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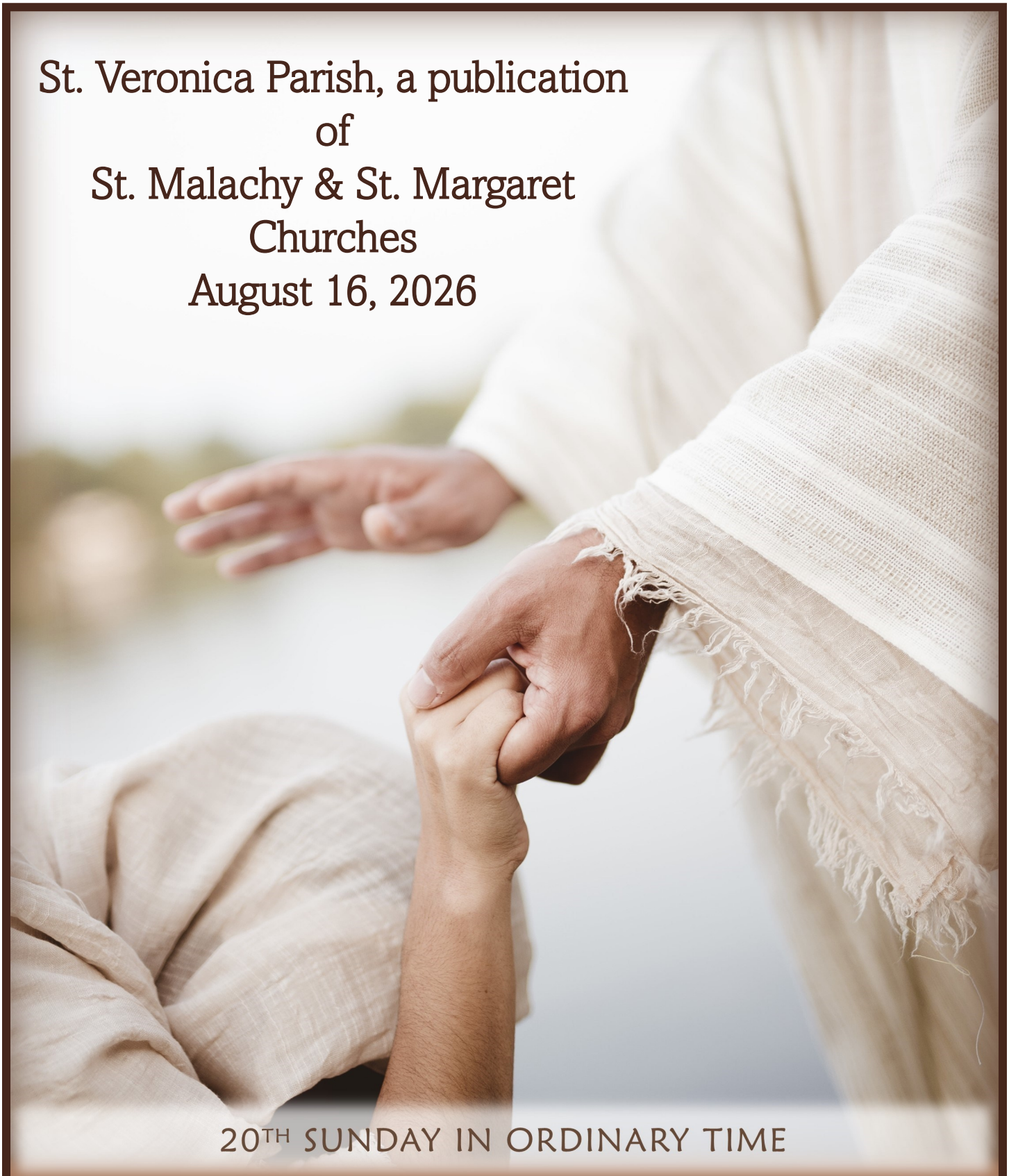

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

O woman, great is your faith!

Matthew 15:28

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"As a Roman Catholic faith community, we seek to follow the example of St. Veronica who carried the image of Christ always with her. Through fellowship, service and acts of mercy we walk as disciples in Christ's mission together seeking an ever-deeper relationship with God through prayer, education, sacraments, and the celebration of the Eucharist."

Dear Saint Veronica Parishioners,

Summer vacations are coming to an end and preparations are beginning for a new academic year. Some have had the opportunity to get away while others stayed home and relaxed. Whatever the situation, we all have to have some rest, relaxation, and holy leisure. I'm sure it was no different for Jesus. Up through this point in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus has been VERY busy. He returned to Nazareth but could not work any miracles because of the people's lack of faith. His relative, John the Baptist, was killed. He fed 5,000 men and their families and later that night he walked on water (last Sunday's Gospel). He got into debates with the scribes and Pharisees and following that he healed many people. He must have been exhausted. So he goes to Tyre and Sidon (non-Jewish territory) for some anonymous rest. But he is discovered by a Canaanite woman whose daughter was tormented by a demon. Jesus' initial reaction to the woman seems to us as very uncharacteristic and, to be honest, terrible. But it is good for us to know that in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. There are only a couple of times that Jesus ministers to anyone other than the Jewish people. Today is one of those times. The Canaanite woman gives us a good example of how to pray. She does not give up. Even when she feels that she is being given a harsh "No" answer, she persists. The faith of the Canaanite woman makes her bold enough to even argue and ask again for what she needs. Let us pray that we may be like the Canaanite woman and be persistent in our prayers to God at all times. Never give up praying. Not just on Saturday/Sunday at Mass, but at all times during the week. As Disciples in Mission our call is to be in relationship with Jesus. We do that best when we bring ourselves to prayer every day. As Disciples in Mission ourselves, we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. The little steps we are taking now will yield enormous results in our Parish. Jesus hears our prayers to him to work together in faith.

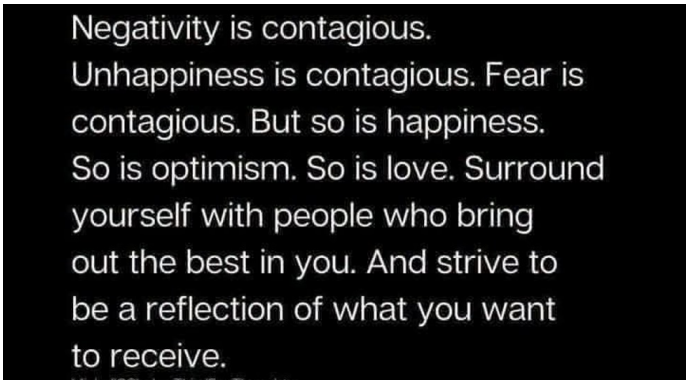
We wish to remind the children in our Religious Education Program to sign the Taste and See raffle tickets for a chance to win a gift card for School House Ice Cream. The July Taste and See winner was Peyton Kenney. Congratulations to Peyton!

Missionary Cooperative Appeal

This weekend we are hosting Father Felix Hinambona from the Archdiocese of Tororo, found in the Eastern part of Uganda as part of our Yearly Missionary Cooperative Appeal. His Archdiocese serves an estimated population of 4 million people, about 1.6 million of whom are Catholic. They have 52 parishes, each of which has 20 mission churches on average, served by 130 priests. Each priest serves about 10,000 Catholics, and visits each village for Mass and the sacraments every couple of months. Their need is great. Please be as supportive as your means allow when Fr. Felix comes to us next weekend.

The Summer Vacation Season is upon us. All of us at St. Veronica Parish hope that you have a restful and enjoyable summer vacation wherever you may find yourself. As you head off from Burlington and the surrounding towns, please be sure to remember St. Veronica Parish during the summer months. Thank you for remembering our parish while you are away!

Let us pray for each other. God bless,
Father Mahoney



"Welcome to St Veronica Parish. Here we are all invited to grow in our relationship with God and to know God's presence through faith, hope, love and ministry."

MASS Intentions

Saturday, August 15
9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Paul O'Meara Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Peter Fitzpatrick 4th Anniversary

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
The Smith Family Memorial

Sunday, August 16
8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Ed MacPhail Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Jack & Irene Harvey Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Bernard Vient Memorial

Monday, August 17
9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Michael, Margaret & Peg Reilly
and Patrick & Mary Sullivan
Memorial

Tuesday, August 18
9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Joseph & Arlene Lefebvre Memorial

Wednesday, August 19
9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Manuel Costa
and Joesph Valerio & Family
Memorial

Thursday, August 20
9:00 am **St. Margaret Church**

Friday, August 21
9:00 am **St. Malachy Church**

Saturday, August 22
9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Leo Scammon Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
George Drinkwater Birthday Memorial
& Deloris Drinkwater Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
Bernard & Christine Arokiaraj
(25th Wedding Anniversary)
Mass for the Living

Sunday, August 23
8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Connie & Margaret Hanafin and Sons
and Don & Derek Dignan Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Dianne Jenkins 14th Anniversary
& Robert "Uppie " Jenkins
7th Anniversary

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Edwin & Lillian Oley, Ryan Harrington
Denise Callahan & Herb Cunha
Memorial

A Funeral Mass was celebrated recently for
Joe Silva
Kindly include him and his family
in your prayers.
Thank you.

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY Aug 16	***Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*** Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/ Mt 15:21-28
MONDAY Aug 17	Ez 24:15-23/Deut 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22
TUESDAY Aug 18	Ez 28:1-10/Deut 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30
WEDNESDAY Aug 19	*Saint John Eudes, Priest* Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16
THURSDAY Aug 20	*Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church* Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14
FRIDAY Aug 21	*Saint Pius X, Pope* Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40
SATURDAY Aug 22	*The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary* Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12
SUNDAY Aug 23	***Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*** Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

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ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Weekend of August 9, 2026
Envelopes & In Church: $7,677
Online: $4,207
TOTAL: $11,884

Weekly Budget	**$16,153**
Income	**$11,884**
Deficit	**-$4,269**

Month to Date: $28,454

Building Fund
Envelopes & In Church: $3,434
Online: $349
TOTAL: $3,783

2nd COLLECTION

This Weekend's second collection is for MISSION SUPPORT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORORO UGANDA see page 5 for details.

HAM AND BEAN SUPPER

There will be a meeting of the Ham & Bean Committee on Tuesday, August 25 at 7:00pm in the St. Malachy conference room. **Save the date for the Ham & Bean Supper for October 17th!!**

Women of Faith

We will gather again on **Thursday, August 20.** Hope you all can join us - bring a friend or two! No sign up is necessary, just show up. Contact Laurie with any questions (617-680-4448).

THE PRAYER HOPE LINE: 781-273-HOPE (4673)

Are you or someone you know in need of a prayer? Do you know someone who is ill or perhaps suffering with an emotional problem? Give a call to the **Prayer Hope Line at 781-273-4673.**

When you call, listen to the prayer and then state your personal request, for example: 'Kindly pray for John who has cancer' or 'Pray for Mary who is having surgery', etc. Please do not leave full names or phone numbers on the Prayer Hope Line. Members of the Catholic parish communities in Burlington will be honored to include your intentions in their prayers.

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. (Colossians 4:2)

MISSION SUPPORT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORORO UGANDA

The Archdiocese of Tororo, covering an approximate area of 8,500 square miles, serves an estimated population of 4 million people, about 1.6 million of whom are Catholic. These are some of our needs.

1) Parishes: caring for 52 parishes and 984 missions or sub-parishes.

2) Formation of pastoral ministers

- Currently we have about 300 minor seminarians, about a quarter of whom will proceed on to the major seminary. We have about 50 seminarians studying in the philosophical and theological seminaries.

- We currently have 123 native diocesan priests and 14 religious priests. Once ordained, our priests need to continue their formation, especially by attending educational workshops and spiritual retreats.

The 1340 catechists serve the mission churches (sub-parishes).

3) Transportation of pastoral ministers: The priests and catechists need to travel to and from the mission churches, usually scooters and bicycles.

4) Education: In collaboration with the Government of Uganda, the Archdiocese runs several Primary, Secondary and Technical schools. Most of these schools, run by our 16 native religious brothers and 243 native religious sisters, are in rural settings where there is no electricity, no computers and not enough textbooks and laboratory equipment. The teaching and learning process becomes very difficult in such an environment.

5) Health: The Archdiocese has one hospital, three sub-hospitals and twelve small medical facilities through which we try to fulfill Christ's ministry of physical healing. These facilities, usually run by the religious sisters are not funded by the Government and must depend on user fees to purchase drugs and equipment and cover the cost of personnel.

6) Economic development: The Archdiocese of Tororo, through its development arm CARITAS, empowers the laity with skills that can improve their economic base. 69% of the people are peasant farmers with small plots of land on which to cultivate their crops. Because of this, most of them live from hand to mouth, which has an adverse impact on their income. Through CARITAS-Tororo, the Archdiocese runs programs, especially in the area of improved agricultural methods, so that families can sustain themselves better economically.

7) Women: Archdiocesan Women's Desk focuses on the realities of women. When empowered, women can do a great deal to improve their families' economic situation as well as the sanitary condition of their homes.

8) Water: Our Five-Year Strategic Plan includes a program to increase access to clean, safe water. Presently only 72% of our people have access to improved water sources; the rest have to rely on unprotected springs and wells.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Provide a catechist with a bicycle	$100
Educate a high school seminarian ($50 a month)	$600
Educate a major seminarian i.e. college and beyond ($80 a month)	$1,000
Provide a priest with a motor-scooter/bike	$3,000
Provide a priest with a motorbike for the mountain parishes	$5,000
Provide a village with water (well, cisterns, gravity flow etc)	$10,000
Construct a mission church	$30,000
Construct a rural health clinic	$50,000
Construct a new parish church	$120,000

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A NOTE FROM MASS. CITIZENS FOR LIFE

On Monday, October 10, Governor Healey signed bill H.5595 into law, allowing elective abortion in Massachusetts up until birth. Mass Citizens for Life issued the following statement: "We encourage those celebrating Governor Healey's politically-motivated signature to learn not only about late-term and 'dismemberment' abortions, many of which Massachusetts taxpayers will fund, but also about perinatal hospice, palliative care options and other resources available to women faced with devastating, but never hopeless, fetal diagnoses," said Myrna Maloney Flynn, president of Massachusetts Citizens for Life. "Legalizing elective abortion up to birth on healthy moms and healthy, pain-capable infants is not about a doctor-patient relationship but rather abortionists normalizing infant death and pressuring vulnerable women to permit their unborn children to die in heinous acts of violence, which are among the most severe human rights assaults allowed in only a few places, among them China and North Korea," Flynn continued. "When one learns the gruesome details about late-term abortion, if our conscience is well-formed, we will be compelled to oppose it; we welcome those who wish to help us educate our well-meaning legislators and voters who elect them. Passive indifference to inhumane late-term abortion is to look the other way, a choice for complacency instead of a determination to advance human rights. History shows what that indifference means for people who society classifies as less than human and not worthy of our protection under the law," Flynn said. "Unfortunately for the women of Massachusetts and their unborn babies, history repeats itself."

Archbishop Henning issued the following in light of the new legislation: "The passage and signing of a bill radically expanding abortion in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is a grave offense against the sanctity and dignity of every person. I realize that those who work to uphold and promote that dignity may feel discouraged in this moment. I encourage us to continue to proclaim the beauty and the miracle of life. The Word of God commands us, "choose life that you may live" (Deut 30:19). May that truth give us strength and hope." - Archbishop Richard Henning

LOWELL TRANSITIONAL CENTER

On Wednesday, **August 19th** we will be supplying meals at the Lowell Transitional Center. Bakers are needed to bring homemade desserts to St. Malachy Church by 12:00pm. on Wednesday.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

All adult volunteers are required to complete Protecting God's Children (PGC), the child protection training program utilized by the Archdiocese of Boston. The training consists of videos and discussions about how to recognize indicators of abuse or grooming, how to create safe spaces for children and youth, and how to address concerns. It is a three-hour training session held in person at various locations throughout the Archdiocese. Sessions are run by trained facilitators and take place on various days and times throughout the year, including evenings and weekends. Most weeks there are between 5 and 15 sessions scheduled around the Archdiocese. With minor exceptions, sessions are open to everyone.

Go to www.VIRTUSonline.org. On the left of the page click on "First Time Registrant." Click on "Begin Registration." Select "Boston, MA (Archdiocese)" when asked to select your diocese. When asked if you have ever registered before, click "no". (If you have previously registered, call 617-746-5985 for help.) Complete the registration process. When asked for your specific location, select your specific parish or school. You can enter more than one. Once you have completed the registration process the system will guide you to a list of all the upcoming training sessions. Select the one that works for you. If the training is in a language other than English, it will be noted. Be careful not to select a training session that is in a language you cannot understand. All training sessions are 3 hours long, even if the registration website states otherwise.

TASTE AND SEE PROGRAM

Kids in Grades 1-8 can fill out a bright raffle card and put it in the white box (located near the scanners) for a chance to win a $20 School House Ice Cream gift card. In this raffle everyone truly is a winner, because those at Mass have received the *sweetest* gift of all: Our Lord in the Eucharist.

2026-2027 Religious Education Registration

Religious Education Registration is now open for the 2026-2027 Academic Year. Please see our website to register. **www.stveronicama.org**

Congratulations to Peyton Kenney, who is our Taste and See winner for July!! Enjoy your ice cream!

SUNDAY FUNDAY

FAITH FACTS

THE APOSTLES: PHILIP

The apostles left the Holy Land about twelve years after the Resurrection.

Unfortunately, we do not have reliable details about where Philip went. It seems that he probably preached in an area called Galatia, which was in what we know call Turkey. (It is the white area on the map.)

Early Christian traditions say that he was martyred in a town called Hierapolis at the age of 87.

CODE - BREAKER!

The sentence below is to be found in one of today's readings. Can you break the code and write in the sentence? Here are two clues: A = M, and W = I.

AM AWGGWCB WG CBZM

HC HVS ZCGH GVSSD CT

HVS VCIGS CT WGFOSZ.

ANSWER

My mission is only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Crossword solution from last week

F	I	R	E	■	H	E	A	R	T
A	■	■	R	■	E	■	L	■	I
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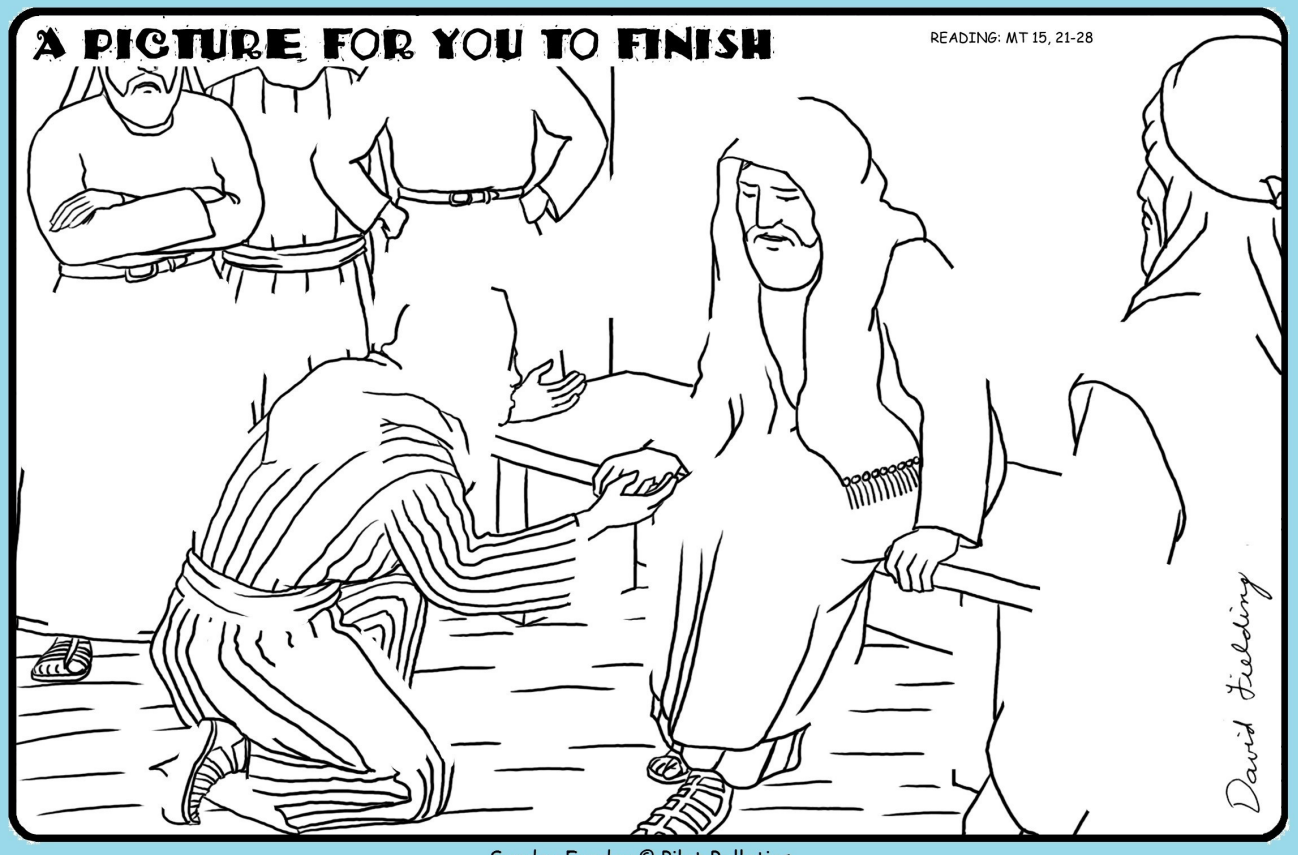
A PICTURE FOR YOU TO FINISH

READING: MT 15, 21-28



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)
Friday: 6:00 - 7:00 pm (chapel)

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am; and 12:00 pm

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)
Saturday: 2:30 - 3:30 pm (lower church)

THE PRAYER HOPE LINE:
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