

Healing: A woman with faith, humility, persistence

In today’s Gospel a Canaanite woman comes seeking Jesus. In this context, being from Canaan meant that she essentially belonged to pagan or gentile territory, was ‘outside’ of the covenant family of God with the Israelites, and so she would not be included in the same promises that God made to the children of Israel.

Many are troubled at the Lord’s apparent harsh way of dealing with this woman, at least initially (cf. Bergsma, The Word of the Lord, 2022). What we are encouraged to remember is that Jesus has prophetic insight into the hearts of all people with whom he would interact (even with us too), and he deals with each according to their situation and personal needs. Like the rich young man (Mt 19:21) Jesus knew his heart and knew what was preventing him from living in the freedom that comes from following him, and so Jesus challenged him.

So today’s Canaanite woman is certainly aware of Jesus, she has heard of him, confidently believes he can help or intervene, and has determined in her heart that she will not be turned away—an amazing posture considering she was not an Israelite! She crosses boundaries of culture, religion, and expectation to place her desperate need before the Lord. In Mass or in Eucharistic adoration we do something similar. We come before the Blessed Sacrament carrying whatever weighs on us—our own struggles or those of people we love—and we place them in His presence, before His power and authority.

At first Jesus is silent. He does not answer her. The disciples urge Him to send her away. Still she remains. She kneels and says simply, “Lord, help me.” Silence can feel like rejection. Yet her response is not to withdraw but to draw nearer. In the quiet of adoration or after having received Communion we may experience the same apparent silence. The invitation is the same: stay. Stay close. Keep seeking. Jesus tests her further with hard words about children and dogs, about the limits of His mission. She does not argue or defend herself. She accepts the image and turns it into a plea: even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the masters’ table. Her humility is striking. She asks for nothing more than what is left over. Before the Eucharist we are invited into that same posture—aware of our unworthiness, yet confident that even the smallest share in Christ’s life is gift enough.

What moves Jesus is her faith (which we can also trust was also somehow a gift from the Lord to her). “O woman, great is your faith!” He says. It is not her cleverness or her persistence alone, but a trust that keeps coming, keeps believing, keeps hoping even when the answer is delayed. Her faith is not for herself alone; it is for her daughter, faith with boldness. A great model for us to look to for our own journey of prayer.

With gratitude, the story ends with healing. What began in silence and seeming refusal becomes an encounter of deep grace, possibly even deeper affirmation of what she believed in her heart to be true and real. As we are before the Eucharist again this day, we are invited to linger in that same space of waiting, humility, and trust—trusting that the One who is present sees us, hears us, and responds in His own time and way. May we not be crushed by the weight of any discouragement or exhaustion, but rather choose patience and trust that the Lord is always drawing us to Himself.

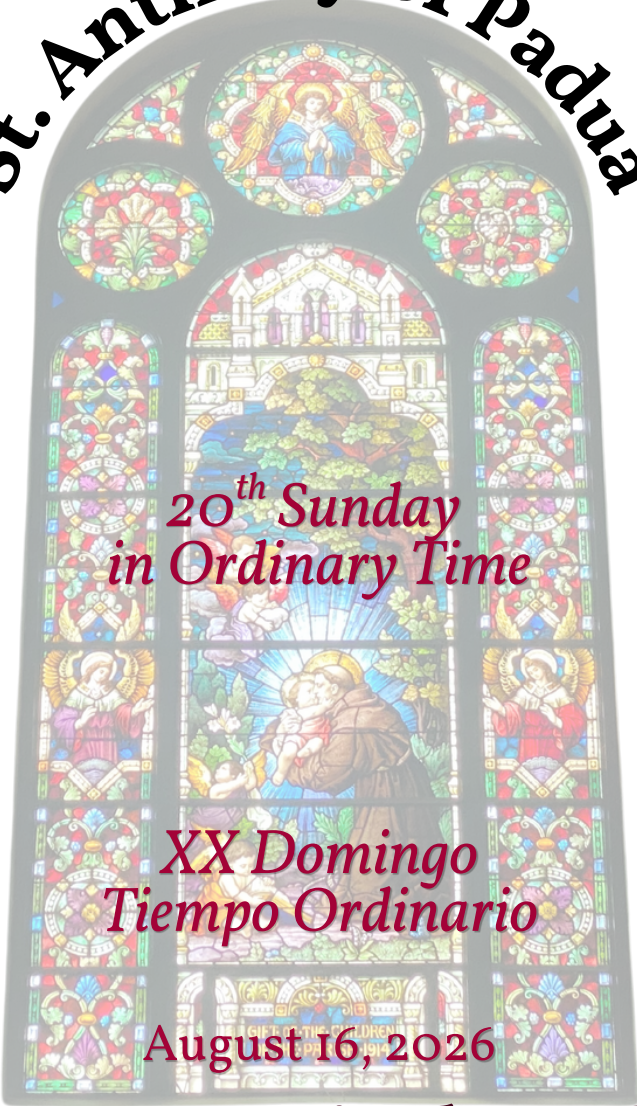
9 am (English)
Lector: JP Wright
EMHC: Trish Rohe
& Pat Blackmon
Altar Server: M. Winterton
Usher: J Wright

August 16

16 de Agosto
11:00am (Español)
Monitor: Harry
Lectores: Isabel, Andrea
MESC: Pilar
Yajaira, Carmen

23 de Agosto
11:00am (Español)
Monitor: (Voluntarios)
Lectores: (Voluntarios)
MESC: (Voluntarios)

St. Anthony of Padua



20th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

XX Domingo
Tiempo Ordinario

August 16, 2026

San Antonio de Padua

Mass Schedule | Horario de Misas
Sunday 9am (English) 11am (Español)
Reconciliation | Reconciliación
*Check Social Media for Saturday Option:
Saturday 12pm & by appointment
Wednesday 7pm-8pm @ Holy Cross

1515 Midland Ave. Syracuse NY
facebook. Instagram: @stanthonysyr
Office | Oficina
Located @ Holy Cross Church
4112 E Genesee Street DeWitt NY 13214

August 16 | 16 de Agosto

9am Brandon Putzer
by Uncle Gary & Aunt Margaret

11am--Mark Cass, James Foley, Paul
Sheredy (1 yr) y Parroquianos de San
Antonio de Padua

Monday | Lunes 17 de Agosto

5:00pm Clase de Inglés con Zane

6:00 Holy Hour, Adoración al Santísimo

Tuesday | Martes 18 de Agosto

Wednesday | Miércoles 19 de Agosto

Sí hay adoración al Santísimo 6pm

y Misa del Día a las 6:30 en la capilla abajo!

Thursday | Jueves 20 de Agosto

Coro 6pm

Friday | Viernes 21 de Agosto

Saturday | Sábado 22 de Agosto

10am--Clase de Crochet

12-1pm Adoración al Santísimo, Confesiones

August 23 | 23 de Agosto

9am Charlotte Andrews
by Jo Oliva

11am-[Parroquianos de San Antonio]

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who himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to
receive.'" (Acts 20:35)

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"... y tengan en cuenta las palabras del Señor Jesús,
quien mismo dijo: 'Más bienaventurado
es dar que recibir'". (Hechos 20:35)

Welcome

Parroquianos
unidos en la Fe

Grupo de Whatsapp
para comunicaciones adicionales
de la parroquia



YES HOLY HOUR TOMORROW

6pm in the Church!



Sí hay adoración
al Santísimo
mañana a las
6pm

30 de Agosto--Formación en la Fe!

¡Atención padres! Hay una reunión sobre las clases de
formación de fe para sus hijos comenzando este
otoño durante / después de la celebración de
cumpleaños de este mes (30 de agosto). ¡Asegúrese
de venir a recibir información y escuchar el plan para
nuestra expansión de nuestro programa este año!
¡Ofreceremos apoyo no solo a nuestros hijos, sino
también a ustedes sus padres!



Please remember/Por favor recuerde:

Kevin O'Hara, Mark & Elena Dickas,
Bill Kinne, Jenn Kerns, Joseph Evans, Dorothy
Zaborzak, Dc. David & Lauren Sweeney, Christopher
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El Evangelio de hoy...

El aparente desinterés de Jesús, que dice: «Sólo he sido enviado a las ovejas descarriadas de Israel» (v. 24), no desalienta a la cananea, que insiste: «¡Señor, ayúdame!» (v. 25). E incluso cuando recibe una respuesta que parece cerrar toda esperanza — «No está bien tomar el pan de los hijos y echárselo a los perritos» (v. 26) —, no desiste. No quiere quitar nada a nadie: en su sencillez y humildad le basta poco, le bastan las migajas, le basta sólo una mirada, una buena palabra del Hijo de Dios. Y Jesús queda admirado por una respuesta de fe tan grande y le dice: «Que se cumpla lo que deseas» (v. 28). Queridos amigos, también nosotros estamos llamados a crecer en la fe, a abrirnos y acoger con libertad el don de Dios, a tener confianza y gritar asimismo a Jesús: «¡Danos la fe, ayúdanos a encontrar el camino!». Es el camino que Jesús pidió que recorrieran sus discípulos, la cananea y los hombres de todos los tiempos y de todos los pueblos, cada uno de nosotros. La fe nos abre a conocer y acoger la identidad real de Jesús, su novedad y unicidad, su Palabra, como fuente de vida, para vivir una relación personal con él. El conocimiento de la fe crece, crece con el deseo de encontrar el camino, y en definitiva es un don de Dios, que se revela a nosotros no como una cosa abstracta, sin rostro y sin nombre; la fe responde, más bien, a una Persona, que quiere entrar en una relación de amor profundo con nosotros y comprometer toda nuestra vida.

(Papa Benedicto XVI, Angelus, 14 de agosto de 2011)

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