

# Saint Peter the Apostle CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm | Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am

## CONFESSIONS

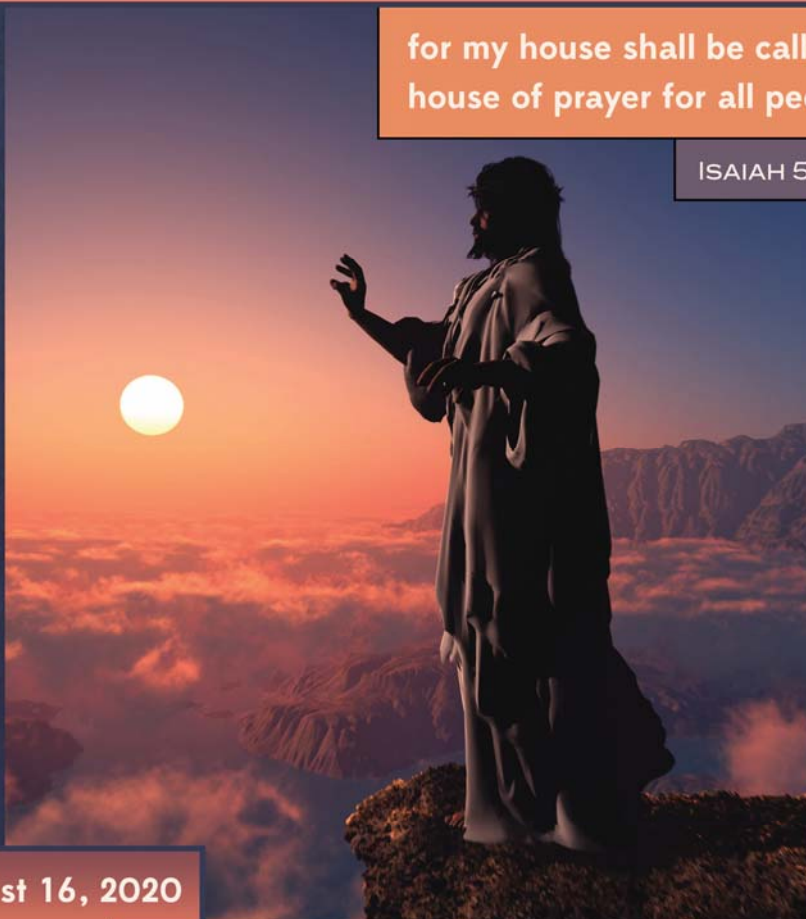
Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord . . .

*I will bring to my  
holy mountain . . .*

for my house shall be called a  
house of prayer for all peoples.

ISAIAH 56:6, 7



August 16, 2020

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# JESUS MET A CANAANITE WOMAN

*Reflection by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI*



*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

This Sunday's Gospel passage begins by indicating the district to which Jesus was going: Tyre and Sidon, to the north-west of Galilee, a pagan land. And it was here that he met a Canaanite woman who spoke to him, asking him to heal her daughter who was possessed by a demon (cf. Mt 15:22).

In her supplication we can already discern the beginning of a journey of faith, which in her conversation with the divine Teacher grows and becomes stronger.

The woman was not afraid to cry to Jesus "Have mercy on me", an expression that recurs in the Psalms (cf. 50:1), she calls him "Lord" and "Son of David" (cf. Mt 15:22), thus showing a firm hope of being heard. What was the Lord's attitude to this cry of anguish from a pagan woman?

Jesus' silence may seem disconcerting, to the point that it prompted the disciples to intervene, but it was not a question of insensitivity to this woman's sorrow. St Augustine rightly commented: "Christ showed himself indifferent to her, not in order to refuse her his mercy but rather to inflame her desire for it" (Sermo 77, 1: PL 38, 483).

The apparent aloofness of Jesus who said: "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (v. 24), did not discourage the Canaanite woman who persisted: "Lord, help me" (v. 25). And she did not even desist when she received an answer that would seem to have extinguished any hope: "it is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs" (v. 26). She had no wish to take anything from anyone; in her simplicity and humility a little was enough for her, crumbs sufficed, no more than a look, a kind word from the Son of God. And Jesus was struck with admiration for an answer of such great faith and said to her: "Be it done for you as you desire" (v. 28).

Dear friends, we too are called to grow in faith, to open ourselves in order to welcome God's gift freely, to have trust and also to cry to Jesus "give us faith, help us to find the way!". This is the way that Jesus made his disciples take, as well as the Canaanite woman and men and women of every epoch and nation and each one of us.

Faith opens us to knowing and welcoming the real identity of Jesus, his newness and oneness, his word, as a source of life, in order to live a personal relationship with him. Knowledge of the faith grows, it grows with the desire to find the way and in the end it is a gift of God who does not reveal himself to us as an abstract thing without a face or a name, because faith responds to a Person who wants to enter into a relationship of deep love with us and to involve our whole life.

For this reason our heart must undergo the experience of conversion every day, every day it must see us changing from people withdrawn into themselves to people who are open to God's action, spiritual people (cf. 1 Cor 2:13-14), who let themselves be called into question by the Lord's word and open their life to his Love.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us therefore nourish our faith every day with deep attention to the word of God, with the celebration of the Sacraments, with personal prayer as a "cry" to him, and with charity to our neighbour.

Let us invoke the intercession of the Virgin Mary, whom we contemplate in her glorious Assumption into Heaven in body and soul, so that she may help us proclaim and witness with our lives to the joy of having encountered the Lord.

**Mass Intentions****Sunday August 16 (Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

8:30 am †Ed Kryger  
 11:00 am †Phyllis Delaney  
 †Biagio Gariti  
 †Denis McNamara  
 †Joe Riggio  
 †Fred Santoro  
 People of the Parish

**Monday August 17 (Weekday)**

8:00 am †Michaelene Rogus

**Tuesday August 18 (Weekday)**

8:00 am †Victor Casini

**Wednesday August 19 (Weekday)**

8:00 am †Dominic Ciucci

**Thursday August 20 (St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church)**

8:00 am †Joan Streich

**Friday August 21 (St. Pius X, Pope)**

8:00 am †Frank Pellegrino

**Saturday August 22 (Vigil: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

5:00 pm †Dominic Ciucci  
 †Mary Frawley  
 †Christine Walton  
 †Michael Walton  
 People of the Parish

**Sunday August 23 (Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

8:30 am †Florence Wyderski  
 11:00 am †Noreen Brady  
 †Mary Frawley  
 †Biagio Gariti

**In Memoriam**

*Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of*  
**Marion Crocilla**  
*May perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.*

**Readings for the Week**

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22  
 Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30  
 Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16  
 Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14  
 Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40  
 Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12  
 Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8;

**Stewardship of Treasure**

*A Way of Life*  
**St. Peter the Apostle**

	<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Fiscal Week 6: 08/09/2020	\$ 8,147.00	\$ 51,688.43

*Financial figures reflect the parish fiscal year of July 1st through June 30th.*

If you have any questions concerning the collection numbers, please feel free to contact the Business Office at 630-773-1272 (ext. 204).

If you would like information on using **E-basket** to conveniently make your weekly offering, please contact the Parish Center (ext. 200)

**This Week at St. Peter's****Monday August 17**

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus General Mtg.

**Tuesday August 18**

7:15 pm Tuesday Evening Rosary (BVM Statue)

**Saturday Date**

9:00 am Religious Education Classes (School/Church)  
 4:15 pm Confessions (Church)

**Schedule****Saturday, August 22 | Sunday, August 23****Communion Ministers**

5:00 pm Pat Barbee  
 Karen Kunze

8:30 am Mel Gerard  
 Deacon Fred

11:00 am Carmela Graziano  
 Michael Graziano

**Lectors**

5:00 pm Chris Kunze  
 8:30 am Kevin Grisamore  
 11:00 am Paul Gennuso

**'Behold how many there are who are called, and how few who are chosen! And behold, if you have no care for yourself, your perdition is more certain than your amendment, especially since the way that leads to eternal life is so narrow.'**

*St. John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church*



## Tuesday Rosary Ministry

Join the Rosary group as they gather outside near the Blessed Virgin Mary statue to pray the Rosary Tuesday evening. Please plan to arrive at 7:00pm in order to allow sufficient time to set up and begin praying at 7:15pm.

If you will need to sit, please bring your own chair.

Attendees are welcome to lead one of the decades if comfortable and called to do so.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Bring your Rosary, your personal intentions and your voice.

**Invite friends and be a part of this beautiful and powerful gift of prayer.**

In the event of inclement weather, the group will gather in the church. Please visit the parish website to review guidelines to be observed. Assistance with cleaning will also be needed once concluded.

*“The Rosary is a contemplative prayer, and it has great intercessory power: whoever recites it, is united to Mary in meditating the mysteries of Christ, and is led to invoke the proper graces to these mysteries in the multiple situations of life and history.”*

(Pope John Paul II)

## “Mums” the Word— But Don’t Keep it a Secret!

Fall and it’s glorious colors are around the corner.

To help kick things into gear, St. Peter’s will once again be selling Mums for \$10 each.

**SALES BEGIN September 11!**



## Grief Ministry Meetings **RESUMING**

If you have lost a loved one and would like to meet with people who face similar struggles, please consider joining the Grief Ministry group. **New members strongly encouraged to join.**

Grief Support Ministry is resuming monthly gatherings and will meet at 9:30 am in Margaret Woods Parish Hall on Sunday, August 16.

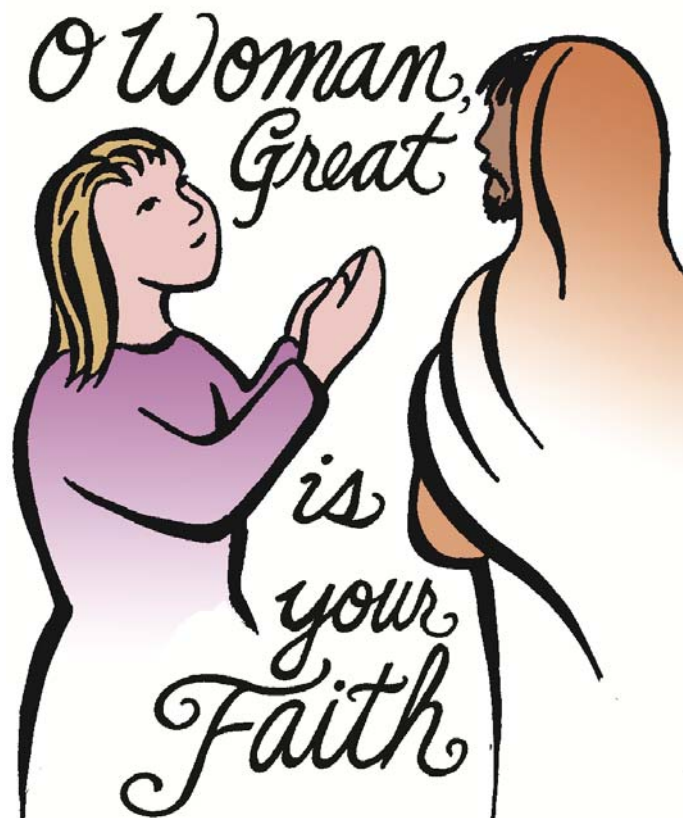
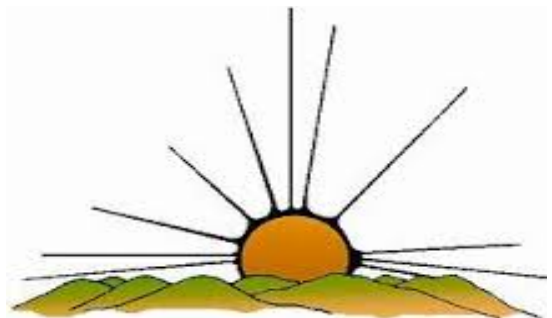
Masks and hand sanitizer will be required. A circle of chairs will be set up at a safe distancing of 6' apart.

**Advance registration is requested, but not required.**  
(visit the parish website for a link to register)

For more information, please contact:

Sharon Laughlin (630-212-0304) or Fred Maier (630-773-4412)

**THIS WEEKEND—Sunday, August 16 at 9:30 am**



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## Religious Education Registration is

**OPEN**

Registration packets are available on the parish Web site and at the parish office.

### Class Time Offerings\*:

Wednesdays 5:00 - 6:20 pm

Saturdays 9:00 - 10:20 am

*\*We will continue to monitor and plan classes accordingly based on Covid19 guidelines and recommendations of the Diocese and the health department.*

## CATECHISTS and TEEN HELPERS NEEDED!

The original meaning of the word Catechist is "teacher," or one who "echoes" God's word. Each year we rely on about 20 people of the parish to pass on the faith to our children in the small classes that we find so effective at St. Peter the Apostle parish. This coming school year, we need more catechists and teen helpers. No experience is needed. If interested in this rewarding experience, please contact the RE office.

## SPECIAL LIMITED TIME MEMBERSHIP PROMOTIONAL OFFER

In honor of the beatification  
of Fr. McGivney, the Illinois  
State Council is offering

## FREE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP\*

for new membership applications  
received through midnight  
AUGUST 31, 2020

\*regular dues are \$30/year

Visit [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus)  
enter the code  
**MCGIVNEY2020**



**St. Peter the Apostle Council #10884**, like the Knights of Columbus everywhere, were thrilled to learn that Father Michael McGivney, our beloved founder, will be beatified and officially declared Blessed on October 31, 2020.

In recognition of this historic event, our council is extending a special membership offer in honor of our founder—

**THIS SPECIAL LIMITED TIME MEMBERSHIP PROMOTIONAL OFFER has been extended for Council 10884 through midnight on August 31, 2020.** New members are being offered FREE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP for their first year.

**St. Peter the Apostle Council #10884** will pay the first-year dues for every man who joins online between now and August 5. Simply visit [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus) and enter the code **MCGIVNEY2020** to take advantage of this special offer.

Father McGivney was faced with a pandemic in the 1880s, as we are today. In the face of that pandemic, he persevered in his efforts to *evangelize* those in his community, to form his parishioners in their Catholic *faith*, and to *grow* the Knights of Columbus. As his spiritual heirs, we can do nothing less.

Our pastor needs the Knights of Columbus. Our fellow parishioners need the Knights of Columbus. Those impacted by COVID-19 need the Knights of Columbus. Just as our holy founder surely would, we are resolved to Leave No Neighbor Behind, and to offer every Catholic man of the parish an opportunity to join the Order that Father McGivney founded some 138 years ago.

*"Abortion affects countless marriages more than many people recognize. But there is no doubt that God will bring great healing to those who trust in his infinite mercy. If a past abortion can be acknowledged and addressed, a married couple can make great strides in experiencing even more fully God's design that 'the two shall become one' (Mt 19:5)."*

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
*"Healing within Marriage from an Abortion"*  
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**WILL YOU HELP SAVE UNBORN BABIES?**  
**NorthWest Families for Life**  
 together with the **Respect Life Ministries**  
 at **St. Peter's and Surrounding Parishes**  
 invite you to pray and save lives outside of  
 the **Wood Dale abortion facility.**

One of the main reasons women give for changing their mind about having an abortion is the presence of someone there outside the clinic praying for them.

**Advantage Clinic, 203 East Irving Park Road, Wood Dale**  
**Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday from 8:30am to 1pm**

**Could you be there one day a month? One hour a week?**

- Any time you can sacrifice will make a difference!
- You DO NOT need to sign up to come out to pray.
- Just show up any of the above days and times
- You DO NOT need special training

For more information and more ways to be involved in this pro-life ministry, email Maria Goldstein at NWFL526@gmail.com or call Laura 847-651-4877, or call parishioner, Nancy Magnus 630-606-5197.

#### AVENUE WOMEN'S CENTER

Avenue Women's Center is a local ministry that serves anyone facing an unexpected pregnancy. If you suspect that you may be pregnant, you can reach out to the Avenue Women's Center helpline at 630-455-0300. Pregnancy test and consultations are offered at no charge. Most women also receive a free ultrasound.

The caring staff will walk with you through your decision and beyond, connecting you with practical resources wherever needed—from emergency funding to housing to childcare to job training, and much more.

Visit their website at [AvenueWomensCenter.com](http://AvenueWomensCenter.com).

Centers are located in  
 Naperville, West Chicago, Glen Ellyn,  
 Darien, Wood Dale, and Elmhurst.

The Avenue Women's Center in Wood Dale is located at  
 132 East Irving Park Road.



**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

### Help Save Lives by Praying to End Abortion

#### What is 40 Days for Life?

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated **40-day campaign that aims to end abortion** locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

#### Worldwide Results:

**17,226** Lives Saved from Abortion  
**206** Abortion Workers Quit  
**107** Abortion Centers Closed

#### Learn More & Sign Up to Pray Locally:

##### Downers Grove:

[40DaysForLife.com/DownersGrove](http://40DaysForLife.com/DownersGrove)

Contact: Bob LeMay [40DaysDG@gmail.com](mailto:40DaysDG@gmail.com) or (630) 464-5344

##### Aurora:

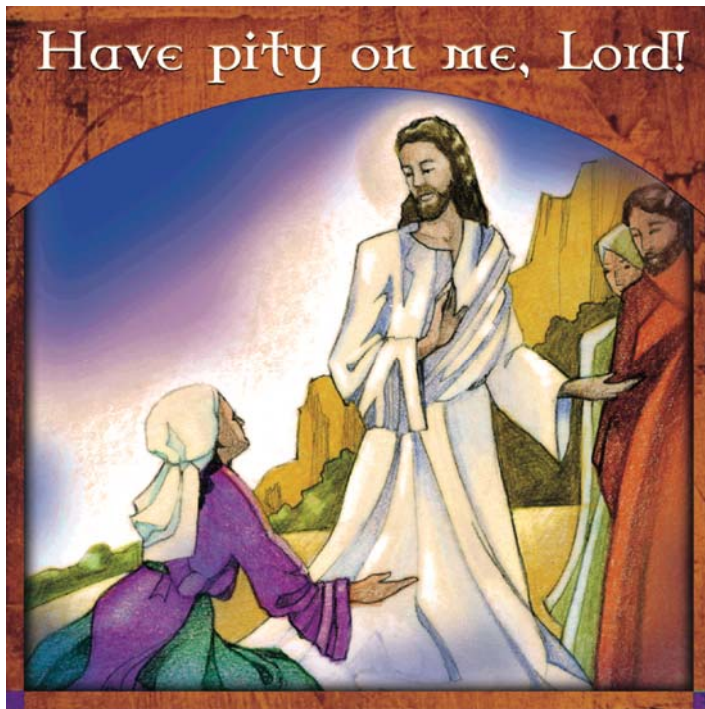
[40daysforlife.com/Aurora](http://40daysforlife.com/Aurora)

Contact: Beth Doroff (630) 854-1092 or [doroffbeth@gmail.com](mailto:doroffbeth@gmail.com)

If you have questions or are nervous, the local contacts are here to help. Reach out to one today.







### Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

Brian Beers	Jack Hayes	Bonnie Pollock
Sue Bobka	Ken Hemstreet	Megan Putzke
John Booth	Mary Hosters	Brendan Reidy
Janet Both	Shirley Janik	Jerry Riordan
Ken Buffo	Brian Josephus	Ann Marie Rossi
Theodora Calip	Anne Keeton	John Rossi
Mike Carey	Debra Kelly	Jennifer Ruffing
Jacqueline Castellano	Joe Kryger	Savannah Rose Russo
Eunice Cleveland	Ruth Kryger	Roxanne Ruiz
Regina Conti	Tom Kryger	Alana Ruiz
Joseph Crocilla	Rickie Kruzal	Janina Sabat
Collin Cummins	Celeste Kucharczyk	Angela Scanlon
Mary Cummins	JoLynn Lash	Mark Sgarbossa
Michael Cummins	Sharon Laughlin	Shauna Sheffer
Paul Cummins	Elizabeth Lisak	Marilyn Sieradzki
Margaret Del Preto	Pasquale Lopardo	Wayne Slowiak
Tom Derma	Eileen Marino	Dan Sobucki
Angeline DiFranco	Patricia McMahon	Belinda Sobucki
Charles DiFranco Jr.	Ann McNally	Sharon Sowers
Teresa Dunhac	Jack McNally	Karen Stewart
John Elia	Gene Mikulecky	Linda Swzeda
Scott Erickson	Christopher Mizera	Pat Tardi
Tracy Fink	Rich Mrugacz	James Thompson
Sally Franz	Robert Neumann	Patricia Vitale
Dan Galuszek	Barbara Neumann	Jennifer Weil
Joe Galuszek	Jean Nowobielski	Helen Wilczko
Geri Gerard	Don Olenek	Agnieszka Wisniewska
Mel Gerard	Vince Oraziatti	Grzegorz Wisniewski
Mike Graziano	Fred Oslager	Ray Young
Joseph Halec	Anne Marie Pagni	Carol Zell
Carole Hatke	Harriett Pinkowski	Deacon Bob Ziomek
Phil Hatke		

Published and/or announced prayer requests require permission from the named individual or their family. Names will be listed for six weeks, after which time you may call the Parish Center to renew your request.



Join our Holy Father, Pope Francis,  
in his August prayers for the Church  
and for the world:

#### The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among  
them sailors, fishermen and their families.

*Observe what is right, do what is just;  
for my salvation is about to come,  
my justice, about to be revealed.*

— Isaiah 56:1



**Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.**

**Protect them as they protect us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen**

PFC Ryan Caspary, US Army 101st Airborne  
 LCpl James J. Cullotta, US Marines  
 SGT Michael D'Andrea, US Army  
 Maj Joseph DeHaven, US Army  
 CPT Stephen Grabinski, US Army  
 CPT Steven Gregor, US Army  
 PFC Michael Helle, US Army  
 Cpl Brandon Helm, US Marines  
 PVT Aleksandra Juzwiak, Army National Guard  
 SGT Jacob Los, US Army  
 Major Ryan L. Morrissey, US Army  
 1stLt John Kenneth Murphy, US Marines  
 SGT Marcin Platek, US Marines  
 2LT Megan Putze, Army National Guard  
 Cpl MacLane Read, US Army  
 SGT Michael Schatzman, US Army  
 LTJG Albert J. Schrautemyer III, US Navy Pilot (Persian Gulf)  
 SGT Jeremy Schumacher, US Marines  
 Robert P Woods Lt.JG. US Navy  
 Thomas Zablocki, US Marines  
 PO2 Benjamin Zubak, US Navy



by Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.

What does the Church mean by the Immaculate Heart of Mary and how are we to practice this great devotion? By the Immaculate Heart of Mary the Church means that aspect of the Virgin symbolized by the word “heart”, then her sinless purity expressed by the word “immaculate”. Calling Mary’s heart immaculate we know to be true and our devotion is honoring her for that great privilege.

What shall we say about Mary’s love? It was totally and exclusively human. Her Son’s Love was both divine and human as He was God and Man, but Mary’s love was always human because that was what she was, a creature – that was all the love she had. Well then, whom did Mary love? And how did Mary love? Both answers are the object of our devotion to her Immaculate Heart. During her life on earth Mary loved God with all her heart. Christ’s command in the Old Testament was followed perfectly, as Mary fulfilled it – loving her Divine Son as only a mother can love the fruit of her womb; she loved Joseph her devoted husband, to whom she was espoused, as only a devoted wife could. Mary is a model in a special way for women. Mary loved her relatives. We know that because when she first heard that her aged kinswoman was with child and would be needing help, St. Luke tells us that Mary ran across the hill country to a town of Juda to assist Elizabeth. Mary loved her friends. When invited to their wedding and they ran out of wine, Mary did something about it. She had no money to purchase it herself, so she asked the Giver of all gifts and the young couple had an excellent replenishment.

Mary loved John the Apostle to whom Jesus entrusted her on Calvary. She loved Peter whom she knew well. Trying to help she told her Son about Peter’s impetuosity, something He might well have seen, but He welcomed His Mother’s intuition. Mary knew Paul because Paul’s best friend was Luke, and of Paul, Luke spoke often to Mary. Paul never saw Jesus but we can be sure that Mary talked often to this great Apostle of the Gentiles. Mary loved greatly all the Apostles and disciples of her Son. Christ loved them and so did Mary.

Weren’t they all with Mary on that day when the Holy Spirit came upon them at Pentecost? Now whom does Mary love? Mary, as the Church teaches, loves everyone, but especially those that most love her Son. Mary like every true mother gives her heart to those that love her Son.

How does Mary love? Mary during her life on earth loved suffering, for from the moment she conceived the Christ Child in her womb, she became the sorrowful Mother.

Simeon early told her that a sword would pierce her heart and so it did.

Mary loved chastely. The essence of a chaste love is in the spirit, not in the body. She loved Joseph profoundly. She loved him well; she did service to meet his needs. She thought well of him; she spoke well of him always. Her love reached Joseph and made him glad. Mary loved quietly. Think of their going to Egypt. Joseph was commanded to go at night; Mary helped him and the Baby to ready each other and go.

Mary trusted when she loved. She had no idea of how she could conceive a child and remain a virgin, but she trusted that God, Who gave the request, would see it through for her.

Mary trusted perseveringly. Think of her faith on that first Holy Saturday as she waited. Saturday is Mary’s day in honor of her perseverance, as on that Saturday she waited for the Resurrection of her Son.

Mary lived and loved effectively - she did something about her love for God. She did and still does intercede for sinful man, helping us obtain from God the graces we need. Mary goes to God for us, that is how Mary mediates for us because she loves us.

When we speak of Mary’s heart, which had a mortal existence and now, like her Son, is immortally living in Heaven. Her Assumption assures us she is body and soul, with her feelings there, thinking of us, understanding our needs and yearnings. There is in Heaven now a virginal woman’s body with a total purity of soul. She was always sinless by a unique prerogative;



sinless at her conception in the womb of her mother Anne. Besides being sinless at her conception, Mary was sinless at birth free from the sins of the world all her life. She lived in the world but was not of the world. She had never said “No” to God; God wanted her to be totally sinless because she was to be His Mother. Her Son was all good and almighty so it is not surprising that He did all for His Mother that He could do and that He did do. Mary’s complete sinlessness was dogmatically defined by Holy Church over a century ago.

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary means two things. It means invoking her and imitating her. Invoking her is praying through her to God, beseeching her; while imitating her means striving to become like her, doing what she would do.

For what do we invoke Mary? What do we ask her to obtain for us? Through her Immaculate Heart we especially ask her to love like she does, sharing in her love for God and all mankind. We ask her to obtain for us her spontaneous doing of God’s Will. We ask her to become sinless as she was, before our lives are ended, using every grace God gives us as we strive for perfection. We ask her help that the maddening drives of our fallen nature become less compelling and our passions less masterful. We pray most of all that our sins which offend God become less deliberate and less frequent.

Next, in practicing devotion to Mary’s Immaculate Heart, we must strive to imitate her in her practice of love. We know that we often sin by saying “No” to God, but we can also sin by saying “Yes” to creatures against God’s Will. We can sin by indulging creature satisfaction deep down in our hearts without saying a word. To grow in virtue we must very often sacrifice creatures that God does not wish us to love. In fact, often our greatest obstacle to sinlessness is the attachment of our spirits to creatures against God’s Will.

In our devotion to Mary’s Heart there is no more effective prayer than the Rosary which is about the mysteries of her Son’s life and hers. There is no better way to obtain through Mary’s intercession the help we desperately need to learn how to be loving and selfless. To gain this selfless love, we must also learn how to give ourselves in loving those thoughtless people who enter our lives unintentionally. The most grievous pain, the most patient endurance that people will demand of you is from the people you like, who will try your patience and not even know it. It is the good, unwitting people just being themselves who will crush the last iota of selfishness in you. They seem unaware of how tormented you are by their actions, the way they behave, what they say or don’t say. We all have much to learn. Let us ask Our Lady to help us. Say a little prayer to her in every emergency. When you must answer, when you are under pressure, ask help from the “Seat of Wisdom”, Mary’s title, and your words will be hers amiable and understanding.



### *Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman because of her great faith.*

Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew’s Gospel (15:21-28). Last week we read about Jesus walking on the water and the disciples’ confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew’s entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus’ debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus’ debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today’s Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus’ exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, “dog.” But the woman cleverly turns Jesus’ insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus’ unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus’ ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today’s Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew’s text we can hear this early Christian community’s struggle to understand how God’s selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel’s rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles’ acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today’s second reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God’s abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.

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**PARISH CENTER SUMMER BUSINESS HOURS**

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Friday: CLOSED

**TRAVELING?**

Call 410-676-6000 or log onto [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) for the location and schedule of Masses throughout the U.S.

**PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT AND BULLETIN DEADLINES**

**NOTE:** Parish staff reserves the right to accept and/or decline, as well as edit, both pulpit announcements and bulletin submissions.

**Pulpit announcement** requests are to be submitted to the Parish Center no later than the **Tuesday preceding** the weekend during which the announcement is to be made. Announcements may be submitted by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200) or by e-mail to [office@stpeteritasca.com](mailto:office@stpeteritasca.com).

**Bulletin submissions** are to be submitted **no later than 8 days preceding** requested publication date. Notices and full page flyers will run for a maximum of two weeks, and priority will be given to items that are date sensitive. If possible, all items should be typed for legibility and accuracy and dropped off at the Parish Center or sent via e-mail to [bulletin@stpeteritasca.com](mailto:bulletin@stpeteritasca.com).

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Please visit or call the Parish Center (ext. 200) to register.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

Adults interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic faith should contact the Parish Center for information.

**BAPTISMS**

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated either during a weekend Mass or on the third Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm (immediately following 11:15 am Mass). Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation class prior to the Baptism. Classes are held in the Parish Center at 7:00 pm on the first Thursday of each month. Please call the Parish Center for more information.

Required paperwork **MUST** be submitted to the parish office **no later than ten (10) business days prior to the baptismal date or your date will be rescheduled.** This includes all necessary information regarding family records and godparents. Please read the **baptism planning information** provided before selecting a godparent. A sponsor certificate must be provided

**by each godparent.** The proper **sponsor certificate** for St. Peter the Apostle is included with the baptism packet. Christian witnesses are most welcome to celebrate with the family and community, but please note they are not recorded as sponsors on the Baptismal Certificate or in the Baptismal Register.

**WEDDINGS**

According to diocesan policy, the parish must be contacted six months prior to the intended wedding date. Please call the Parish Center (ext. 201) for information.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

If you or someone you know is in need of this Sacrament, please contact the Parish Center at any time. Upon admission to the hospital, please make it known you.

**IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED...**

If you or a family member are admitted to the hospital, please contact the Parish Center to let us know. Due to federal regulations, most hospitals will not contact parishes unless you specifically request it. We want to visit parishioners in the hospital, but are often unaware of their hospitalization.

**FRIDAY COMMUNION CALLS**

Communion calls are made every Friday for those unable to attend Sunday mass due to health issues.

Please call the Parish Center at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200) to make arrangements.



If it is too difficult for you to walk to the front of the church to receive Communion, please know that at each Mass an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion comes to the back of the church to distribute Communion. If you would like to have the Extraordinary Minister give you communion in the back of church, please let an usher know before Mass begins. At Communion time, when you see the Extraordinary Minister come to the back, please raise your hand so that they can see you and give you Holy Communion.

# Welcome Guests and Visitors!

We're so glad you are here and invite you to walk the path to faith with us. The community of St. Peter the Apostle strives to grow closer to Christ in all that we do. We care for one another and together with Christ, we make a difference.

If you would like to become a registered parishioner, please fill out the information below and drop it into the collection basket at any mass or call the Parish Center at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200).

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**Do you receive St. Peter's electronic newsletters??**

This is a great way to stay informed and receive reminders about events that you may have forgotten about or overlooked in the bulletin.

If you have access to e-mail, but do not receive the parish's electronic newsletters, then please visit the parish website at [stpeteritasca.com](http://stpeteritasca.com) to sign up; you may also send your e-mail information to [bulletin@stpeteritasca.com](mailto:bulletin@stpeteritasca.com). Please be sure to provide your name together with your e-mail address.



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Please call our DuPage County office located in Lombard at 630-495-8008. To learn more about Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Joliet, visit our Web site at **[www.cc-doj.org](http://www.cc-doj.org)**

## Reporting Incidents of Sexual Abuse

Sexual abuse is a sin and a crime. Victims of sexual abuse, in addition to contacting civil authorities, are asked to come forward in order to receive pastoral assistance. The Church has a responsibility to help victims of sexual abuse and to ensure that offenders are brought to justice.

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