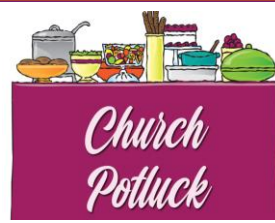


St James the Apostle ~ Edgemont

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**Every
Third
Saturday**

Join us at St James for potluck dinner immediately following Mass. Bring a dish to share and your appetite, everyone is welcome!

Join us every Wednesday at 6:00pm for Daily Mass or Communion Service. Watch the Calendar inside this bulletin for details!

Religious Formation / Faith Enrichment classes for Youth and Adults will begin in September. If you are interested in helping with classes, please contact Deacon Pat Coy at 605.209.4636.

There will be a Catechetical Retreat at Terra Sancta on August 22. See the Diocesan website for more information.

Edgemont Food Pantry:
4th & D St (next to United Church)
HOURS: Monday 1-2pm and Thurs. 5:30 – 6:30p
Donate non-perishable food items by bringing them to the church building (main entrance doors). Thank you!



In the charity of your prayers:
Margo Anderson, Dick Porter, Linda Tidball, and George Trundle.
Repose of Soul: John Aberlet

Joint Council Meeting ~ August 19 6:00pm at St Anthony Parish Hall
Jim Kinyon, Executive Director of Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation will be giving a presentation on establishing Endowment funds, investments and applying for Grants with the Foundation. Everyone is welcome to attend to learn more!
WSDCF ~ Helping Catholics across western SD support the mission of Christ today and for generations to come.



Food Pantry

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. ●



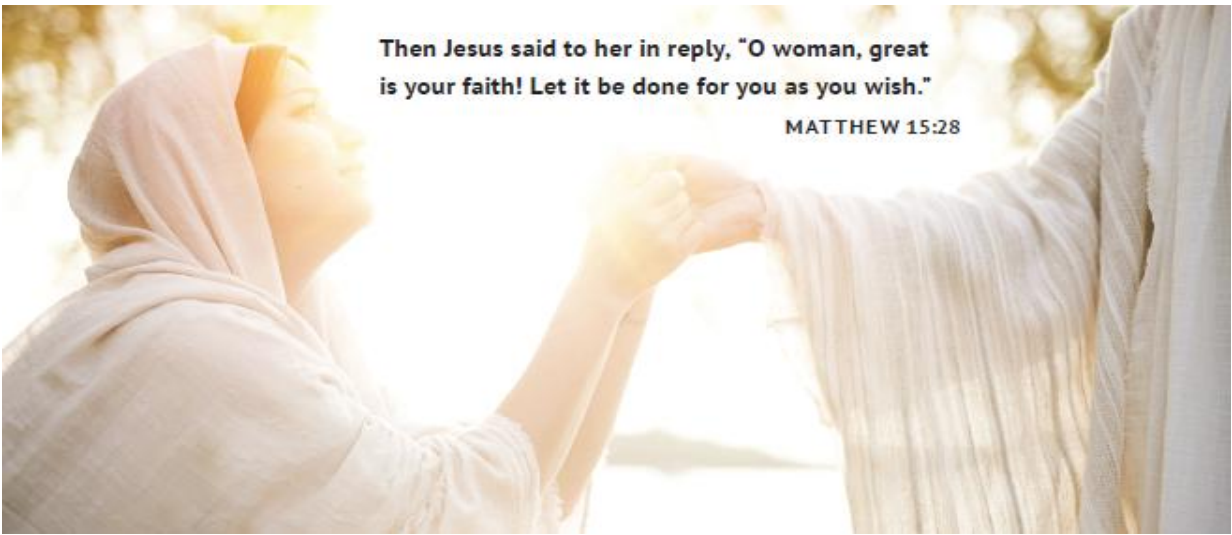
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St Anthony of Padua
538 University Ave
Hot Springs, SD
Sunday Mass 9:00am

Welcome to Our Parish Community

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
August 16, 2026

St James the Apostle
310 3rd Ave
Edgemont, SD
Saturday Mass 5:00pm



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

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?

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