Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2026

With the Lord there is mercy!

El tema de las lecturas en la Misa de hoy es el mismo: el llamado de Dios a los hombres que no pertenecen al pueblo judío. Por boca del profeta, Dios declara: “mi casa será casa de oración para todos los pueblos” (PRIMERA LECTURA). Jesús alaba la fe de una mujer extranjera al pueblo judío y cura a su hija (EVANGELIO). San Pablo dice que, por desobediencia de los judíos, los paganos obtuvieron misericordia (SEGUNDA LECTURA), pero Israel sigue ocupando un puesto de preferencia dentro del plan de Dios.

Masses For The Week

sab 15 — **Vigilia del XX Domingo Ordinario**
04:30 pm
+Reynaldo Reyes (Fr. Nolasco Hijososa)
Priscilla Garcia – Birthday (Fr. Nolasco Hinojosa)
Herminia Torres – Special Intention
+Gilbert Mayorga (Wife)
+Sara Romero (Daughter)
+Maria Lopez (Esther Salinas)

Sun 16 — **XX Sunday in Ordinary Time**
11:30 am
Missa Pro Populo

Mon 17 — **NO MASS**

Tue 18 — **Weekday**
08:00 am
Peter & Emily Torres (Herminia Torres)

Wed 19 — **Votive Mass of St. Joseph**
08:00 am
Joe Torres & Family (Herminia Torres)

Thr 20 — **St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church**
08:00 am
Norma Ortiz & Family (Herminia Torres)

Fri 21 — **St. Pius X. Pope**
08:00 am
Danny & Yolanda Torres (Herminia Torres)

Sat 22 — **The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
08:00 am
Jacob & Diana Barrientos (Herminia Torres)

The Sanctuary Candle

This Week will be Burning in Memory of
+María Teresa (Mary) Trevino (Roberto & Laura Vela)

Good News!

August 16, 2026
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Isaiah 56:1, 6–7 / Romans 11:13–15, 29–32 / Matthew 15:21–28

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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Dear Padre

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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. ●

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CCD REGISTRATION SET TO BEGIN

Registration will take place on August 23 and 30 after the 10:30 am and 12:30 pm Masses. **EVERYONE MUST REGISTER DURING THESE DAYS. NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

To Register Your Child(ren) in our CCD Program (First Communion & Confirmation):

1. Parents must be active **[already have been coming to Mass with your child(ren)]** and registered members of the parish. *If not registered, parents must register at Parish Office in person. Then the family must remain active to qualify to register for the following year in our CCD Program.*
2. Parents **must** bring a copy of the child(ren)’s **Certificates of Baptism** and **First Communion** to Registration.

NO CERTIFICATES.
NO REGISTRATION!
NO EXCEPTIONS!

All CCD Classes will be held on Sundays 9:30 am to 11:15 pm beginning on September 6.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Any adolescent **[already have been coming to Mass with your parent(s)]** who has reached the age of 14 by September 1 of this year and has not been confirmed is encouraged to register.

La Inscripcion Para CCD Preparado Para Empezar

Inscripción empieza el 23 y 30 de agosto, después de las Misas de las 10:30 am y 12:30 pm. ***TODOS TIENEN QUE INSCRIBIRSE DURANTE ESTOS DÍAS. ¡NO SE ACEPTARÁN INSCRIPCIONES TARDES!***

Para Inscribir Su Niño(s) en nuestra Programa de CCD (Primera Comunión y Confirmación):

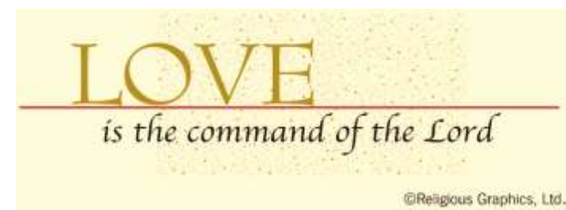
1. Los padres deben estar activos ***[ya he estado viniendo a Misa con su(s) niño(s)]*** *y miembros inscribidos de la parroquia..* Si no están inscribidos, los padres deben inscriberse en la Oficina Parroquial en persona. Luego, la familia debe permanecer activa para calificar para inscribirse para el año siguiente en nuestro Programa de CCD.
2. Padres ***tienen*** *que traer una copia del los* ***Certificados de Bautismo y de Primera Comunión*** *del niño(s) para Inscribirse.*

SIN CERTIFICADOS.
¡NO PODRAN INSCRIBIRSE!
¡SIN EXCEPCIONES!

Todas las clases de CCD seran los domingos 9:30 am a 11:15 pm a partir del 6 de septiembre.

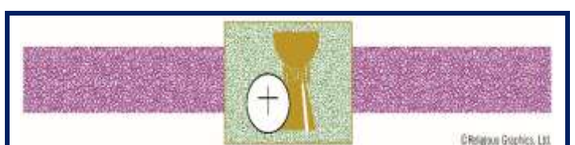
INFORMACIÓN DE CONFIRMACIÓN

Se anima a cualquier adolescente ***[ya he estado viniendo a Misa con su(s) padre(s)]*** *que haya cumplido los 14 años el 1 de septiembre de este año y no haya sido confirmado a inscribi*



LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Oscar Noriega, Justin Pecina, Irma Santos, Gerardo Castro, Guadalupe Ortiz, María E. Maldonado, Alicia Guardiola, Delia Hinojosa, Rebecca Quintero, Herminia Torres, Vladimiro Checchin, Lalo Uribe and Aida Ramirez.



Colecta de la Semana Pasada
Envelopes: ***$ 2,333.00***
Loose: ***$ 155.00***
Children’s Envelopes: ***$ 0.00***

Total Sunday Collection: $ 2,488.00

Total Expenses Last Weeks: $ 419.25