



Saint Vital

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES: SATURDAY AT 4:00 PM & SUNDAY AT 9:00 AM, 11:30 AM & 8:00 PM



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." MATTHEW 15:28

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please contact Candace at 204-453-0933 ext. 281
or candace@stvitalparish.ca for more information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-6:45pm

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Please contact one of our priests at the parish office at least
6 months in advance.

FUNERALS:

Please contact one of our priests at the parish office prior to
making arrangements with the funeral home.

August 16
2026

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**PARISH OFFICE
SUMMER
HOURS**

MONDAY - FRIDAY

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

CLOSED

AUGUST 3RD & AUGUST 24TH



MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH

4PM † Joaquina Jayma
(Lucy LeDressay)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH

9AM Alex Grogan
(family)

11:30AM Missa Pro Populo

8PM † Filadelfo Soriano
(Soriano family)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18TH

7PM Abt family
(St. Maurice School staff)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH

10AM † Wilfred & Humilta Stewart
(Carol Stewart)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH

10AM † Maria Francisca Arauz
(Marietta Godoy)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST

No Daily Mass

Please join us for the rosary at 9:30am before the daily Mass on Wed. and Thurs.

Still Redeemable?

ANN M. GARRIDO

Not once, not twice, but three times in today's gospel, Jesus dismisses the Canaanite woman who comes to him for help. First, he refuses to speak to her. Then, he says he has come only for "the lost sheep" of Israel. Finally, he compares her to a dog. In ancient Judaism, dogs were considered unclean animals, and to call someone a dog was a harsh insult. How does it feel to hear Jesus speak to a woman in this way? We must admit that it does not sound like the Jesus we know and love.

With the trajectory of the encounter headed downhill (and picking up speed), it is hard to imagine that anything could be done at this point to change the outcome. If I were in her situation, I would have been so offended after the third dismissal that I would have simply slammed the door on the way out. But, remarkably, the story takes a 90-degree turn when the Canaanite woman enters into a verbal joust with Jesus and jolts him into taking her seriously. Very seriously. Jesus praises her for her faith.

"Faith in what?" one might ask. Perhaps faith that this relationship could still turn around. Faith that the antagonistic plotline of history between Jews and Canaanites could still change. Faith that Jesus could still be something other than a dismissive man. Faith that an ignored voice might still be worth hearing. Do we have the praiseworthy faith of the Canaanite woman? Do we still believe that troublesome interactions can yet be redeemed? ●



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Reflect

How strong is my faith? Strong enough to be persistent?

Dear Padre,

What does the Church teach about evolution?

In 1950, Pope Pius XII assured believers that there is no intrinsic opposition between Christianity and the theory of evolution, provided that God is affirmed as the Creator of all things and that the human soul is acknowledged a direct creation of God. (See *Humani Generis* [On the Human Person], 36.) In section 6 of his October 22, 1996, address to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, Pope St. John Paul

II sanctioned the acceptance of evolution theories but added that the nature of the soul and its relationship to God are beyond the realm of science. Thus, the Catholic Church maintains that while evolution explains the development of life, it is God who initiated and guided the evolutionary process, and that our providential God is ultimately responsible for creating the human soul.

Many people find Darwin's evolutionary theory (*On the Origin of Species*, 1859) hard to reconcile with their literal interpretation of the biblical account of origins in Genesis 1 and 2. But views on whether God created human beings in evolutionary stages that span millennia, or literally created human beings in an instant, can coexist for Catholics. Yet, regarding the latter view, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* discourages an overall literal interpretation of the Bible, encouraging readers instead to recognize its various literary genres. (See CCC 109–117.) Recall, too, that the Bible wasn't written for scientific information, nor was Darwinian biology written for theological revelation. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



JULUSKIELATIS / SHUTTERSTOCK

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of August 15/16, 2026

In today's first reading, the Lord speaks through the prophet Isaiah during a time of political upheaval and moral decline. The prophet had warned of God's judgment against people for the feelings of self-importance they found in their possessions, and condemned them for various forms of economic injustice such as exploiting the poor and immigrants. Good stewards know that Isaiah's message is as compelling today as it was in the time of the kingdom of Judah: Do the right thing. Offer justice and compassion toward others. Be honest in all your dealings. And remember to observe the day of the Lord.



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

[T]he pain that moves us to compassion is not the pain of a stranger; it is the pain of a member of our own Body, to whom Christ our Head commands us attend, for the good of all. In this sense, our service is identified with Christ's own suffering and, when offered in a Christian spirit, hastens the fulfillment of the Savior's prayer for the unity of all.

MESSAGE ON WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, ROME, FEBRUARY 11, 2026

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Sunday Collection Aug.2 26'2026	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Year to Date +/-
\$ 6607.10	\$ 7636.00	- \$ 1028.90	\$ 8483.76

Parish Debt collected—Aug.2 26'26	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Sharing God's Gifts collected—July 26'26	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-
\$ 254.20	\$ 1053.00	- \$ 798.80	\$ 521.00	\$ 1106.67	- \$ 585.67

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VOCATIONS FUNDRAISING DINNER SERRA CLUB of WINNIPEG

Thursday
October 29, 2026

Viscount Gort Hotel

1670 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, MB
\$85.00 per person

Guest Speaker
Fr. Christopher Pugh

5:30 PM Vespers with
Archbishop Murray Chatlain
6:00 PM Reception & Silent Auction
7:00 PM Dinner

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A parish to call home! If you are new - WELCOME!
If you have been away - WELCOME HOME!