



# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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## WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

### TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

### SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration  
6:00 pm Mass

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am  
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

## Our Lady of Lourdes Parish



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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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## 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in  
reply, "O woman,

**GREAT IS YOUR FAITH!**

Let it be done for you as  
you wish." And the  
woman's daughter was  
healed from that hour.

- Mt 15:28







## God Wills the Salvation of Everyone

Jesus had a specific mission to accomplish during his earthly lifetime.

- He was to fulfill the Old Testament prophecies and lay the foundation for the universal sacrament of salvation, the Catholic Church.
- And he stayed focused on that mission.
- Jesus never traveled to exotic locations like Rome and Spain, never visited the intellectual powerhouses of Athens and Alexandria. Those countries and the rest of the world outside Palestine would receive God's truth and grace not from him directly, but later, through his body, the Church.

And yet, when the Canaanite woman approaches him and, by her faith, humility, and persistence, moves his heart, he changes his plans.

In so doing, he gives us a brilliant glimpse into the reason behind everything he does: the salvation of souls.

- Jesus came "to undo the work of the devil" (1 John 3:8), which had brought the human family into its sinful, fallen state.
- As St Paul put it in his First Letter to Timothy, God wants "everyone to be saved and reach the full knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4).

And as he puts it in today's Second Reading: "For God delivered all to disobedience," [in other words, he permitted sin and evil to spread throughout the entire human family], "that he might have mercy upon all.

This was one of the most revolutionary aspects of the Gospel.

In Old Testament times, salvation from sin, both original and personal, had been reserved only to the Jews, only to the one Chosen People.

But with the coming of Jesus, all peoples, all the Gentile nations are now invited to hope for eternal life in the household of God, the "house of prayer for all peoples" as Isaiah had prophesied in the First Reading.

### Taking the Christian's Life-Mission Seriously

The fact that God wills everyone's salvation is the source of our life-mission.

As the Catechism says, "At every time and in every place, God draws close to man" (CCC #1).

In other words, Providence is always at work trying to draw each person into his friendship, or to deepen that friendship where it already exists.

One of the most important ways God does that is through inviting us to be partners with his Providence, to take part in this saving mission.

- Just as we share and collaborate in the concerns and projects of our human friends,
  - so too the mature Christian, because he loves Christ and is living the life of grace,
  - accepts God's invitation to collaborate in building up Christ's Kingdom,
  - in helping others discover and experience the Gospel,
- starting with family members, friends, and colleagues.

As Christians, this is our most important work, our life-mission, because as Christians, friendship with Christ is our most important relationship.

Unfortunately, because the results of this activity - telling others about Christ, trying to build up the Church and Christianize culture - are not always immediate, we tend to push this responsibility to the back burner.

Today Jesus is asking us to bring it to the front and turn up the heat.

Many of our neighbors are in desperate need of the mercy, truth, and grace of God - just like the little girl in today's Gospel.

Our job is to connect those needy souls to Christ just as the Canaanite woman did,

- through our prayers,
- through our example of Christian living,
- and through our concrete actions.

But first we have to reconnect ourselves to Christ - so let's pray from the heart during the rest of this holy Mass, and ask God to give us courage and a renewed awareness of our true life-mission.

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### The Prayers God Always Answers

When I was a child, my mother bought a book called "The Prayers God Will Always Answer." I remember my anticipation as I cracked the spine and turned to the first page.

I had been spending a lot of time asking God — begging God, actually — over and over again for some specific things that were not materializing. Frankly, it was beginning to feel a lot like that time I asked Santa Claus for a new house, only to wake up on Christmas morning to find ordinary, non-house-shaped presents under the tree — and a growing sense of suspicion that my faith had been ill-placed.

To the great disappointment of my pre-teen heart, my mother's book was not a directory of magical phrases God is compelled to obey. It was a list that included things like "Forgive me" and "Help me." I tossed it aside, disappointed.

I marvel at the wisdom and the confidence of the Canaanite woman who persists in begging Jesus to heal her daughter. She is ignored, and still she will not be deterred. The disciples try to dismiss her — still, she presses on. Christ himself challenges her, and her faith makes her ready with a reply.

Somehow, I am sure that even if Christ had said, "No, it cannot be done for you as you wish," she would have still dropped to her knees and worshiped him, because she knew what I did not: God is not a vending machine, and he's not the genie from "Aladdin." Prayer is not a negotiation, but a relationship.

The story of the Canaanite woman is not a story about how to get God to give you what you want. It is a story about the prayers God always answers.

*"Then Jesus said to her in reply, 'O woman, great is your faith!'" — Matthew 15:28*

*Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

### Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

What is the meaning of the letters that professed religious have after their names?

#### Answer:

The Catholic Church includes hundreds of religious communities. The priests, religious brothers, religious sisters, and nuns of these communities (which are often referred to as "religious orders") are committed to particular spiritual traditions and often to a particular charism (such as teaching, healthcare, social work, or pastoral care).

To help identify a person as a member of a particular religious community, the custom developed of including post-nominal letters that provide a sort of shorthand for the name of the community that the priest, brother, sister or nun is part of. So, for example OSB after a person's name would indicate that they are a member of the Order of St. Benedict (the Benedictines), just as SJ would indicate that a priest or brother is a member of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) or RSM would show that a woman is a Sister of Mercy.

#### Other common examples include:

DC = Daughters of Charity

FSC = The Brothers of the Christian Schools/Christian Brothers

OCist = The Order of Cistercians

OCD = Order of Discalced Carmelites

OFM = The Order of Friars Minor (the Franciscans)

OFM Cap = The Capuchin Franciscans

OP = The Order of Preachers (Dominicans)

OSF = Franciscan Sisters

SC = Sisters of Charity

SDS = Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorian Priests and Brothers and Salvatorian Sisters)

SSND = School Sisters of Notre Dame

SVD = Society of the Divine Word (Divine Word Missionaries)