August 20, 2023

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 / Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 / Matthew 15:21-28

Build Love Not Walls

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

n Robert Frost's poem "Mending Wall," he tells how each spring he meets with his farming neighbor, and the two of them walk along on either side of the stone wall that marks their property to replace the stones toppled by the ice of winter. His neighbor loves the idea of a wall, inspired by his father's advice that "good fences make good neighbors." Frost, however, is not convinced and keeps suggesting that "something there is that doesn't love a wall," as if walls are not intrinsic to God's creation.

We humans seem to like our boundaries. As children, we divide ourselves between girl germs and boy germs and draw imaginary lines in the back seats of cars. Later we build walls everywhere—the Great Wall of China, the Berlin Wall, the structures at Mexico's border, backyard fences, and gated communities. We set up national boundaries, build emotional walls, relegate people to ghettos and the other side of the tracks, and we differentiate among religions, arguing over which is God's preference. We seem to use walls rather than love to give us our identity.

Some Scripture scholars suggest that this Sunday's Gospel event was a turning point where it became clear that Jesus came to save not only the Jewish people but all people, believers and unbelievers alike. Seeing her faith, Jesus

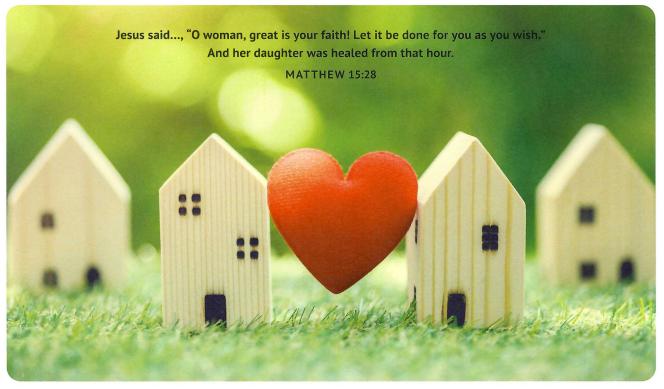
willingly cured the Canaanite woman's daughter. With God there are no boundaries or walls—not those of nations, not those imposed by languages and customs, not those we use to divide people of faith. •

Our Parish

COMMUNI

-Reflect-

Have you ever felt isolated by a wall? Who built it—you or someone else?



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Upcoming Events:

Sun, Aug 20, Back to School Blessing after Mass
Tues, Aug 22, 6:30 pm Pastoral Care for Sick and Homebound training 6:30 pm Knitting Group
Fri, Aug 25, 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration
Sun, Aug 27, Parish Picnic after Mass
Tue, Aug 29, Amy's House of Hope (YM)
Wed, Sep 6, 6:00 pm Altar Society Meeting
Sun, Sep 17, After Mass Altar Society Pulled Pork Dinner

6:30 pm

Aug 19/20 Second Collection to support our Diocese of Wheeling Charleston Seminarians. All money donated goes to support the young men from our state who are in school

Pastoral Care for the Sick & Homebound training Tuesday, Aug 22

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, Aug 19, 4pm - ♥ Willie Constantino by Virginia Manley Sunday, Aug 20, 11am - ♥ David Myers by Cathy & Jimmy Hillyer Tuesday, Aug 22, 6pm - Available Thursday, Aug 24, Noon - Available Saturday, Aug 26, 4pm - Available

Sunday, Aug 27, 11am - 🕆 Fr. Gregory Lyttle by Jim & Loretta Lintz

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Save the Date! Altar Society meeting Wed, Sep 6 @ 6 pm







KNITTING GROUP IS MEETING TUESDAY, AUG 22 AFTER MASS

Join us, if you would like to learn to knit! Come if you already know how to knit! We are working on Baby Blankets for the Mommy Ministry & appreciate all help. All levels of knowledge welcome! Contact Kim for more information 304.920.2440

Faith Formation

Schedule 9:30 am - 10:45 am

Register by scanning the QR code





"God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body, and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give them the strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Youth Ministry

YM Schedule 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Aug 20 Back to School Blessing

Aug 29 Amy's House of Hope

> Sep 30 Youth Night



Hey there! We're looking for awesome volunteers who would like to join us on August 29 to help feed the homeless. It's a wonderful opportunity to

spread kindness and make a positive impact on someone's life. We welcome anyone who's interested, regardless of experience. Let's team up and make a meaningful difference together!

Reach out to Lorin for details and to RSVP: 540-529-6495.

Youth Sunday

Sep 10	
Oct 15	
Nov 19	
Dec 17	
Jan 21	
Feb 18	
Mar 17	
Apr 21	
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Young Catholics

What is the significance of Jesus' reference to "dogs" in the Gospel for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (Matthew 15:21-28)?

In the Gospel reading, Jesus initially refers to the Canaanite woman as a "dog," a metaphor used at the time to refer to Gentiles, non-Jews, and those outside the Jewish faith. This reflects the cultural barriers of that time. However, her humble and persistent faith impresses Jesus, who grants her request for healing. This encounter illustrates God's inclusive mercy, showing that genuine faith transcends cultural and religious boundaries. It teaches us to embrace a spirit of love and compassion toward all people, recognizing their inherent dignity as children of God. Jesus' reference to "dogs" challenges us to be open-hearted, reflecting God's universal love for humanity, beyond societal distinctions.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Young Catholics (young-catholics.com)

Adult Faith Formation

Women's Prayer Group

Thursday's at 10:15 am in the conference room

Men's Group

First and Third Thursday of the month at 10 am in the Narthex



The OCIA journey is a profound experience that enables individuals to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. It's a process that involves several stages, and the duration varies depending on the individual's readiness and circumstances.

During this journey, participants

learn about the Catholic faith,

- engage in various rituals and liturgies,
- and ultimately receive the sacraments of initiation
 (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist).

Through this process, individuals can deepen their relationship with God and become more fully integrated into the Catholic community. This journey is personal and transformative, and it's an opportunity for individuals to grow spiritually and embrace the Catholic faith.

Contact Laura Wyatt at 304-425-3664 or lwyatt@sacredheartpinceton.org

This Week on Formed

The Queen Mother | Lectio: Mary | Episode 4 Mary serves as our Queen Mother. What does that mean? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he explores the scriptural roots of this title.

https://watch.formed.org/videos/life-for-life-maximiliankolbe



Sacred Heart Catholic Church





Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time Music for August 19 & 20, 2023

Celtic Mass Mass Readings on pg. 317 Word & Eucharist

Collections



Parish Council

Deb LaMothe	Vickie Blankenship
Harold Cofer	Gerry Cosgrove
Mike Flanigan	Renee Green
Anthony Heltzel	Zack Romano
Santina St. John	
Ad Hoc:	Gina Boggess
Kim Hickman	Laura Wyatt
Susie Pace	Lorin Albin

Entrance: G837 "Gather Your People"

Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you. Let all the nations praise you!

Presentation of Gifts: G955 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand " Communion: G945 "I Am the Bread of Life"

Closing Hymn: G835 "They'll Know We are Chrisitans"

	weekend	YTD	YTD
	Aug 12-13	Actual	Budget
Envelopes	2,415.00	107,684.54	105,000.00
Loose Offertory	282.00	5,939.10	3,200.00
Maintenance	20.00	1,902.00	1,000.00
Total Contributions	\$2,717.00	\$115,525.64	\$109,200.00
Faith Form/Youth Ministry	100.00	1,260.00	500.00
Memorial Contributions	50.00	248.00	0.00
Dioc: Campaign for Human Dev	10.00	665.00	500.00
Attendance:	4pm: 61	11am: 132	

Finance Council

Charlie Pace (Chair)	Gina Boggess
Richard Flanigan	Kevin Garrett
Shelby Neri	Gene Richardson
Frank Sinicrope	Fred St. John
Kirt Suehs	
Ad Hoc:	Kim Hickman

August 19/20

Second Collection: The Seminarians of the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston.

All donations from this collection go to support the young men working to become Priests in our Diocese. The need for Priests is urgent. Please consider donating. Thank you.

August Ministry Schedule

DATE	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Video	Altar Server	Counter
Aug 19	C. Cofer	<u>T. Settle</u> H. Cofer C. Pace	C. <u>Prox</u>	N/A	T. Byron	J. Choate
20	L. Albin	<u>G. Cosgrove</u> M. Albin D. Richardson	Hillyer	W. Picknally	B. Fanning J. Flanigan	
Aug 26	M. Bacho	<u>K. Bailey</u> M. Flanigan T. Byron	F. Bacho	N/A	C. Pace	T. Settle
27	J. Cox	<u>A. Heltzel</u> M. Cox G. Boggess	Wyatt	T. Wyatt	A. Rieger M. Rieger	

In case of an emergency and a priest is needed, please call:

The Parish Office (304) 425-3664

Bluefield Parish Office (304) 327-5623

Kim Hickman (304) 920-2440

In case of Illness: Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr. Sebastian will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home. Nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and anyone who is hospitalized are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you

Nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and anyone who is hospitalized are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.

In case of serious or life threatening sickness or the actively dying: The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

Please include the following in your Daily Prayers

Parishioners:

- Catherine Belcher Ruth Boyd Deloris Caccamo Ron Ciccolini Romulo DelaRosa Dr. David Garcia Dale & Mary Lu Geiger Angie Grbac Cynthia & Gordon Harmon Cyndi Jones Nancy Larkin Valarie Laxton
- Christina Laxton Robert Laxton Kaitlyn Laxton Keith Laxton Jim Lintz Jim & Diane Luciano Tanya Marx Jaelynn Mendoza Annette Morgan Dr. Jun Neri Patricia Nester Alan Rieger
- Vivian Romano Deborah Saffell Gareth Settle Felomina Yongque Carrie Yurkovich Jane Walthall

Family & Friends:

B.J. Asbury Linda Berghof (mother of Jackie Mercado) Lou Berentes (friend of Monica Mills) John Bowers John Caccamo (brother of Pat) Rita Calhoun (Aunt of Tanya Marx) Irene Charney Regina Church (friend of Monica Mills) Judy Clayton (sister of Loretta Lintz) Linda Cunningham Kimiko Fettro (friend of Bill Picknally) David Frei & Mary Piper (son-in-law & daughter of Carrie Yurkovich) Kyle Geiger Mike Goff Patricia Gupton (daughter of Jim Cosgrove) Myles Harris Velma Hartwell Wylie Rae Henson (Kay Bailey's (granddaughter) Brenda Ivelise Ruby Jones (Aunt of Rachel Colosi) Langan Family Lucas Llado (grandson of Maria Franco) Richard Lockhart Sandy Morefield (friend of Gaspersich family) Tina Mullins (friend of Tanya Marx) Wayne Mullins (brother of Delores Caccamo) Carolyn Munther (mother of Lisa Black) Susan Nelson (Bill Picknally's daughter), Rex Neely Agnes Sedi Sherry Sisk Bryan Staten Agnes Tokarski (Bill Picknally's sister) Jamie Willoughby (niece of Sharon Buttaci) Richard Wentz (brother in law of Rick &Laura Wyatt) Dear Friend in Christ,

It is truly amazing what wonderful things can be accomplished through the collective compassion and generosity of faithful people, like you! Because of the tremendous support of the *Catholic Sharing Appeal* (CSA) last year, we were able to provide opportunities to grow in faith and expand shared ministries throughout West Virginia.

The CSA is one of many ways that we are united in God's love as Catholics and as members of our *Diocesan Family*. In addition to providing funding for your own parish community, it also delivers essential support for ministries and programs, including funding for Camp Carlo, social ministries, tuition assistance, parish food pantry programs, emergency services, and outreach efforts.

Please join me, and Catholics across the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, in supporting this year's *Catholic Sharing Appeal*. Together, we can do great things to carry out the work of the Church.

> Sincerely Yours in Christ, *FMaNC E. Brenner* Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston

HARING APPEAL





YES, I WANT TO SUPPORT THE CSA!	• Name:
with a monthly gift of: \$	Name.
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Checks can be made payable to CSA and mailed to: P.O. Box 230, Wheeling, WV 26003	City State Zip
Credit card donations can be made online at: csa.dwcministries.org/donate	• Email
Please send me information on making a	•
gift of stock or securities.	 Telephone

CODE OF CONDUCT: The Diocese of Wheeling Charleston has set forth "Behavioral Guidelines for Working with Children or Youth"

Week 3: All VIRTUS certified volunteers have read and signed off that they understand these guidelines. Parents should also be aware of what is expected of our church leaders. If you see any of these guidelines being disregarded, please let us know immediately.

All clergy, staff and volunteers of the Diocese will observe the following guidelines for dealing with minors:

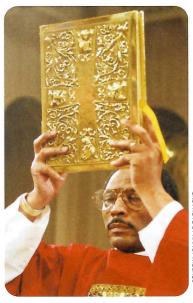
- No minor child may be an overnight guest or reside in any church rectory or other living quarters of priests.
- Do not provide minors with alcoholic beverages, tobacco, pornography, drugs, or anything that is prohibited by law.
- Do not serve as a chaperone for activities that conflict with curfew laws pertaining to minors.
- Touching should be age appropriate and based on the need of the minor and not on the need of the adult. Avoid physical contact when alone with a minor. If a minor initiates physical contact, an appropriate, limited response is proper.
- Do not engage in the physical discipline of a minor. Discipline problems should be handled in coordination with your supervisor and/or the parents of the minor.
- Do not be alone with a minor in a residence, sleeping facility, locker room, restroom, dressing facility or other closed room or isolated area that is inappropriate to a ministry relationship.
- Do not take an overnight trip alone with a minor who is not a member of your immediate family.
- Do not sleep in the same bed with a minor. If an adult supervisor stays in a hotel or other sleeping room with a group of minors, the supervisor should sleep in his or her own bed using a roll away or cot if necessary.
- Topics, vocabulary, recordings, films, games, the use of computer software, social media, or any other form of personal interaction or entertainment that could not be used comfortably in the presence of parents should not be employed with minors. Sexually explicit or pornographic material is never appropriate. This includes sexually explicit material or pornography of an adult nature as well as child pornography. The production and/or distribution of child pornography is a felony.
- Do not administer medication of any kind without written parental permission.
- If you recognize inappropriate personal or physical attraction developing between yourself and a minor, maintain clear professional boundaries between yourself and the minor or refer the minor to another adult supervisor.
- If one-on-one pastoral care of a minor should be necessary, avoid meeting in isolated environments. Schedule meetings at times and use locations that create accountability. Limit both the length and number of sessions and make appropriate referrals. Notify parents of the meetings
- Electronic communications with minors should be limited in nature and scope. They should be informative and pertain to church or school-related activities and issues only. Every effort should be made to utilize applications for communication whereby parents or guardians may be included on messaging. Minors should not have administrative access to social media or electronic communication accounts for any parish or school.
- Do not give minors keys to church facilities. If the minor has a key as a result of being a church employee or volunteer, the minor should be properly screened.
- Do not drive a church or school vehicle unless you have received prior authorization and have the appropriate license and/or certification.
- Do not permit minors to cross a road by themselves while they are in your custodial care.
- Do not take photographs of minors while they are unclothed or dressing (<u>e.g.</u> in a locker room or bathing facility).
- If you observe anyone (adult or minor) abusing a minor, take appropriate steps to immediately intervene and to provide a safe environment for the minor. Report the misconduct.

Dear Padre,

Why are the Scripture readings for Mass so piecemeal? We read part of a verse then jump to another part. Doesn't reading it like this distort the meaning of the passage?

The readings for Mass are in a book called the *Lectionary*. Our current *Lectionary* was set up after the Second Vatican Council. It uses a three-year cycle for the Sunday readings, so over three years we hear the majority of the Bible at Mass. Its introduction states, "The present Order of Readings for Mass, then, is an arrangement of biblical readings that provides the faithful with a knowledge of the whole of God's word, in a pattern suited to the purpose" (General Introduction to the Lectionary, Second Edition, 60).

So the readings are not "piecemeal" but rather arranged so that we are exposed to the whole of God's word within three years. At times a given reading may not be complete-for example, the second reading for today is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, chapter eleven, verses 13–15 and 29–32. This is



done not only for brevity but for clarity. Those who organized the Lectionary thought that this excerpt made the message clearer or gave better emphasis to a point in the reading. It certainly is good to get out your Bible and read the whole section so you can see what is missing, but when the word is proclaimed at Mass, the current arrangement is most effective.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
August 21	August 22	August 23	August 24	August 25	August 26	August 27
St. Pius X,	Queenship of the	Weekday	St. Bartholomew,	Weekday	Weekday	Twenty-first
Pope	Blessed Virgin	Jgs 9:6–15	Apostle	Ru 1:1, 3-6,	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11;	Sunday in
Jgs 2:11–19	Mary	Mt 20:1–16	Rev 21:9b-14	14b-16, 22	4:13-17	Ordinary Time
Mt 19:16-22	Jgs 6:11–24a		Jn 1:45–51	Mt 22:34-40	Mt 23:1–12	ls 22:19-23
	Mt 19:23-30					Rom 11:33-36
						Mt 16:13-20

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Each one of us has our own story and...it is not always a clean story.... Many times it is a difficult story, with a lot of pain....What do I do with my story? Do I hide it? No! We must bring it before the Lord. "Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!"

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