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### **Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost Season The Canaanite Woman's Faith July 31, 2016**



## **From the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians 3:1-13**

### **Brothers and Sisters,**

Because of this, I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles-- if, as I suppose, you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly earlier.

When you read this you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to human beings in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit, that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this I became a minister by the gift of God's grace that was granted me in accord with the exercise of his power. To me, the very least of all the holy ones, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the inscrutable riches of Christ, and to bring to light (for all) what is the plan of the mystery hidden from ages past in God who created all things, so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the principalities and authorities in the heavens.

This was according to the eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness of speech and confidence of access through faith in him. So I ask you not to lose heart over my afflictions for you; this is your glory.

**Praise be to God always!**

## **From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew 15:21-28**

Then Jesus went from that place and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon."

But he did not say a word in answer to her.

His disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us."

He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

But the woman came and did him homage, saying, "Lord, help me."

He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."

She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."

Then Jesus said to her in reply,

"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

And her daughter was healed from that hour.

**This is The Truth, Peace be with you.**

## Saint Ignatius Loyola - July 31

Soldier -Saint -Founder of the Jesuits

### A Noble Basque

Inigo de Loyola was born in Azpeitia (1491) in northern Spain. He was the youngest of 13 children.

### Soldier wounded in Battle

He became an officer in the Spanish army. On May 30, at the battle of Pamplona, his leg was broken by a cannon ball and he was bedridden for the next year.

### Conversion

During his difficult recovery, Inigo asked for books about chivalry, his favorite reading. There weren't any at the family castle where he convalesced, so he had to settle for a book about the life of Christ and biographies of the saints. The soldier had always dreamed of imitating heroes, but now, the heroes had names like Francis of Assisi and Catherine of Siena. Ignatius noticed that God was working within him — prompting, guiding, inviting.

### A Soldier No More

In March of 1522, Ignatius was well enough to leave home with a newfound zeal to serve God. He came to the shrine of Our Lady of Montserrat and kept a vigil all night. He left his sword at the altar and gave his fine clothes to a poor man. He cast aside his life as a noble soldier and dressed himself in rough clothes and sandals so as to take up the life of a poor pilgrim.

### Back to School

Ignatius felt a calling to the priesthood but did not have the educational requirements. To answer his vocation he had to go back to school, where he studied Latin grammar alongside children. Ignatius continued his education at the University of Paris.

### A New Religious Order

Ignatius and six others (including Saint Francis Xavier) pronounce vows of poverty, chastity and obedience and form the Society of Jesus. On September 27, 1540, Pope Paul III made the Society of Jesus an official religious order in the Catholic Church.

### Set the World on Fire

Ignatius centered his spiritual life on the essential foundations of Christianity—the Trinity, Christ, the Eucharist. His spirituality is expressed in the Jesuit motto, **ad maiorem Dei gloriam—“for the greater glory of God.”** All activity was to be guided by a true love of the Church and unconditional obedience to the Holy Father, for which reason all professed members took a fourth vow to go wherever the pope should send them for the salvation of souls.

**“Receive, Lord, all my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my whole will. You have given me all that I have, all that I am, and I surrender all to your divine will, that you dispose of me. Give me only your love and your grace. With this I am rich enough, and I have no more to ask.”** (Saint Ignatius)



## Deacon's Corner

### Are you "tough" enough to do what Jesus did?

I know we all have fond memories of family and friends whose journey here on earth has been completed. And I know that in our vast storage facility we call our brain, we all have the ability to process those memories into how they might affect us as we go forward in our own journey. And, believe it or not, everything that takes place in and around our lives has some effect on us.

Remember that Our Lord and Savior came down to dwell among us in order for us to see the pattern to follow and obtain eternal salvation. After all that He was put through, Jesus still have the love and compassion for all of us when He said while dying on the Cross; "Father forgive them for they know not what they do". Are we all "tough" enough to do what Jesus did?

So I choose to always remember the "good times" we spent with our loved ones while we were together here on earth. No matter how short or long that time may have been, our memories will always be available for us. And as we progress in life on our own "spiritual" journey, let us always remember that we are all here to suffer the trials and tribulations of this earthly journey in order to obtain eternal salvation that Our Lord has made available to all of us.

Our human emotions are something we will always have to deal with, but always remember that obtaining eternal salvation is our reason for being here. Be comforted by knowing that no matter how "tough" we are, upon our journey's completion, we are home with Our Father in Paradise where there is no suffering or torment, but only goodness and joy. God bless all our families and friends who are with our Heavenly Father, now and forever.

### **Mass Intentions for Next Sunday August 07, 2016**

**09:30 Mass:** Marie Niziolek *(Req by Lillian Hanna)*

**11:30 Mass:** Antoon Naffah-Antoinette & Georgette Khoury –  
Joseph and Olga Mattar *(Req. by Pierre & Ann Naffah)*



## **Mass Celebration**



**Commemoration of the Resurrection: P. 428**  
**Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774**

## **Sunday Readings**



**Reading: Ephesians 3:1-13**  
**Holy Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28**

## **Mass Intentions**



### **09:30 Mass & 11:30 Mass:**

**Lucille and Victor Wertz - Tammer and Mary Caleel**  
**& Maria Louise Caleel** (*Req. by Anette Caleel*)

<b>Schedules</b>	<b>9:30 A.M. Mass</b>	<b>11:30 A.M. Mass</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Joseph and George Estephan Andres Ballines, Leila Nehra	Youssif and Reem Hattar, Estifan Azzo, Cassandra Chahoud, Ramez Sayegh
<b>Readers</b>	Bobbi Sfire	Dr Diala Chahoud (English) Dr Nadia Haddad (Arabic)
<b>Ushers</b>	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Tony Boumitri, Naji Abiad, John Albani, Albert Dakhoul

## Announcements

### ✳ FEAST OF OUR LADY

On August 14, Our Lady of Lebanon church will celebrate the feast of the Assumption of Virgin Mary into Heaven. (No 9:30 Mass)

**10:00 Am: Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.**

**11:30 AM: Mass and Procession**

**12:30: Luncheon**

### ✳ LEBANESE FESTIVAL

The Lebanese Festival - September 9 -10, 2016 - is our major Parish Event and volunteers are needed and are welcome on all committees. If you are interested in getting involved please contact **Rima Antoon** (630-881-7536), **Jackie Tamer** (773-882-7105) or the Parish Office (630-932-9640). Your support through monetary donations, volunteering your time, spreading the word and festival attendance will contribute to the greater good of Our Lady of Lebanon Church.

### ✳ DABKE GROUP

Children (8-12 years old) and youth (13-17 years old) who would like to participate in the Dabke Group and perform during the Lebanese Festival, may contact the church office or Mrs. Julie Akouri (630-276-8064). Practices will be held on Fridays at 7 p.m.

## Let us remember

And pray for our Beloved Ones who died during the month of July

✝ Marion Haddad	✝ Adele Malouf	✝ Mabel Nasser	✝ Mary Danno
✝ Marie Conway	✝ Effie Abdo	✝ Wanda Flach	✝ Rose James
✝ George Tamer	✝ Peter E. Haddad	✝ Youssef Abboud	✝ Katherine Garvin

### COLLECTION

**Sunday July 24, 2016: \$ 2,611.00**

*"It's not how much we give  
But how much love we put into giving."  
(Mother Theresa)*