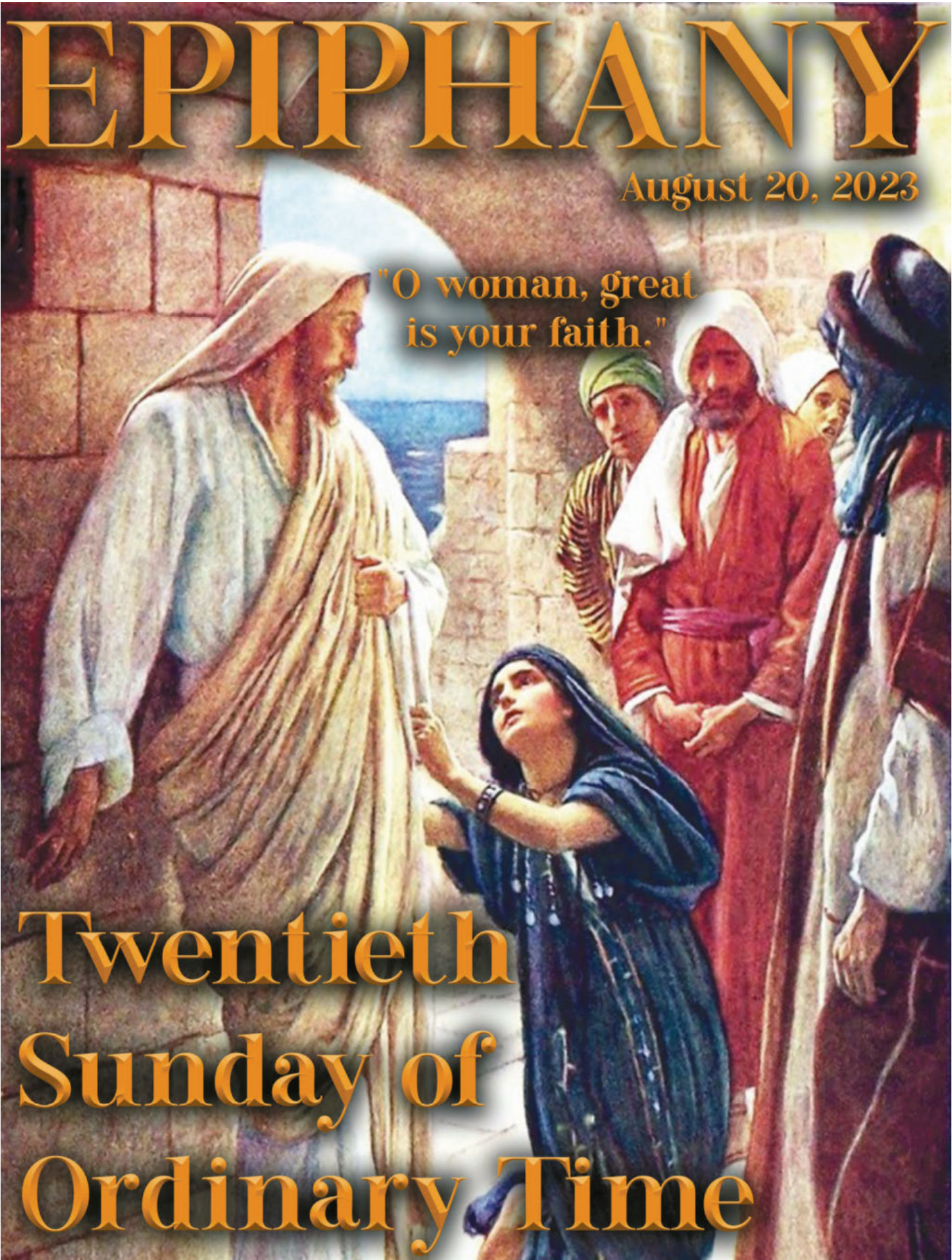


EPIPHANY

August 20, 2023

"O woman, great
is your faith."

Twentieth
Sunday of
Ordinary Time





WELCOME to Epiphany

GREAT FAITH

GREAT NEED

Throughout the New Testament, the people who show the greatest faith in Jesus are the ones who need him the most. The ones who are “poor in Spirit,” as Jesus himself describes it. “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Great faith requires being poor in spirit. It requires recognizing that we need Jesus. Realizing that we don’t have it all figured out. We can’t get it right on our own. We can’t fix ourselves, our families, or our world, on our own. We need Jesus. And we know it. This Canaanite woman is desperate. Her daughter is being tormented by a demon. And she will do anything for her daughter. Even turn to a Jew. She will humble herself and embarrass herself. She will do whatever it takes, because her need is that great.

Great faith requires a great need. the truth is that there is a hole in the heart of our world that can only be filled by Jesus. That need won’t be filled by anything but Jesus.



About God's Word

THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY

Sunday, Aug 20, 2023

That all may be one

The spirit of division is about being right. The spirit of unity is about embracing Christ. In which direction are we heading? Ecumenism seems an almost quaint idea in the 21st-century church. Other issues seem to have become more critical for many than getting Christians on the same page. Yet a divided church is a scandal to a world that questions our sincerity if we can't even agree on Jesus. Dialogue with others without the need to criticize beliefs or change minds. Create opportunities to pray, study, work, and mission together with local Christians. They will know we are Christians by our love.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28 (118). *"For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."*

Monday, Aug 21, 2023

Look beyond the wardrobe

The saying "Clothes make the man" was certainly not true for Pope Pius X. He was born poor, teased at school for his tattered clothes, and sometimes carried his shoes to make them last longer. When he became pope in 1903, remaining as humble as his origins, he said the only thing that had changed about him was the color of his cassock from black to white—a fact he sometimes forgot since he had to be reminded not to wipe his pen on his clothes anymore. Let Pius X remind you to stay true to your authentic self by keeping your life simple.

MEMORIAL OF PIUS X, POPE

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22 (419). *"If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven."*

Tuesday, Aug 22, 2023

Eight days a week

The Queenship of Mary doubles as a liturgical bookend, concluding eight full days since celebrating her Assumption. In liturgical language, these eight days form an octave. Most simply, an octave extends the celebration of a church feast from a single day into eight. Historically, Christianity inherited the practice from Judaism, which, for instance, celebrates eight days of Hanukkah and circumcision eight days after a boy's birth—the latter being why many baptismal fonts are octagonal. If a week is seven days, then the eighth day begins a new week—the eighth day signaling the start of something new or renewal, just as Baptism makes a person new or "born again." Honor Mary anew by praying the Salve Regina today.

MEMORIAL OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30 (420). *"For men this is impossible, but for God all things are possible."*

Wednesday, Aug 23, 2023

Go deep

Today is the feast of Rose of Lima, patron of Latin America. You can visit her tomb in the historic center of Lima, Peru, a place teeming with activity. Enter the Dominican monastery where she is buried and leave behind the noise and heat of the street. Descend

a narrow passage; bow your head to clear the low ceiling. You'll emerge into a cool, hushed room with her tomb at the far end. It is a holy place—a place you'd never know if you didn't go deep. How do you get to the deep sacred space within your daily life?

MEMORIAL OF ROSE OF LIMA, TERTIARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16 (421). *"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."*

Thursday, Aug 24, 2023

Pure faith

Tradition has it that Bartholomew was tortured to death for the faith. Scholars believe that he is mentioned in scripture by both his name and by the name Nathaniel. Nathaniel was famously complimented by Jesus for being a true Israelite, with no duplicity. Purity of heart, in fact, is how most holy disciples attain holiness. Through profound connection to God, they avoid guile, duplicity, and other sins that are so easy to fall into when God slides into the background. Saint Bartholomew, help us maintain a clean heart.

FEAST OF BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51 (629). *"Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, 'Here is a true child of Israel. There is no duplicity in him.'"*

Friday, Aug 25, 2023

Women will not remain silent!

Do you know all 333 women of the Bible? There are at least that many, writes Catholic commentator Alice Camille, and each is worth getting to know. Visible presence of women in leadership roles has long suffered from hierarchical structures rooted in patriarchal values. The establishment of the biblical canon reflects this as well with women's voices and stories rarely included except in support roles. Stories such as that of Ruth and Naomi that survived the canonical cutting-room floor are a beacon of light and remind us that despite overwhelming suppression of women's voices, they could not be silenced. How are you called to give voice or to amplify suppressed voices today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Matthew 22:34-40 (423). *"Ruth said, 'Do not ask me to abandon or forsake you!'"*

Saturday, Aug 26, 2023

A ruling from the bench

Jesus speaks of the scribes and Pharisees sitting on the "chair of Moses." Archeologists have uncovered stone chairs in prominent places in ancient synagogues where such leaders presumably sat as they pronounced on all things related to Jewish Law and Tradition. When it came to fulfilling the spirit of the Law rather than just the letter, Jesus called out the hypocrisy of those who did not practice what they preach. In any field—politics, business, religion—leaders need to be judged not by the eloquence of their words but by the integrity of their actions. That goes for all of us, wherever we take our seat!

TODAY'S READINGS: Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Matthew 23:1-12 (424). *"The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses.... but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice."*

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7:30 Young Adult Mass



12:10pm Mass
12:30pm Miraculous
Medal novena



2:30pm Prayer Corps (Zoom)
7:00pm Connect



12:10pm Mass
12:40pm OLPH (Church)
7:00pm Breaking Open
The Word via Zoom



12:10pm Mass
7:00pm Legion of Mary



12:10pm Mass
6:30pm Sant' Egidio
Fridays



4:00pm Vigil Mass



11:00am Family Mass
12:00pm Hunger Sunday
7:30 Young Adult Mass

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Monday-Friday 12:10pm

Saturday Vigil: 4pm

Sunday 11am & 7:30pm

THIS WEEK'S

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 19

4:00pm Josefina Tabile

Sunday, August 20

11:00am Bessie Anderson

7:30pm Arthur J. Morr Jr. & Sr.

Monday, August 21 *Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe*

12:10pm Cirilo & Fernanda Garcia

Tuesday, August 22 *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

12:10pm Josef Kunzli

Wednesday, August 23

12:10pm intentions of Stephen A. Monroe

Thursday, August 24

12:10pm Daniel O'Malley

Friday, August 25

12:10pm Marianito & Apolonia Diomampo

Saturday, August 26

4:00pm intentions of Josephine Brown

Sunday, August 27

11:00am Vivian Memoly

7:30pm Michael Wiley

Monday, August 28 *Memorial of Saint Pius X*

12:10pm Grace Herrera

Tuesday, August 29 *Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

12:10pm Ruth & Nicholas Prisco

Aug 20 - 26

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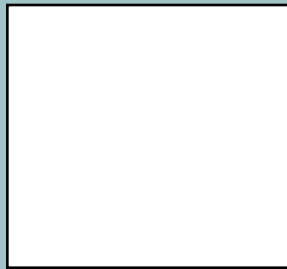
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