



THE CHURCH Bulletin

Sunday, August 16, 2026. Vol. 9/Iss. 32

SUNDAY MASS READING

1st Reading - Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Psalm - Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
2nd Reading - Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Gospel - Matthew 15:21-28

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O God, let all the nations praise you!

MASS SCHEDULES

Sunday

1st Mass: 6:30 am
2nd Mass: 9:00 am
Children's Mass: 7:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 6:00 am
Tuesday: 6:00 am
Wednesday: 6:00 am & 7:00 pm
Thursday: 6:00 am
Friday: 6:00 am & 7:00 pm
Adoration: 6:00 pm
Saturday: 6:30 am
Adoration: 6:00 am

Infant Baptism

once every quarter of the year

Confessions

Fridays: 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Saturdays: 7:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
or any day by appointment.

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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

Theme: Theme: God's love and mercy are everlasting to all who have faith and trust in him.

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In today's Gospel, Jesus went to a non-Jewish territory. A Canaanite woman, who was regarded as a pagan and ritually unclean, desperately cried out to Jesus to have mercy on her because her daughter was tormented by a demon. Her prayer expressed both her helplessness and faith. Her faith was expressed in the titles she gave Jesus: 'Lord' and 'Son of David'. Yet in spite of her faith, Jesus ignored her because He said He was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. He meant that, since she was an outsider, her problem was of no concern to him. In fact, Jesus' mission and work was almost entirely centred on his own people. The task of passing on his message to

others came later to his disciples. And, as we know from the Acts of the Apostles, the disciples did not realise that at first. It took some special experiences before they realised that the Gentiles could also be filled with the Spirit of God and were also called to be followers of Jesus.

This understanding of the mission of Jesus had already been foretold by the prophet Isaiah in today's First Reading: ...the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their...offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

"...Our Lady Seat of Wisdom...Pray for US."

MEETINGS

1. Christian Mother's Association have their general meeting on 1st Sundays of the month after Mass. New members are welcome.
2. Christian Daughters Association meets after Mass every 1st Sunday of the month. New members are welcome.
3. St Theresa of the child Jesus society will be having their monthly general meeting on 2nd Sunday of every month. New members are welcome
4. The Youth have their general meeting on 3rd Sundays of the month after Mass. New members are welcome.
5. The Church Choir meets as follows:
Tuesdays - 7pm
Thursdays - 7pm
Saturdays - 7pm
6. KNOLTA meets as follows:
Saturdays - 3:00pm
Sundays after Mass.
7. Sacred Heart Confraternity meets after first Mass on the third Sunday of every month. First Friday devotion is at 5am every month at the church.
New members are welcome
8. Catholic Charismatic Renewal meets for prayer meeting and intercessions as follows: Sundays - 5:00pm and Mondays - 6:00pm
9. Welfare Committee meets every Second Sunday of the month after Mass.
10. All parishioners who have not registered should pick registration forms and fill for their names to be captured in the Day-Group Welfare list.
11. Lectors meet on Saturdays at 6:00pm
12. Church Pastoral Council meets after first Mass on the second Sunday of the month
13. Persons wishing to Join Knight of St John International, should Contact the following numbers: 054 080 2319/ 0543900732
14. CYO meets at 2pm on Sundays.
New members are welcome

15. Trinity Northern Society meets every 3rd Sunday of the month after first Mass. New members are welcome
16. St. Michael Ewe Society meets every 2nd Sunday of the month after first Mass. New members are welcome
17. Holy Family Akan Society meets every 3rd Sunday after first Mass. New members are welcome.

Society Duty Roster

5th July	Monday
12th July	Tuesday
19th July	Wednesday
26th July	Thursday
2nd Aug	Friday
9th Aug	Saturday
16th Aug	Sunday
23rd Aug	CCR
30th Aug	Youth
6th Sep	CMA
13th Sep	STCJ
20th Sep	KLM
27th Sep	KSJI&LA

****Please Note: Now it is only on Sundays that groups will be on duty for prayer of the faithful and offertory.**

Saints/Memorials/Feats of the Week



Thursday
St Bernard, Abbot, Presbyter,
Doctor of the Church



Friday
Memorial of Saint Pius X,
Pope



Saturday
Memorial of the Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

DAILY READINGS

Mon - Eze 24:15-23; Deu 32:18-19, 20, 21;
Matthew 19:16-22
Tue - Eze 28:1-10; Deu 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28,
30, 35cd-36ab; Matthew 19:23-30
Wed - Eze 34:1-11; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
Matthew 20:1-16
Thur: Eze 36:23-28; Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15,
18-19; Matthew 22:1-14

Fri: Eze 37:1-14; Psalm 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Matthew 22:34-40

Sat - Eze 43:1-7ab; Psalm 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14;
Matthew 23:1-12

Sun - Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8;
Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

As the woman kept shouting after them, the disciples asked Jesus to send her away, for she kept shouting after them. They had no compassion. They felt she was a nuisance. The woman was not discouraged by the responses of Jesus and His disciples. She came and knelt before Jesus, an act of worship, and prayed simply: Lord, help me. Even Jesus' answer that it was not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs did not put her off. Instead, she replied in faith: Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table. Jesus was completely amazed by her faith, her confidence and said to her: O Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you desire. And her daughter was healed instantly.

These are the lessons: All of us are helpless and without God there is little that we can do by ourselves. Therefore, there is a need for total trust and confidence that Jesus really cares for

us, in spite of indications to the contrary. There is also the need for us to persist in prayer. We must realise that this does not always result in getting what we ask for. Rather, it helps us to see more clearly what God wants for us and what really is the best for us. The Canaanite woman teaches us that genuine faith does not mean that we always understand God's ways. Faith means that even when we do not understand, we continue to trust God.

2nd Collections in July 2026

- 2nd Collections in August 2026
- 2nd Monthly Thanksgiving
- 9th Welfare collection
- 16th Formation of Religious collection
- 23rd Project collection
- 30th Project collection



PRAYERS CORNER

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me

Body of Christ, save me

Blood of Christ, inebriate me

Water from the side of Christ, wash me

Passion of Christ, strengthen me

O good Jesus, hear me

Within thy wounds, hide me

Suffer me not to be separated from thee

From the malignant enemy defend me

In the hour of my death call me

and bid me come unto thee,

that with thy saints I may praise thee

forever and ever. Amen.



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