

CONFIRMATION

The Holy Spirit filled the hearts of 10 faithful young people, grades 9-11, kindling in them the fire of His love. Mrs. Johnee Simrell, (parishioner and St. Mary's School teacher) who is in her 9th year as ICC Confirmation teacher remarked, "It reaffirms my faith as I

watch these young people making a choice to live more deeply in their baptismal

call to be witness to Jesus Christ." A few of the service projects included volunteering at the VA Hospital, Bread & Blessings, and Children's Liturgy. The young people carefully chose a confirmation name based upon an admired saint who would protect, guide and serve as a role model. Names selected included St. Francis of Assisi, St. Jude Thaddeus, St. Dymphna and St. Hubertus. The Rite of Confirmation was administered by Father Broussard at a beautiful Mass concelebrated by our Jesuit priests and included Mrs. Julianne Rivera playing the harp. Congratulations to these young people and may this special day with these special graces live with them always.



~ by Carol Johansen, Teacher & Parishioner

SUPPORTING PARISHIONER BUSINESSES

With restrictions in place to help combat the spread of COVID-19, some businesses are struggling and many people are seeking to help support local merchants. We would like to help members of this community to learn about some of the businesses and services that our parishioners own or operate as one way in which we can try to support one another as a parish community. If you are an active parishioner who operates a business or offers a service that could be of interest to our parish community, please contact Fr. Sylvester Tan, S.J. at stan@iccabq.org. We will develop a *Parishioner Business Directory* which will include information about your business. This resource will be published in our on-line weekly bulletin during the health crisis.

PARISHIONER BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Here are some local parishioner-run businesses and services that could interest you:

Castle Coffee (727 Tijeras Ave NW, 87102, 505-508-5271) parishioner Matthew Campbell, General Manager (matthew@castlecoffeeco.com) "Servant minded. Coffee Inspired. Community Focused." Craft coffee, local bakery items, local teas, etc.; outdoor seating (during Covid) for meetings and community encounter; within walking distance of ICC; indoor display space for local artists. Hours: 7am-4pm, Mon-Sat; in-store, phone, online, and curbside ordering; no in-door dining at this time.

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- ✧ **Chelle Summer** (online at www.chellesummer.com, 505-266-3134) parishioner Michelle Rusk offers handmade handbags, apparel, and home decor, many from vintage materials. Unique items that make great gifts. Delivery available, contact us.
- ✧ **XLessThan3Art** (Call, email, in-person: 505-514-6062, xlessthan3artllc@gmail.com), parishioner Sonia Luevano offers commission artwork, photography, mural work, upholstery, furniture repair, decor (and recently, mask making!) "Sonia lives for art and aims to apply the romanticized philosophies of surrealism and sacred art into all aspects of life. Part of her ideal is to make the world a more beautiful place by expressing true beauty in an imperfect world."

PRISON REFORM FALL BOOK CLUB 2020 - ON ZOOM IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER!!

All are invited to participate in the Prison Reform Ministry's Fall Book Club 2020 on Zoom.

The book club will start at 6 pm for 6 Tuesdays in a row, from September 15 through October 20. (6 pm - 6:40 pm and 6:45 - 7:15pm --- you will be able to sign back on using the original link from 6:45 pm)

Our main text will be Prison Writings: My Life is My Sundance by Leonard Peltier.

Please email Joy Dinero at jdinero@iccabq.org for more information or to register.

[SUNDAY CONNECTION FROM LOYOLA PRESS](#)

The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 16 ~

First Reading: *Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7*

The Lord reveals his salvation to all.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 67: 2-3, 5-6, 8*

All the nations will praise God.

Second Reading: *Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32*

God's favor to Israel is irrevocable.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 15: 21-28*

Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman because of her great faith.

Background on the Gospel Reading: Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about [Jesus walking on the water](#) and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the

Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite

woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

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Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern.

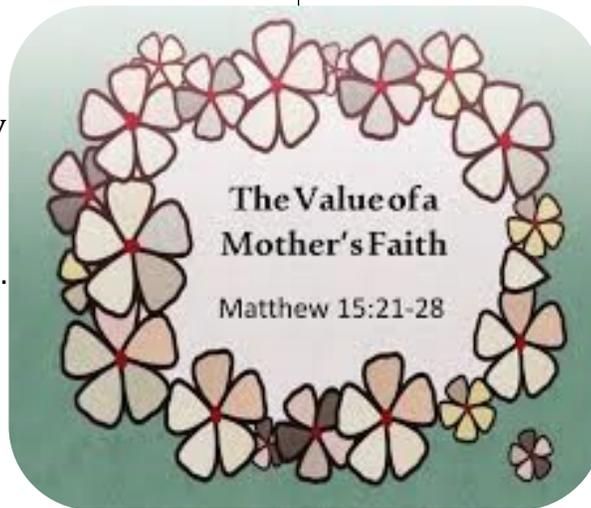
The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.

[FAMILY CONNECTION FROM LOYOLA PRESS](#)

The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 16 ~

Even when spurned by Jesus, the faith of the Canaanite woman makes her bold enough to argue and ask again for what she needs. Her persistence and great confidence that Jesus could heal her daughter reminds us of the confidence with which our children bring to us their own needs. In their faith and trust we can find modern examples of how we might approach God in prayer.

As a family recall some times when a request for something was presented by one family member to another with confidence and persistence. If the request was denied, talk about why that was so. If the request was eventually granted, talk about what led to the change of heart. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 15: 21-28. Was anyone surprised by Jesus' response to the Canaanite woman? Why or why not? What makes Jesus change his mind and heal the woman's daughter? When we pray, God wants us to be as confident in his mercy. Invite family members to identify the things that they most need from God. Pray these prayers of petition together as a family, confident that God will hear and answer your prayers.



Getting Ready



The key to any successful school year is to build a positive environment both to work in and play in. St. Mary's School teachers returned to campus this past week to do exactly that. There is always a lot to do both inside and outside of the classroom before the students arrive.

Our Mission
St. Mary's Catholic School Community embraces the Gospel message by enriching the world through Catholic teachings, academic excellence, Christian leadership and service.

Together we became smarter through CPR training and professional development. We became closer through team building activities, prayer, and food. *Thank you* to Father Broussard and Father Tan who guided us in retreat. Next week we will have an opportunity to welcome our families through in-person meetings.



~ by Carol Johansen, Teacher & Parishioner



Online Liturgies and Information from the Archdiocese of Santa Fe:

For the latest information on [Reopening of Our Churches](#) in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, including the full protocols about covid-19.

The [Archdiocese's YouTube Channel](#)

Sign up for email ASF official [eBlasts](#). You will receive important news sent directly to your email address.

Like the official [Facebook](#) page (Archdiocese of Santa Fe Official), [Twitter](#) (@asfficial) and [Instagram](#).

PRAYER FOR CALM: My Lord and my God, I do not know what will happen to me today, but what I do know is that nothing will happen to me today that you and I together cannot handle. This thought is enough to bring me to face the day in peace. I adore You in Your wisdom and love. I commend myself into your hands with complete trust. Amen.

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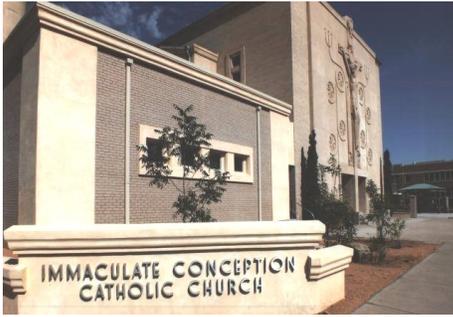
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Online Resources:

[America Magazine](#) | [The Jesuit Review](#)

Here you can [live-stream Jesuit Masses](#) every day of the week.



THE PARISH
OFFICE HAS NOT
REOPENED
AT THIS TIME.

Immaculate Conception Masses & Confessions

Daily Mass:

- ✧ Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 12:10pm;
- ✧ Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 7am; and
- ✧ Civil Holidays at 9am.

Saturday Vigil Mass:

- ✧ 4:00pm

Sunday Masses:

- ✧ 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:45am,
- ✧ 12:30pm [Spanish], and
- ✧ 5:00pm.

Confessions are heard in the Church vestibule: (Enter through the northeast door from the parking lot.)

Please Note: the days and location for Confession have changed. This is the new schedule.

- ✧ **WEDNESDAYS**— 11:00 to 11:45am,
- ✧ **FRIDAYS**—11:00 to 11:45am, and
- ✧ **Saturdays**— 3:00 to 3:45pm.

OUR PARISH GIVING, STEWARDSHIP, AND FINANCES

If you would like to know more about our parish's finances, now you can find that information on our website, ICCABQ.ORG. You can also make a one-time-only or recurring donations.

Once you are on the website. From a drop down menu, GIVING, STEWARDSHIP, FINANCES, you will have four options to check out:

1. [Online Giving](#);
2. [Planned Giving](#);
3. [Stewardship Report Weekly](#) (collection information); and
4. [Annual Report](#).

If you have questions, contact Comptroller Kimberly Jarnagin at KJarnagin@iccabq.org.

DO YOU WANT TO REGISTER AS A PARISHIONER?

Complete your form on-line at

ICCABQ.ORG



HERE IS HOW THE NEW ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTIVES IMPACT US AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

- ✧ Anyone over 60 or who has a pre-existing condition should consider a live-streamed Mass and avoid gathering with us in person.
- ✧ If you are ill, stay at home.
- ✧ A mask worn correctly (over the nose and mouth) and social distancing are required. Parents, leave young children at home, if possible.
- ✧ We are limited in our building's capacity so – for now – only 119 people can attend each Mass. That's about 16% of our building's capacity.
- ✧ Only one door, the rear door on the parking lot side, is unlocked so that an usher or sacristan can count attendance to ensure that we do not exceed our capacity. Once that limit has been met, the door will be locked, and a sign will be posted on the door.
- ✧ The Baptismal font is empty during Mass and only filled for baptisms outside of Mass;
- ✧ Holy water fonts are empty. *Only* sealed bottles of holy water will be available;
- ✧ The **BATHROOMS** are locked until further notice as is the **CRY ROOM**.
- ✧ Bring your own hand-sanitizer or cleanser for personal needs. Please do not use cleansers with bleach or alcohol on our pews.
- ✧ The pews are cleaned between Masses.
- ✧ *All missals, Mission Statement cards, and daily Mass propers* have been removed;
- ✧ There are no processions; Mass begins with a sound on the gong;
- ✧ There is no music, except perhaps the Psalm on Sunday;
- ✧ Short versions of the readings are used, where the option exists;
- ✧ Our Mission Statement is not recited;
- ✧ There are no collections; envelopes, checks, and cash can be dropped off in a container as you leave Mass; any other donations can be made online;
- ✧ There is no handshake at the Sign of Peace;
- ✧ The final prayer and blessing are prayed *before* Communion is distributed;
- ✧ After we receive Communion *in the hand only*, (host only), step aside, remove your mask, consume the host, and leave the church.
- ✧ Do not congregate or visit after leaving Mass, maintain social distancing and keep your masks on.