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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2026

A CANAANITE WOMAN'S FAITH SAVED HER DEMON-POSSESSED DAUGHTER

Matthew 15:21-28



Scripture Insight

God's universal care for humanity has always been easy to forget, especially when it serves someone's interest to separate those who merit God's love from those who do not. In Jesus' day, Israel's Roman overlords exploited cultural differences among their subjects in order to divide and rule. Likewise, Israel's religious leaders carefully determined who was a true Israelite and who was not. At an earlier time in history, this was perhaps necessary to keep Israel from dying out, but by Jesus' day, such determinations generated discord and hostility.

God's will is that Israel teach all humanity how to worship, but human social structures have obscured that will. The desperate mother recognizes none of this, finding in Jesus one last hope for her daughter. Even when those human divisions became clear to her, she rejected them. All she has left was her faith, and as she clung to it, her mind opened to the truth: God sent Jesus to save all humanity, her daughter included.

The faith of early Christians brought them to the same truth. As Paul states in this Sunday's second reading, God's mercy is a gift to all. As today's Gospel demonstrates, it was difficult for the first disciples to learn that lesson. In every age, Christ's followers advance his mission when they work to reveal God's mercy to those desperate for it. Even more importantly, they must be ready to recognize God's mercy already at work in people and places they had not expected.

~ Sourcebook 2026

MASS TIMES

Sundays: 10:00 a.m. (Livestream) & 5:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday: 6:00 p.m.

ADORATION

Tuesdays: 6:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. or by appointment

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms - By Appointment

Marriage-Arrangements 6 months in advance

Anointing of the Sick & Funeral- Call the Parish Office

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8

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

Alleluia: Matthew 4: 23

Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28

DID YOU KNOW? Concerning behaviors in children
In contrast to last week's article about age-appropriate curiosity, signs that a child is being sexually abused will typically be displayed in more concerning ways. Problematic sexual behaviors include an explicit imitation of intercourse or sexual acts, touching animals inappropriately, and/or persistent, repeated behaviors or knowledge of sexual acts. One aspect that can make children more vulnerable is the significant amount of sexual content in our popular media, which may be viewed by children on shows and commercials, in gaming apps, websites, through technology such as smart phones, texting apps and social media. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Differentiating age-appropriate curiosity from harmful sexual behavior and abuse in elementary aged children" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

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COMMUNITY WHO ARE SICK, SUFFERING,
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PRAY FOR YOUR PARISH FINANCES

"Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, according to your means. For the Lord is one who always repays and he will give back sevenfold. (Sirach 35)"



August 9, 2026

Offertory.....\$1,065.00
Online.....\$2,576.00
Total.....\$3,641.00

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into the Catholic Church**

This program is for you if:

- ✝ You are 18 years old or older
- ✝ You have **NOT** been baptized, **OR**
- ✝ You were baptized, but have **NOT** yet received First Holy Communion, **OR** the Sacrament of Confirmation

Start Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026**Schedule:** Every Thursday begins with mass at 6:00 p.m. and followed by the class until 7:30 p.m.**Location:** Meet in the church

**Join us for Coffee & Donuts on the patio
after the 10:00 a.m. mass**



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