

August 16, 2026

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The tendency of some religious believers to consider themselves "insiders" (*chosen, saved, and so on*) while regarding others as "outsiders" (*rejects, lost, and so on*) runs deep.

The reading from Isaiah today speaks to "insiders" and outsiders." It reminds us that salvation is not contingent on membership in a chosen people. Rather, it depends on a person's attitude of faith. It is the faith of Abraham, and all those who embrace that faith will enjoy the salvation God has promised to Abraham and his posterity forever.

In today's Gospel a Canaanite woman, an ultimate "outsider", a non-Jew, approaches Jesus. Her daughter is suffering, troubled and beset by a demon. The woman recognizes that Jesus is Lord, Son of David, and boldly calls upon him to cure her child. Her prayer is simple and to the point. 'Lord, Help me'.

She calls upon Jesus to "observe what is right, and do what is just" (Isaiah 56:1). The woman's faith is strong.

The disciples of Jesus entreat Jesus to get rid of her. Jesus proceeds to tell that his mission is to the lost sheep of Israel. The woman is however persistent. Jesus employs an ancient mode of Semitic dialogue with wise aphorism or riddle. He tosses a maxim to the woman and she turns it around on him to her own advantage. Jesus is impressed. He acknowledges her wisdom and praises her faith.

The Canaanite woman is held up as a model to imitate, not someone to be scorned and rejected.

St. Matthew uses this event to explain how Jesus' mission extends beyond the house of Israel to the ends of the earth and to its entire people. What matters here is faith.

VIGÉSIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

La tendencia de algunos creyentes religiosos de considerarse "privilegiados" (elegidos, salvados y así sucesivamente) mientras que consideran a otros como "forasteros" (rechazados, perdidos y así sucesivamente) es profundo.

La lectura de hoy tomada de Isaías le habla a los "privilegiados" y forasteros." Nos recuerda que la salvación no es contingente en el pertenecer a un pueblo elegido. Por el contrario, depende de la actitud de una persona de fe. Es la fe de Abraham, y todos los que abrazan esa fe los que podrán disfrutar de la salvación que Dios ha prometido a Abraham y a su posteridad para siempre.

En el Evangelio de hoy una mujer Cananea, una "forastera", una no Judía, se acerca a Jesús. Su hija está sufriendo inquietud y siendo acosada por un demonio. La mujer reconoce que Jesús es Señor, Hijo de David y audazmente exhorta a Él para que cure a su hija. Su oración es sencilla y al punto. 'Señor, ayúdame'.

Ella llama a Jesús a "observar lo que es correcto y hacer lo que es justo" (Isaías 56:1). La fe de la mujer es fuerte.

Los discípulos de Jesús le suplican a Jesús a deshacerse de ella. Jesús procede a decir que su misión es a las ovejas perdidas de Israel. Sin embargo, la mujer es persistente. Jesús emplea un antiguo modo de diálogo Semítico con aforismo sabio o misterio. Le lanza un dicho a la mujer y ella se lo voltea a Él para su propio beneficio. Jesús está impresionado. Reconoce su sabiduría y elogia su fe.

La mujer Cananea es considerada un modelo a imitar, no alguien para ser despreciada o rechazada.

San Mateo utiliza este evento para explicar cómo la misión de Jesús se extiende más allá de la casa de Israel hasta los confines de la tierra y a todo su pueblo. Lo que importa aquí es la fe.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

August 8 — August 9, 2026

Weekday Masses Offerings.....\$ 133.00
Weekend Mass Offerings.....\$2,225.65
Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.....\$1,125.41

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS

August 30: Mission Co-Op

September 6: Reserve Fund

September 13: Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

A A A 2026 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

We urge you to help us meet our goal:

Parish Assessment:	\$32,295.00
YTD we paid:	\$13,368.65
Balance we owe:	\$18,926.35
Pledges Balance:	\$ 615.00

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 15 TO AUGUST 22

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
August 15, 2026	August 16, 2026	August 17, 2026	August 18, 2026	August 19, 2026
9:00am Living Members of the Young Men's Institute	8:00am Parish of St. John	9:00am Parish of St. John	9:00am † Gualberto Espino, Sr. ☩	9:00am Parish of St. John
4:30pm Parish of St. John	10:00am † Joseph Elsey, Jr.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	† Mr. & Mrs. Francisco Galang	August 20, 2026	August 21, 2026	August 22, 2026
	Benjamin Mosquera ☩	9:00am † Medina & Eufacio Ermitaño	9:00am † Ramon Berry	9:00am Parish of St. John
	12:00pm Deceased Members of the Young Men's Institute	Ida Sandro ☩	Aida Grona ☩	4:30pm Anthony Silva ☩

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