



Update on the starting up of the Faith Formation Programs. As I have discussed in my prior emails the programs for Sacred Heart/St. Mary's and St. Patrick/St. Anthony's will be different due to Parish dynamics.

I fully understand the major concerns everyone has regarding COVID 19 and returning back to a safe and healthy environment. My focus will be keeping all children safety in returning back to the faith program. The programs will follow the Diocese guidelines about treating back to a classroom setting.

As of now here is what has been decided so far.

St. Patrick/St. Anthony's in Chadwick's. Kathy and I are still working out the details as to when we commence. The hope is to start also on October 11th but this will depend on a number of factors including a new Priest assignment. A decision was made with respect to a new publisher that has great resources that can be utilized should it be required should an event happen where we need to shelter in place.

Sacred Heart/St. Mary's will be on Sundays from 10AM-11AM for grades K-6th. Grades 7-Confirmation will be from 12:15-1:15pm commencing on October 11th. Depending on class size, there will be a Session A or Session B. Session A will come the first week and Session B the 2nd week. Class size will be limited to 10 children per class. All children attending will be required to wear a face mask in class. The Parish will supply the children with their own school supplies. I am still looking for a publisher that has great resources that can be utilized should it be required should an event happen where we need to shelter in place again.



St. Patrick's/St. Anthony's will be celebrated on September 19th @ 11am by Fr. Arthur. There will be practice with the children on September 3rd, 10th and 17th @ 6pm. The banners from the children are due back to me by Sept 10th.

Sacred Heart/St Mary's due the size of the class will be on 3 separate Sunday's @ the 11:15AM. Mass. September 20-Group A , 27th-Group B and October 3rd Group C. Banners are due back to me by September 13th. Practice will be Sept 5 for Group A, Sept 8th for Group B and Sept 15th for Group C



Confirmation Students: Mark your Calendars for important **1 parent** and student meetings from each parish. Please confirm you will be attending this meeting

Sacred Heart/St. Mary's **September 9th** @ 6pm in the school

St. Patrick's St. Anthony's **September 16th** 6 pm in the Church

As in last week's newsletter one of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit will be included. As there will be no Confirmation retreat, in preparation for Confirmation each student is to reflect on the Gift of the Holy Spirit in the weekly newsletter and respond back to me privately regarding this gift and how you will use this gift in your daily life as a Catholic. I have had wonderful responses so far. Keep up the good work.

This week the Gift of the Holy Spirit is the 3rd gift **Counsel**. Counsel is the perfection of the cardinal virtue of prudence. While prudence, like all the cardinal virtues, can be practiced by anyone, whether in a state of grace or not, it can take on a supernatural dimension through sanctifying grace. Counsel is the fruit of this supernatural prudence. **Counsel** builds on both wisdom, which allows us to judge the things of the world in light of our final end, and understanding, which helps us to penetrate to the very core of the mysteries of our faith. With the gift of Counsel, the Holy Spirit speaks, as it were, to the heart and in an instant enlightens a person what to do.

MASS SCHEDULE



The Sunday Mass schedule for both Parishes. If attending masks are still required including children.

It has been a long time since many families have not come to Mass due to COVID 19. During this hard and difficult time, we as a Parish understand your concerns about returning back to Church. Please that our Parishes are doing the utmost for your family's safety in attending Sunday Mass. Bishop Lucia in his letter of July 1, 2020, welcomed us all back to Church. It is time to return home to the House of the Lord.

St. Patrick's/St Anthony's: Sunday 10am

Sign up is required to attend Mass

Mass is now being held in the Church

Sacred Heart/St Mary's

Saturday 4pm Mass

Sunday: 8:15am, 9:15 AM-Polish & 11:15AM

Sunday Reading August 15th

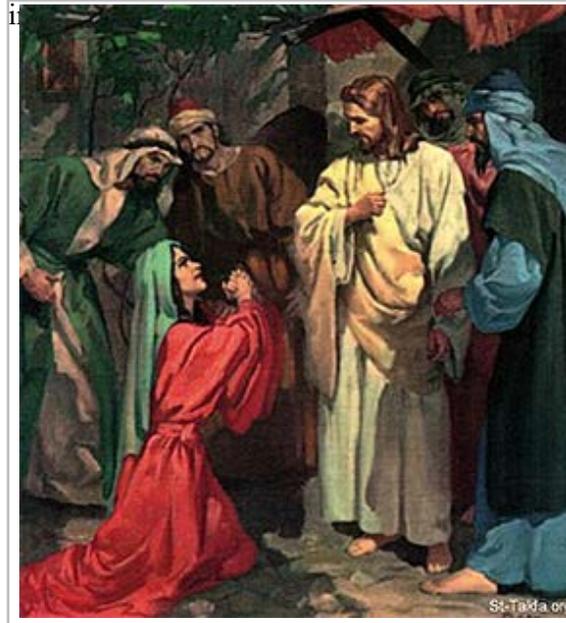
Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1. 5-7

Responsorial Psalm: PS 67: 2-3 5, 6 8 (**O Lord, let all the nations praise you**)

Second Reading Roman 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel Mathew: 15: 21-28



This this Gospel reading we see a Canaanite woman and her faith in Jesus. The Gospel says when she recognized Jesus, she cried out Lord, Son of David have mercy on me. Surprisingly, He did not respond to her at all! He was not "ignoring" her. He may, instead, have been testing the tenacity of her faith. So, with a faith that wouldn't give up, she kept crying out to Him. Jesus finally did respond to her, telling her that His ministry is only to the children (lost sheep) of Israel. But even this response – His recognition of her – is enough to embolden her to come closer to Him, throw herself at His feet and beg Him "Lord, help me!"(Matthew 15: 25). He told her that it is not right for Him to give the blessings that belong to the children of Israel to the dogs that surround them! With a faith that just won't give up, she told Him she believed that He had more than enough mercy, grace, love, care, power, help and healing for the children of Israel, for her and for her ailing daughter. What GREAT faith she had! Hers was a great faith that called Him "Lord" or "Master." Her faith caused her to come on behalf of her daughter. Against all odds, even when it appeared that she was being ignored and even turned away, she trusted, believed and hoped in Jesus! Her tenacious faith kept hanging on to the hope that He would have mercy and help her; and He did!

Now after reading the Gospel to your children, sit down with them and ask them these questions. 1) why did Jesus heal the woman's daughter? 2) Who do you know and love that needs this same persistence and confidence that Jesus can help or heal them? 3) How can we be persistent in praying as the woman in this story? Lastly, what gives you confidence that Jesus can help those you pray for?

Feast Days week of August 17 – August 23rd

Memorial of St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church – August 20th - Patron St. of the Alp also known for patron St of skiing, snowboarding, hiking, backpacking, mountaineering; Memorial of St. Pius X. Pope - August 21 - Patron St of First Communicants and pilgrim and Memorial of Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary- August 22.



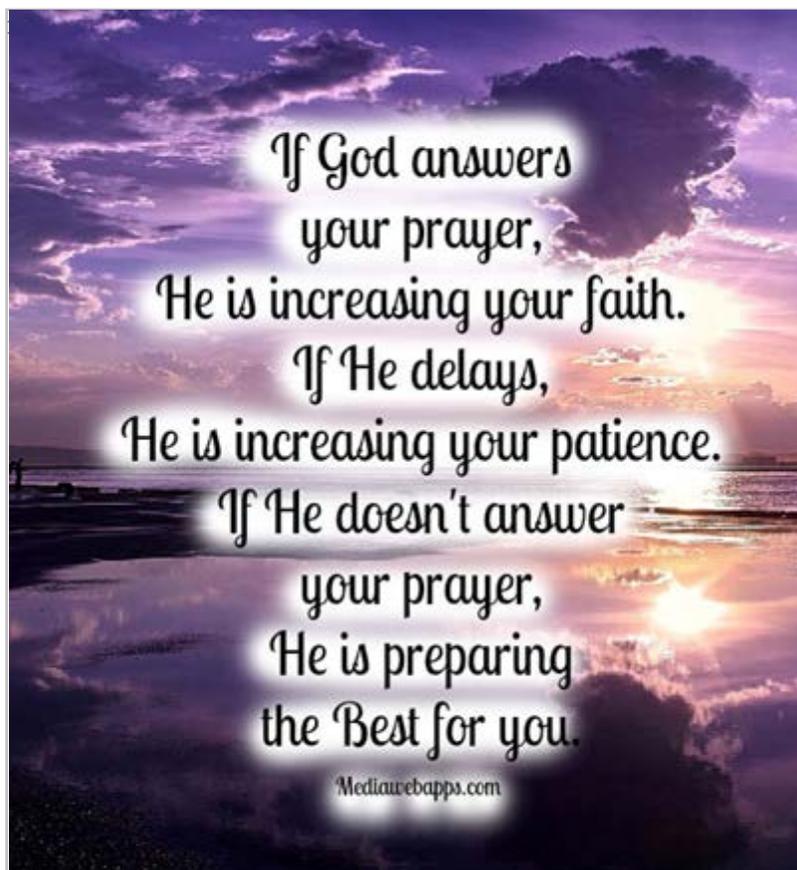
This week's reading is about Jesus going into two cities where they do not know him. A woman came up to him to ask the Lord for help with her sick daughter. Jesus at first ignored her until the disciples told him to turn her away. Jesus said to the women I have been sent to the Jewish people not the pagans. But the women still asked for help. Jesus said that you would not take food meant for children and give it to a dog but she replied that even a dog gets crumbs that their masters drop from the table. With that reply from the women Jesus said your faith is strong and your daughter is healed. The take away for the children this week is that Jesus listens to everyone and everyone who asks for his help and trust in his love.

The attached activity will need a bowl of water. The child/children can color the flower petal then cut them out and fold them in and then place them in the water. They should see the flower petals open slowly.

Encourage them to share what they are seeing and what is happening.

Mrs. DeGironimo

This week's prayer focuses on God answering prayers. Just like the Gospel reading, if he does not answer your prayers, He is preparing the best for you.



Additional Information

I am looking for those who are willing to share their faith with the children of our Parishes. It is only 1 day per week for an hour. It is such a rewarding ministry. I started 20 years ago as a catechistic with Kindergarten children and since then taught every grade. It has been so rewarding. The program that is chosen will help in teaching the children about their Catholic Faith. If anyone feels like would like to join this ministry, please contact me. Virtus training is required.

Attached please find the Building Faith from Home from the Office of Catechesis. It always has some great information for families.

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