOUNG CLUB: 3rd Wednesday of the month (12-2)

COFFEE SOCIAL: Every Sunday after liturgy

EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF) CLASSES:

Sundays 9:00 a.m.–10:20 a.m.

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