

Catholic Kid's Corner

And kids at heart!

As Christians, we do not leave anyone out. We can always widen our circle and welcome new people, even people who are different from us. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us about not excluding anyone. At first, Jesus says no to the Canaanite woman's request for help. But the woman persisted. She was confident that Jesus could heal her daughter. She had faith in him. When Jesus saw her faith, he healed her daughter.

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HEALED	DAUGHTER	SHEEP	FALL	MERCY
GREAT	CRYING	DOGS	LOST	JESUS
DEMON	HELP	TABLE	ISRAEL	WOMAN
EAT	FAITH	CRUMBS	SUFFERING	KNELT

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

TO KICK OFF THE YEAR!

Almighty God,
We thank You for the gift of learning and pray Your blessing over students, educators, and leaders as a new school year begins. Grant safety, health, wisdom, and joy in every classroom and home. May this year be filled with growth, purpose, and a deep awareness of Your presence.

Children's Liturgy

Kids K-5th Grade!

Join us for Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9am & 11am Masses!

RISEN SAVIOR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE

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August 16, 2026
The Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Clergy
Rev. Charles Ugochukwu, Pastor
Deacon Mark Bussemeier
Deacon Manuel Garcia
Deacon Tim Parker

Mass Schedule
Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday: 7:00 a.m.

First Fridays: 7:00 a.m.

Holy Days are Announced

Reconciliation
Tuesday & Thursday: 11:00 a.m.
until the beginning of Mass
Saturday at 3:00pm

Sacramental Preparation
Baptism Classes: Contact the parish office to register for the next scheduled date.
Please contact the parish office or visit the parish website for more information on all other Sacraments

Anointings
Please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Office
Hours: Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Closed from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Matthew 15:21-28
Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman because of her great faith.

Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. 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.

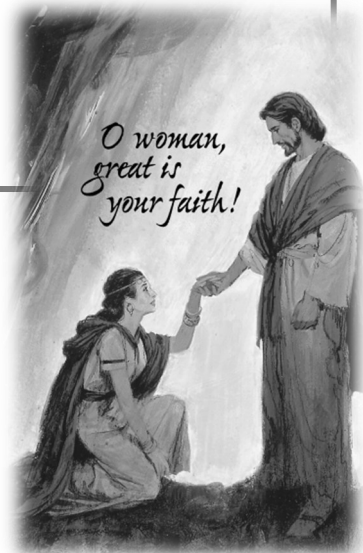
Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At 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.



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 15th

4:00pm - + Alan Luchetti, + Joseph Carrasco, + James McBride, Special intention for the Anthony Garcia Family

Sunday, August 16th

7:00am - + Savio Dac Nguyen

9:00am - + A.T. Wentzel

11:00am - + Dan Koleske, + Eileen Sandoval

Monday, August 17th

Tuesday, August 18th

11:30am - + Yvonne Perea

Wednesday, August 19th

7:00am - For the People

Thursday, August 20th

11:30am - + Alfia Aragon, + Jose Cordova , + Kelly Fini

Friday, August 21st

Baptized in Christ

Liam Robert Wainwright

Child of Greg and Amy

Welcome to the Risen Savior Parish Family!

A second collection will be taken up this weekend to benefit Catholic Chrlrities.

Thank you for your generosity!

Seasons of Hope

This ministry is for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one. We pray, read scriptures and share our stories.

Our next meeting will be held on August 19th from 3:30pm-5:00pm in the Youth Center. Please contact the Armijo's for more information at juli.koleske@gmail.com.

Our Thoughts & Prayers are with...

We ask our faith community to keep these individuals in your prayers:

Richard Ribando · Joe Ribando · Hilary Mallak · Leon Chavez · Lynn Pham · Mackie Fischer-Aragon · Holly Mariscal · Joe & Angela Lobato · Carmen Aranda · Charles Simoni · Pat Dubois · Richard Connick · Bob & Tom Matuszak · Charlotte Romero · Robert Santistevan · Dee Santistevan · Michele Santistevan · Marianne Nichols · Donna Harris · Peter Maioriello · Sr. Marria Luisa Vasquez · Lisa Gates · Paul Jessen Jr. · Joy Bohning · Danielle Materacky

To add a name to the prayer list, please contact the office, or submit your request through our website. The names remain in the bulletin for four weeks.

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, August 17th

Knights of Columbus Meals on Wheels off-site

Tuesday, August 18th

Morning Prayer 8:30am, Church

Divine Mercy 10:00am, Rm 4

Confessions 11:00am

Mass 11:30am

Alcoholics Anonymous 12:00pm, Rm 4

Wednesday, August 19th

Mass 7:00am

Morning Prayer 8:30am, Church

Seasons of Hope Grief Ministry 3:30pm, Youth Center

OCIA 6:00pm, Library

Thursday, August 20th

Morning Prayer 8:30am, Church

Confessions 11:00am

Mass 11:30am

Young Adult Apologetics 6:00pm, Youth Center

Friday, August 21st

Morning Prayer 8:30am, Library

ALANON 12:00pm, Youth Center

Bridge 12:00pm, Rm 3

Saturday, August 22nd

Gambler's Anonymous 3:30pm, Youth Center

Mass 4:00pm

Sunday, August 23rd

Masses 7:00am, 9:00am , 11:00am

Young Adults Lectio Divina 12:15pm

Liturgy Corner

Are you called to proclaim the Word of God?

Ministry of the Lector

All those baptized receive gifts from the Spirit... gifts that can be used in a variety of ways to serve the Lord and each other. Answering the call to become a Lector allows you to enter into a deeper relationship with God, as God is revealed in sacred scripture. We need you!

✚ Lectors must take time to prepare and reflect on the readings in advance of the Sunday celebration of the liturgy so that the word of God will be proclaimed with familiarity, reverence, and love.

✚ This commitment allows the parishioner to be the "voice" of God's Word and share it in service with our community.

If you feel called to this important liturgical ministry of sharing God's Word, we invite you to take part in this essential role please call the office or Ben Maes in the Liturgy Office at liturgy@risensaviorcc.org.

Weekly Votive Intentions

August 15th - August 21st

St. Michael the Archangel

All students, teachers, and staff

St. Michael, St. Francis, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Joseph, Our Lady of Grace, Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary PRAY FOR US!

Votive Candles

We have votive candles available for your intentions at our seven statues in the Church. The dedicated votives will burn from Saturday through Friday and will be replaced every Saturday. Contact the parish office.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Registration OPEN NOW!

Kinder—12th Grade

www.risensaviorcc.org

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Registration forms can be picked up in the lobby on the bulletin board or through the parish website!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume on Sunday, August 16th at the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses.

We are looking for a CLOW leader for the 11:00am Mass and youth aides to assist at both Masses. Please call the office for more information.

Open Positions: Youth Faith Formation Director

Risen Savior is hiring a Youth (6th-12th) Faith Formation Director. For more information, please contact Barb in the parish office at barbaram@risensaviorcc.org or 505-821-1571.

We will be collecting: oranges, bananas & tortillas for Hopeworks THIS WEEKEND!

Please return cooked and frozen casseroles this weekend after all masses and leave your donations on the carts provided. Thank you for your support & generosity!

LISBON, FATIMA, LOURDES & ROME PILGRIMAGE

October 1 – 12, 2026

Lisbon, Santarem, Fatima, Lourdes, Rome, Papal Angelus, Basilica of St. John the Lateran, Holy Stairs, Basilica of St. Mary Major, St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican Museum , Appian Way, Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, and Catacombs

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+ Hotel accommodations

+ Breakfast and Dinners daily

+ Sightseeing and admissions fees

+ Mass daily & Spiritual activities

+ And more.... \$7,293 from ABQ

Contact: Antonio Vargas at toner355@yahoo.com

THE CATHOLIC CORNER

5 Catholic Women Saints Who are Fantastic Role Models

St. Catherine of Siena

Living during the 14th century, St. Catherine of Siena played an impactful — and unusual, especially for women of her time — role in the life of the church. She served as an advisor to multiple popes (including influencing Pope Gregory XI to move from Avignon to Rome) and she negotiated peace treaties with political leaders. In both of these ways, St. Catherine was a true leader: not just doing good work herself but encouraging others to do the same. On top of this, St. Catherine was a mystic and a writer.

St. Joan of Arc

At the young age of 13, St. Joan of Arc — who was born to a French Catholic peasant family in the province of Lorraine in the early 1400's — is believed to have had visions of Saints Michael, Catherine and Margaret telling her to bring France to victory by driving the English from French territory. Several years later, St. Joan used her convictions and connections to gain an audience with King Charles VII, where she won his trust and gained permission to lead his army into battles against the English troops. After successes on the battlefield, Joan was eventually captured by Burgundian troops, sold to the English, and tried as a heretic and witch. Despite the unfair legal trial that she faced, Joan remained steadfast and brave — just as she had in battle — through her death by execution.

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (St. Edith Stein)

Edith Stein was born in Poland in 1891 to a large Jewish family, and after gaining an interest in Catholicism through her studies in philosophy, was baptized into the faith in 1922. About a decade later, she entered the Carmelite order in Cologne, though she was moved several years later to the convent in Holland, where it was believed that she would be safer from Hitler's reign of terror. But when Holland was invaded, St. Edith (whose Catholic name was Teresa Benedicta) was arrested along with her sister Rose and led to her death in the gas chambers at Auschwitz. Few details are known about St. Edith's final months — and even years — of life, and yet she lives in the memory and minds of the faithful as a source of light amidst the darkness of the Holocaust.

St. Anne

Little is known about the life of St. Anne, but what we do know is that this oldest of saints — along with her husband, Joachim, she's one of the two saints who predates Christ — struggled to conceive the daughter who would eventually become the Mother of God. She faced a challenge that countless women to this day have faced and continue to face: infertility. And after bearing the burden placed before her — disappointment, longing, frustration, unfulfilled desire, shame — with what we can only assume was patience and trust, she gave birth to a child who changed the world.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux

St. Thérèse of Lisieux is one of the most beloved Catholic saints, likely in part because she is so relatable to so many of us. She grew up in a loving family and eventually entered the Carmelite order, and throughout it all knew that she would never complete great works like many of the saints before her. Instead, her calling was "To do small things with great love," what has become known as her "Little Way."

"No sin, failure, humiliation or exclusion can diminish the profound value of a human life that God has willed and called into being. The fundamental dignity of each person, therefore, is neither acquired nor earned, nor does it need to be justified." -Pope Leo XIV,

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the value of human life beginning to end

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SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Help students in need in our Catholic Schools prepare for a successful school year!

Donations can be dropped off at the bins located in the Risen Savior Lobby through August 31st.

All donations benefit the "Catholic Schools Teachers Closet" and also Risen Savior Preschool!

Your generous donations of school supplies for the preschool are greatly appreciated. The preschool staff is so blessed to have the support of the parish and its parishioners.

Thank you & God bless you!

Supplies Needed:

- Colored pencils
- Scissors
- Water colors
- Pencil bags
- Backpacks
- Retractable pencils
- Kleenex
- Clorox wipes
- Pencils
- Glue sticks
- Dry erase markers
- Sharpies