

## 20th Sunday In Ordinary Time

"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." This woman was an outsider. She was a Canaanite, not an Israelite, and as such she would have been considered ritually unclean. But she approached Jesus nonetheless and asked for his help. And Jesus used this opportunity to teach his disciples an important lesson.

In the verses directly before today's passage, Jesus had told Peter that what defiles a person comes from the heart, not from ignoring external purity practices. Then, Jesus traveled with his disciples from Galilee to the region of Tyre and Sidon where they were much more likely to encounter someone considered to be unclean.

At first it appeared that Jesus wasn't going to acknowledge the woman who begged for help. His comment, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs," was a common comparison between Jews (the children) and Canaanites (the dogs). But, in fact, Jesus said this only to go right ahead and break this social code! He showed by his actions that it did not matter whether someone was Jewish or not, what mattered was the faith in a person's heart. And this woman proved to Jesus and the doubting disciples that she had great faith. How many others would have even approached Jesus to ask for his help? How many others would have persevered when he appeared unresponsive? By pausing in his response, and first mentioning the standard reply, Jesus gave this woman the opportunity to demonstrate her great faith. And then, he answered her request and praised her extraordinary faith. What a lesson for his prejudiced disciples! And what a lesson for us, both to persevere in faith, and never to judge others on mere appearances.

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### Sunday Collection

Aug. 12/13, 2017 collection was \$3,130.00.

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### Pilgrimages: With Fr. Rafael and Fr. Tom

You may have noticed in our church vestibules that our own Fr. Rafael Perez will be the director of a retreat to the shrine of O.L. of Guadalupe in Mexico in December 2017. I, your pastor, have been invited to lead a pilgrimage as well, in October 2017 to Fatima, Lourdes and Barcelona. Please feel free to ask us if you have any questions or would like to join us on these pilgrimages.

## 20° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

De acuerdo al diccionario la palabra "persistir" significa: "Mantenerse firme en algo, especialmente en una idea o en una actitud". En nuestra experiencia todos tenemos dificultad para mantenernos firmes en nuestros propósitos, especialmente en lo que toca a la persistencia en la oración, los buenos hábitos y cambios en cualquier disciplina espiritual. En el Evangelio de hoy la mujer cananea nos recuerda que el mantenerse firme en su petición de que su hija sanara de los tormentos que la aquejaban y el buen trabajo, y la disciplina espiritual pueden llegar a ser oración. Nada ni nadie detuvo a la mujer, ni vergüenza le dio el persistir con sus gritos al Señor. "¡Señor, hijo de David, ten compasión de mí! Mi hija está terriblemente atormentada por un demonio" (Mt 15, 22).

¿Cuántas veces en la vida hemos hecho lo que esta mujer hizo? ¿Cuál ha sido la respuesta de Dios para los tormentos que nos acosan? Las respuestas deben ser motivos de firmeza y petición en nuestra oración. La siguiente postura de la mujer aparte de pedir en alta voz fue el arrojarse de rodillas al Señor. Su gran fe fue lo que motivó al Señor Jesús a tener compasión sobre su situación. Postrémonos ante el Señor en la hora santa, en el sagrario y en nuestras devociones en casa. No tengamos vergüenza de ser católicos, no temamos el velar por los derechos de los demás. Todos estamos invitados a alabar y adorar al Señor, para que podamos escuchar palabras de consuelo en la oración como la mujer: "Mujer, ¡qué grande es tu fe! Que se cumpla lo que deseas" (Mt 15, 28). ¡Que así sea!

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### Thinking of Becoming a Catholic...

or is someone you know thinking of it? If so, then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the right step for you to take. The RCIA is a process that consists of a combination of participation at Sunday Mass and instruction on the teachings and customs of the Roman Catholic Church. **RCIA is also for baptized Catholics** who have not received First Holy Communion and or Confirmation. The sessions meet once a week on Thursday, at 7pm. If you are seriously thinking of entering this program, please call the Parish Office at 718-387-0256.

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### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

## A Message from Fr. Tom

### —Some Thoughts on the Necessity of the Sacred Heart

Fundamental to the Catholic Christian faith is the understanding that “only in the mystery of the incarnate Word does the mystery of man take on light. For Adam, the first man, was a figure of Him Who was to come, namely Christ the Lord. Christ, the final Adam, by the revelation of the mystery of the Father and His love, fully reveals man to man himself and makes his supreme calling clear. It is not surprising, then, that in Him all the aforementioned truths find their root and attain their crown.” (Gaudium et Spes #19-22). Of course, when the church uses the words ‘man’ this proclamation refers to both ‘men’ and ‘women.’

Simply put, Jesus Christ is the key that unlocks the mystery of every human life. The affirmation that Jesus, the Son of God is *fully* human and *fully* divine is the foundation of the Christian understanding of human life and origins—and human rights. Therefore, we do not say that human nature is evil. The teaching of the church maintains that although human nature is good, we are born with original sin. Original sin means that we are born alienated—we often feel ourselves like strangers in a strange land. As St. Paul tells us, there is a struggle within ourselves to follow the truth; “In my flesh I can want to do what is right, but I am unable to do it. In fact I do not do the good I want but the evil I do not want.” (Romans 7:18-19) And so at some level, we are not totally responsible for those sins we commit without really willing them. How often do we as victims face the temptation to become victimizers and so settle the score or reshuffle the bad deck of cards life has dealt us? This is what I mean by alienation. In response to this reality, by God’s gracious gift our faith in Jesus is freely given. By our dedicated practice we affirm the revelation received by the church and we are given the grace necessary to callout and overcome that alienation. By this we become adopted sons and daughters of God in and through Jesus Christ. **Fr. Tom**

## Classical Music Concert/Saturday,

**August 26, 2017 at 6:15pm**

### St. Francis of Paola Church

Immediately following the 5pm Mass in St Francis of Paola the ISC String Trio will offer another concert in St. Francis of Paola Church. You may recall, they offered an outstanding concert this past June. Please mark your calendar. We ask only a free will offering. Please spread the word!!!

## A Few Words about Decorum during Mass in Church

*I have been noticing a few things over the past few months that demands your attention concerning decorum at Mass:*

- If you intend to receive the Eucharist at Mass, please be sure to fast one hour before any Mass you attend. I notice people have been bringing coffee cups into church and leaving them in the pews after Mass. One may consume only water or medication one hour before the start of Mass.
- Please maintain a proper attitude of silence while in church. I am glad that church is a place where people come together and see old friends. However, personal conversations are best left for a time and a place outside of church. Remember, you are in the presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle once you enter into any Catholic Church or chapel. Please show the proper respect.
- Please remain in church until the final blessing and closing hymn is sung. Many people are cutting out of Mass immediately after they receive the Eucharist. It is proper not only to stay to the end of Mass, but appropriate to linger a few minutes after Mass in silence and make a recollection or thanksgiving for the gift of the Eucharist that has been offered to us.
- Please wear proper attire to Mass during the summer months. No shorts above the knee and no flip flops.
- The proper response in faith to the reception of the Eucharist is a firm ‘Amen.’ Not silence and definitely *not* ‘thank you Father.’ When the priest or minister says “The Body [or Blood] of Christ,’ the *only* response should be a firm and recollected ‘Amen.’
- Finally, make every effort to arrive at Mass on time. My rule of thumb is that if a person arrives at church after the proclamation of the Gospel they missed the fulfillment of the Sunday obligation and should not receive the Eucharist.

20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**GIFTS OF LOVE EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY  
AT DIVINE MERCY PARISH  
ALL ARE WELCOME**

*For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome...” (Matt.25:35-36)*

God our Father and Giver of all gifts, make us grateful for what we have and help us to continue to share with those who have less. Keep our hearts open to their suffering and move us to help.

Amen.

Specific item needed this week: **Coffee/Tea**  
Food Pantry Coordinator and Volunteers

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**St. Francis of Paola Church**

**Memorial Gifts – August 20, 2017**

**BREAD & WINE**

Nicola Corbisiero by Wife & Sons

**ALTAR CANDLES**

Doroty G. Kelly by Prisco Family

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES**

Rose, Rocky & Michael Passaro by Romano Family  
Rose Passaro by sister Ann

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**Mexico – Our Lady of Guadalupe  
December 9-14, 2017**

Please join “M and M Travel” and Fr. Rafael on a pilgrimage to Mexico City, Mexico to celebrate the feast day of: Our Lady of Guadalupe, on December 9-14, 2017. The pilgrimage includes excursions to Tiaxcala & Puebla & the celebration of the Mass of Roses at the shrine on Our Lady’s feast day.

Total cost is \$2,049. To book and for more details, contact Mike Milano: 1-800-773-2660.

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**128<sup>th</sup> Feast of St. Rocco**

Sunday, August 20, 2017

Most Precious Blood Church

113 Baxter St., N.Y. 10013

*St. Rocco, helper of the sick and Saint of miracles.*

12:00pm High Mass in Honor of St. Rocco

1:30pm Procession of St. Rocco through the streets of  
Little Italy

5:00pm DJ, Refreshments and Raffle Drawing

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**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

**Mass Intentions for the Week  
St. Francis of Paola Church**

**Saturday, August 19, 2017**

5:00pm Rose Medici by Medici Family

**Sunday, August 20, 2017**

8:00am Rose Grieme by Mary & Eddie Handley

11:30am Dorothy & Charles Ciorciari by Family

**Monday, August 21, 2017**

7:45am Nicola Corbisiero by Wife & Son

**Tuesday, August 22, 2017**

7:45am Dede Family by Michael Dede

**Wednesday, August 23, 2017**

7:45am Sabato Scotti by Scotti Family

**Thursday, August 24, 2017**

7:45am Nicola Di Prisco by Ada

**Friday, August 25, 2017**

7:45am Anastasio Vavladelis by Rose Torre

**Saturday, August 26, 2017**

7:45am Raul Carreiras  
by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Zivic

5:00pm Louise & Rocco Grillo  
by Loretta & Frank Pizza

**Sunday, August 27, 2017**

8:00am Saint Vincent Ferrera

11:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

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**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Program**

A married couples retreat weekend is being offered at Immaculate Conception in Huntington on:

Sept. 15, 16, 17, 2017 & Nov. 3, 4, 5, 2017

To register: [www.bqwwme.org](http://www.bqwwme.org) [www.liwwme.org](http://www.liwwme.org) or  
for Spanish [nycemm@live.com](mailto:nycemm@live.com).

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**Wedding Banns**

September 16, 2017 - St. Cecilia  
Michael Russo & Daniele Mancini

September 23, 2017 – St. Nicholas  
Jennifer Garcia & Justin Moglia

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**Flea Market**

The Parent Committee of Pack 996 will hold a Summer Flea Market on Sat. Aug. 26 and Sun. Aug. 27 from 10am to 5pm in St. Francis parking lot, 409 Humboldt St. between Skillman and Conselyea.

AUGUST 20, 2017

**Mass Intentions for the Week  
St. Nicholas Church**

**Sunday, August 20, 2017**

10:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish  
12:45pm For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
by Mr. & Mrs. Francesco D'Arrigo & Family

**Sunday, August 27, 2017**

10:30am Open Intention  
12:45pm In Memory of Deceased Members of the  
Giudice Family by Barbara Giudice

**Pray For the Sick**

*Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:*  
Patrick Del Vicario, Ralph Varano, Peter SanPaola,  
Joseph Mauceri, Rae Pacifico, Frank Cremato, Dora  
LoGrosso, John Porcelli, Jeanette Pellot, Vinny and  
Nancy Gonzales, Sister Paul Marie Filippelli, Deacon  
John Orlandello, Wanda Zadwarny, Nick Dandrea, Fran  
Dandrea, Stanley Dandrea, Giuseppina Valenti,  
Carmella Ciafia, Maddox Moises, Luis Mendez,

**Pray for the Recently Deceased**

Rose R. Tramutra, Joanne Bushwick, Robert Niebuhr,  
Peter J. Mangan

**Generations of Faith & Annual  
Catholic Appeal 2017**

**Generations of Faith**

Parish Goal \$375,000.00  
Pledged \$398,655.00  
Pledges paid \$194,289.54

**Annual Catholic Appeal**

Parish Goal \$37,450.00  
Pledged \$33,336.00 made 89.1% of goal  
\$27,001.00 81% received

**Catholic Day at Citifield  
September 9, 2017**

The Diocese of Brooklyn is hosting a Catholic Day on  
Saturday, September 9, 2017 at Citifield. The day  
includes a Mass at 9:45am with Bishop Nicholas  
DiMarzio to be followed by fun, food and games in the  
Marina east parking lot. There will be entertainment on  
Mets Plaza at 4pm and at 7:10pm the Mets take on the  
Reds. Contact the Parish Office by August 28 if  
interested, or visit mets.com/Catholic Night.

**Mass Intentions for the Week  
St. Cecilia Church**

**Sunday, August 20, 2017**

9:30am Msgr. Patrick "Fursey" O'Toole  
Raffaella Busi (Birthday)  
Theresa Imperato  
Helen & Joseph Iaccino  
Esther Roldan  
7:00pm Open Intention

**Monday, August 21, 2017**

8:30am Steffon Kochacki

**Tuesday, August 22, 2017**

8:30am Joseph Klujnsza by Lucille

**Wednesday, August 23, 2017**

8:30am Caitlyn Hopkins

**Thursday, August 24, 2017**

8:30am Dr. Rev. J. Albert Calaway  
by Ramon Camacho & Family

**Friday, August 25, 2017**

8:30am John Brummett

**Saturday, August 26, 2017**

8:30am Robert Niebuhr

**Sunday, August 27, 2017**

9:30am Raffloer Family  
Rose Pettenato: Speedy Recovery  
7:00pm Open Intention

**Queen of the Rosary Catholic Academy  
Second Annual Benefit Dinner**

Honoring Deacon Philip A. Franco, PhD.  
Wednesday, October 18, 2017 6-10pm  
Giando on the Water  
400 Kent Avenue Brooklyn, N.Y.  
\$125.00 per Person

For Tickets, Commemorative Journal Submissions &  
Further Information:

[QOTRDinner@eventbrite.com-website](mailto:QOTRDinner@eventbrite.com-website)

[QOTRDinner@gmail.com-email](mailto:QOTRDinner@gmail.com-email)

718-388-7992 – phone

**Diving Mercy Parish**

Polo Shirts \$20.00 Baseball Cap \$10.00  
Come to the Parish Office Monday to Friday 9am to  
4pm and Saturday 9am to 5pm if interested.

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### **Bring Back a Bulletin**

Other Churches have some very good ideas, activities or information in their weekly bulletin which could be incorporated here at Divine Mercy.

So when you are away and visit another Church for Mass please consider picking up an extra bulletin and drop it off at the parish office or in our Sunday collection basket.

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### **Memorial Gifts** **At Divine Mercy Parish**

Memorial Gifts are a wonderful way to honor and remember your loved ones. Please come to the Rectory (or call) for information and available dates.

The following Memorial Gifts are available for the week:

Bread & Wine	Sanctuary Lamp
Tabernacle Candles	Altar Candles
Blessed Mother Candles	St. Joseph Candles

Also available are Tree of Life Memorial Leaf and Blessed Mother Yearly Candle (this candle is lit for a year).

All Memorials can be In Honor Of or Remembrance Of a family member or friend.