20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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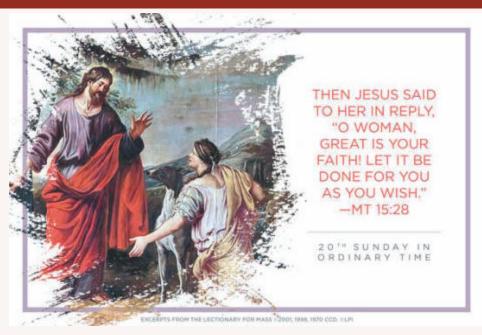
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Sacraments: Preparation for all sacraments are

made through the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick:

Communal - Suspended for now. Individual - Call the parish office.

Baptism: Contact the parish office to set up an

appointment.

Confessions: Call the Parish Office.

Communal Penance: Seasonal as announced.

Funerals: Please call the parish office in the event of the death of a loved one.

Weddings: Arrangements are to be made at least one year in advance by calling the parish office.

Ministry to the Sick: When a parishioner or family member is hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home, please call the parish.

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Mission Statement

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish, a welcoming open community of diverse disciples of Christ, affirms a way of life through prayer, service, and sharing.

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

SATURDAY, 8/15 - VIGIL OF 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

4:00pm † Joseph & Helen Hauser

RCIA Sacraments celebrated

SUNDAY, 8/16 - 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 56:1, 6-7//Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

9:00am † Frank Schmidt, Jr.

Marriage Blessing of Edward & Felicia Ike

25 years

MONDAY, 8/17 - WEEKDAY

Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22

9:00am † Gerald Kass

WEDNESDAY, 8/19 - ST. JOHN EUDES, PRIEST

Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16

9:00am † Faustino G. Piana

† Eliza V. Piana

Saturday, 8/22 - Vigil of 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

4:00pm † Norbert & Dolores Kulasiewicz

SUNDAY, 8/23 - 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20 9:00am † Alex Konrad

Fr. Romanus, staff and Blessed Savior parishioners express our sympathy to the families

of

Robert Mielke, husband of Susan and

Violet Ciernik, Parishioner

May they find peace and happiness with our Lord Jesus in heaven. May God comfort those who mourn them, and all who suffer the loss of a loved one. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen



"I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matt. 25:35)

Blessed Savior Parish extends a

warm welcome to Kenneth Anyanwu

We care about you and your family and we're here to help in any way we can.

Dear Parishioners, Sunday Reflection:

This Sunday's gospel is about a Canaanite woman from the district of Tyre and Sidon who was persistent in asking for a miracle for her daughter possessed by a demon. The Canaanites were pagans who practiced idolatry. You may recall that when God called Abraham, he promised to give him and his descendants the land of Canaan. Not only was this woman from Canaan, she was also from the district of Tyre and Sidon, the worst part of Canaan. There were instances where Jesus stated that it would be worst for sinners who refused to repent than it was for Tyre and Sidon (Matt 11:21; Mk 7:27; Lk 10:13).

This background is important for the sake of those who might be troubled by the way this woman was treated. It also helps us understand why Jesus compared the granting of her request to throwing food meant for children to the dogs. You may be shocked that Jesus would say something so mean to this poor woman desperately asking for help. Note that the woman did not take offense at Jesus' remark. She understood why she was being ignored and why she was getting an unfavorable treatment. Nonetheless, meanness to other people is incompatible with Jesus' message of love and tolerance.

This gospel underscores the understanding that Matthew's gospel was aimed primarily at a Jewish audience. In his interaction with this woman, Jesus makes clear that his mission was "to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." It is likely that Jesus' audience in this passage had a good understanding of the hostile relationship between Jews and Gentiles. There was a long history of hostility based on the brutal defeat of Jews by powerful Gentile armies like the Assyrians and the Babylonians. Being a Jew, Jesus tries in this gospel to identify with his people's history and advance his own credibility among them.

It is possible that Jesus was tough on this woman in order to draw out her faith. As we know, faith was a necessary condition (*conditio sine qua non*) for most of Jesus' miracles. By acting as if disinterested in her request, he may have solicited the expression of her faith. That faith was evident in her response, "even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their master." Jesus acknowledged her faith by stating, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." At that instant her possessed daughter was healed. This Canaanite woman teaches us the need for persistence in prayer.

The story is a lesson for those who are inclined to call on God only in times of need. There are those who do not care about God and some who proudly proclaim their faithlessness. They claim to be too intellectually sophisticated to believe in God and that religion is only for the feeble-minded. When faced with major life crisis, these same people may call out to God for help after other options are exhausted. We hope that they would not get the same response as this woman. Like her, they would have to swallow their pride and proclaim faith in God.

As we live in a different society today, one could argue that Jesus' reference to giving children's food to dogs may have lost some of its punch. Some people love their pets so much that they would have no problem giving them food meant for children. While many children are starving all over the world, some pets feed like kings. We remember the case of the New York millionaire who left several million dollars to her pet dog. There is nothing wrong with taking care of our pets, but we can only imagine how many children that kind of money would have saved from starvation.

Have a great week!

Fr. Romanus



Dear Parishioners and Friends, For the purpose of chronicling, evangelizing, and marketing the activities of Blessed Savior Parish, we will capture photographs, audio, and video of various Liturgies and special events and publish them to our authorized social media



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displayed on our social media platforms and would prefer them to be excluded.

We will do our best to accommodate your request. Thank you and God Bless!



• In addition to our pantry being open during the crisis, we continue to help families with an appliance, beds, or furniture. Those who need help are

interviewed at the pantry and given a voucher for their need. This help is possible because of YOUR donations. Thank you.

- Because we have to provide social distancing at the pantry for food, we no longer are able to give clothing. We will no longer be accept clothing, at least until the end of the year.
- The central office of St. Vincent de Paul at 9600 W Silver Spring Drive has a dumpster next to the building. If you have small items, and or small bags of clothes, they can be dropped off there.

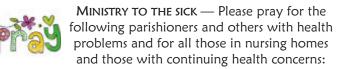
In September we will have a list of food items we would like to have on our shelves in the fall.

WATCH YOUR BULLETIN.

Thank you Bernie and all the volunteers at the pantry on 69th street.







Chad, Amber Anderson, Jackie Ballering,
Kathleen Brunner, Stanley Bruskiewicz,
Anna Emmerich, Nadjah Hasan, Diane Henry,
Mike Hubbard, Mary Ann Janke,
Ray & Gertrud Kaegler, Karla Klaybor,
Ginny & Donald Naegele,
Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Anton Schleiss,
Sharon Tym, Mary Frances Williams

Lord Jesus, You went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless our friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience with pain.

If you wish to add someone to the prayer list with their permission, please call the parish office @ 414-464-5033. The names will also be given to the Prayer Circle. If you wish to remove anyone, please call the parish office.

Please remember to pray for all the intentions in the book of "Joys and Concerns" and all those who wrote them.



Stewardship - A Way of Life

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is putting God first in our lives. To do that we need to acknowledge the many gifts He has

given us and to gratefully accept them; to share them with those who have received different gifts; to cultivate the gifts and to return them with increase to the Lord.





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