

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**AUGUST 16, 2020**

**Readings**

First Reading: Is 56:1, 6-7

Second Reading: Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Mt 15:21-28

**Reflection**

My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. (Isaiah 56:7)

All of today's readings tell us that God's salvation is meant for everyone. The prophet Isaiah speaks of foreigners who will join themselves to the Lord (56:6). The psalmist declares, "May the peoples praise you, O God" (Psalm 67:6). Jesus praises a Canaanite woman's faith (Matthew 15:28). And Paul, apostle to the Gentiles, proclaims that God wants to "have mercy upon all" (Romans 11:32).

For the Jewish people in today's first reading, this must have been difficult to accept. They had just returned from exile to discover foreigners living in their holy city, Jerusalem. Their covenant told them that they were set apart as a holy people chosen by God. So how could "impure" Gentiles be living on their land? They forgot that God had chosen them by his grace, not just for their own sake, but to bring his light to every nation.

This call became increasingly clear in the early Church. Initially, all of Jesus' followers were Jewish. But as Gentiles came to believe in the Lord, the Jewish Christians began to understand that God's plan of salvation was far bigger than they had expected. Learning to live and work and pray alongside Gentiles could not have been easy. But they, like us, had to allow God's grace to help them love each other. The result? The diverse, beautiful, sometimes messy Church we know today.

Jesus wants his Church to be a house of prayer for all nations so that every person can belong to his family. He sees people who are searching for hope, meaning, and a place to meet God, and he is asking us to draw them in, to be the loving, welcoming face of the Church. May we always be open to everyone who is seeking the Lord, and through us, may God's grace flow out to the entire world!

"Jesus, help me to show everyone the love that you have given me." (Word Among Us)

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2020

Sunday, Aug. 16

**8:30am @ St. Theresa:** Phyllis McCormick by Sally Wyllie  
9am: Parishioners of St. Anthony, St. Theresa & Our Lady of the Valley  
10:30am: +Steve Torczon by Family  
**11am @ Our Lady of the Valley:** Intention of Celebrant  
5pm: Intention of Celebrant

Monday, Aug. 17

8:30am: Living & Deceased Members of Paul Family

Tuesday, Aug. 18

8:30am: +Aunt Mary by The Torczons  
12:15pm: +David Bank by Family

Wednesday, Aug. 19

8:30am: +Stuart Allen Hauer by Richard Ranc  
12:15pm: +Marlene Sanders by Sally Wyllie

Thursday, Aug. 20

8:30am: Living & Deceased Members of Pond Family  
12:15pm: +Gae Simone by Chris & Trish Maslak

Friday, Aug. 21

8:30am: +Robert Downen by Cheri Downen  
12:15pm: +Ruth Schneider by Mary's Moms

Saturday, Aug. 22

8:30am: Dennis Beaudrie by Sally Wyllie  
5pm: Living & Deceased Members of Pond Family  
**5pm @ Our Lady of the Valley:** Intention of Celebrant

## OFFERING TO OUR LORD, AUGUST 9, 2020

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"All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need." Acts 2:44-45

**Please note that online giving is available for the Feast of the Assumption.**

Cody Interfaith Covid-19 Relief Fund is a multi denominational fund established to provide financial aid to those directly impacted by Covid-19. If you know of anyone financially struggling due to Covid-19, please have them call the office @587-3388 or the Presbyterian Church at 587-2647. There is a fund established at First Bank of WY entitled "Covid-19 Relief Fund" if you are interested in helping folks who have been laid off, had work hours reduced or business closed. Please be prayerful in considering our brothers and sisters who are experiencing very tough times. You can send a check to the Presbyterian Church, ATTN: Covid-19 Relief Fund, 2025 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Cody, WY 92414. Meanwhile, St. Anthony's is continuing to provide financial assistance to those in need through your generous contributions to the Family Fund.



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There are several Holy Hours that are open. Please prayerfully consider accepting one or signing up to be a substitute. Open times are: Mondays @ 11am & 5pm; Tuesdays @ 5pm & 6pm; Wednesdays @ 10am; Thursdays @ 1pm & 2pm; Fridays @ 10am.

Please call the Office for additional information, 587-3388.

**PLEASE** remember to pray for our church family members that are living in the Long Term Care Center and Brookdale: Mary Ann Metzger, Sylvia Gates, Marilyn Meyer, Mike Becker, Jeanne Pomajzl, Stacy Jourdan, Donna Brown, Nellie Grosz and John Case. "Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land the Lord your God is giving you." Exodus 20:12

**Let's** also keep their families who miss them ever so much in our prayers as well.

**Thank you** for your generous support of gifts to **Living and Giving in Christ: Unity in Diocesan Ministries 2020** appeal! As of Aug. 11, 2020, St. Anthony is at 59% of our goal with a shortfall of \$31,195.00; St. Theresa is at 67% of their goal with a shortfall of \$926.00; Our Lady of the Valley is at 96% of their goal with a shortfall of \$196.00. For those who have not yet pledged, please consider doing so. You may donate online at [www.livingandgivinginchrist.org](http://www.livingandgivinginchrist.org).



The Immaculate Heart of Mary Community is celebrating their apostolic approval under Rome as of June 29, 2020, the Feasts of St. Peter and Paul. Our secular vocations, in the Discalced Carmelite Order of the Western Province of St. Joseph, are truly a support to the clergy and leadership of our Catholic Church. If you sense a need to deepen your commitment to Christ, we invite you to join us for a year of testing this possibility. Our monthly meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month in Powell at St. Barbara's from 9am - 2:30pm. The first of this formation year is September 19<sup>th</sup>. This provides each with a deep study of Carmelite Spirituality and the protection of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Any practicing Catholic is welcome. For more information, call Mary Lou at 307-254-0215.

"In the early part of the last century, the London Times asked several eminent authors to write articles on the theme, "What's Wrong with the World?" Christian humorist G. K. Chesterton wrote this brief reply:

Dear Sirs: I am. Sincerely yours, G. K. Chesterton" (More Holy Humor)

At St. Peter's Catholic Church in Toronto, they have weekly husband's marriage seminars.

At the session last week, the priest asked Giuseppe, who said he was approaching his 50th wedding anniversary, to take a few minutes and share some insight into how he had managed to stay married to the same woman all these years.

Giuseppe replied to the assembled husbands, "Wella, I'va tried to treat her nicea, spenda da money on her, but besta of all is, I tooka her to Italy for the 25th anniversary!"

The priest responded, "Giuseppe, you are an amazing inspiration to all the husbands here! Please tell us what you are planning for your wife for your 50th anniversary?"

Giuseppe proudly replied, " I gonna go pick her up." (unijoke)



### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MORALES FAMILY!!!**

The Morales family of our parish were recently named the 2020 International Family of the Year by the Knights of Columbus during the virtual 138<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention on August 4. Jaime Morales joined Bishop Maurice F. Burke Council 4031 in 2005 and currently serves as one of the Family Program Directors at St. Anthony's of Padua. He and his wife, Laura, have four girls – Abigail (24), Jessica (21), Victoria (19), and Nathalia (17).

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