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MOVIE NIGHT



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AUGUST 21, 2020, FRIDAY

7:00 PM

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CHURCH LAWN AREA**

Faith Formation and Knights of Columbus Council #14541 invites you and your family to enjoy a FREE outdoor movie night. featuring

"THE LITTLE PRINCE"

Limited free movie snacks and drinks but highly encourage to bring your own snacks.

Don't forget to bring chairs and blankets.

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EVEN DOGS EAT SCRAPS

A Canaanite woman once asked Jesus for a favor,
She approached Him with humility and fervor.
Sadly, Jesus did not pay her any attention,
But the woman persisted with no distraction.

For long her daughter was tormented by a demon,
She had tried everything possible and was common.
With her resources exhausted she was desperate,
Without her prayer heard by Jesus she wouldn't separate.

The woman became a nuisance in every way,
The disciples asked Jesus to send her away.
She came closer to Jesus and with love she knelt,
With her unflinching faith any one's heart would melt.

This was a moment for Jesus to test her faith,
He knew she was special with an exceptional faith.
Jesus said, "It's not right to feed dogs with children's food,"
She wouldn't easily give up and wasn't offended.

She reminded Him that there are dogs who eat scraps,
That fall from the table of their generous masters.
Jesus rewarded her by healing her daughter,
For a living faith the woman became an exemplar.

Faith is not faith until we can see its fruits,
Faith without good work is like a tree without roots.
Only with life and good deeds you can measure faith,
Faith is the foundation of your spiritual health.

Questions:

1. What is the prayer you would most like the Lord to answer?
2. To what lengths will you go in order to get your answer?
3. Which stanza of the poem strengthens you?
4. How can you deepen your prayer life?

Reflections:

Is it a mere coincidence that Jesus met men and women of great faith from outside His own Jewish community? With the exception of His mother there are no examples of people with exemplary faith mentioned in the Gospels. In the parable of The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-29), the hero of the story is a Samaritan, normally considered an arch enemy of the Jews, who went out of his way to take care of a traveler who had fallen into the hands of brigands who had left him for dead. A priest and a Levite, both Jews, passed that way. Passing the dying man, they pretended not to see and continued on their way. But a Samaritan passed that way and, seeing the man bleeding to death, felt compassion and took care of him by taking him to a medical center where he was treated. He also took care of the medical bills. Jesus related this parable when a Jewish lawyer had asked Him what he should do in order to gain eternal life, which was a question meant to test Jesus. Jesus answered him, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole strength, and with thy whole mind; and thy neighbor as thyself. Wishing to justify himself he asked, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus answered him by telling him the story of the Good Samaritan.

In the fourth chapter of John's Gospel, John talks about a Samaritan woman at the well. In



MESSAGE FROM FATHER ANTONY

the course of a long discourse between Jesus and the woman, He talked to her about the Living Water. The woman, who was of questionable moral character, recognized Jesus as the Messiah. Through her experience at the well, many Samaritans came to believe in Jesus.

Matthew, in Chapter 8, speaks of a centurion in Capernaum who came to Jesus with a request to cure his servant, who was paralyzed and grievously afflicted. Jesus assured him that he would go to his house and cure the boy. But the centurion immediately responded, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed." When Jesus heard this, He marveled, and said to those who were following Him, "Amen I say to you, I have not found such great faith in Israel." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; as thou hast believed, so be it done to thee." And the servant was healed that very hour.

Jesus was on His way to the region of Tyre and Sidon. On the way a Canaanite woman came and called out loud, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." Surprisingly Jesus did not pay attention to her. She kept following Him, and each time her cry for help was louder than before. But Jesus just ignored her. Finally the disciples, who were totally annoyed, came and requested Him to send her away. But Jesus told them that He was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. By this He meant He was not going to care of a non-Jewish person. In the meantime the woman was able to get closer to Jesus and said, "Lord help me." To everyone's surprise Jesus answered, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." As if she had anticipated this response from Jesus, she responded lovingly: "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Jesus had never met a woman of such faith before. It was extraordinary that she was Canaanite and not a Jew.

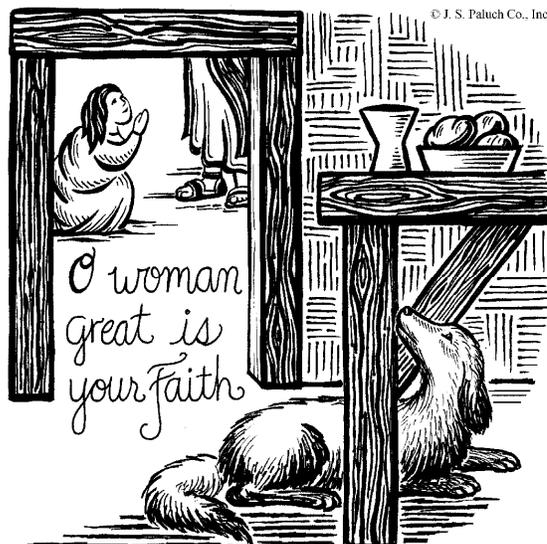
You should know a little bit of history. The land of Canaan was founded by Ham, one of three sons of Noah, who was ostracized by his own family after he "saw" Noah drunk and naked one night. Noah cursed Ham so much that he changed his name to Canaan and moved away, but Noah followed him and vowed that Canaan and his descendants would always be slaves to his brothers and their descendants. Thus the people of Canaan were considered to be cursed, and were treated as the lowliest of all peoples.

What is remarkable about this woman is that nothing would discourage her until she got what she wanted. This parable of the Canaanite woman may contain several messages. The lesson we should learn from it is that Jesus loves everyone, even when He appears to be indifferent or uncaring. This may be

because He wants us to demonstrate how much we really believe. Another lesson we could learn is that we should never give up. Jesus will never turn a deaf ear to our prayers. But we should have the kind of patience this woman demonstrated.

STANDING FAST

Matthew opens the scene in today's Gospel by setting up a conflict. Unlike the parallel story in Mark (7:24), the woman is described as "a Canaanite." This label serves to evoke the ancient animosity between Jews and other peoples in the region. The woman, who is never named, begs for help for her daughter. The disciples are actively dismissive of her, as a woman and a foreigner, and deem her to be unworthy of



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PARISH CALENDAR

Aug 17	KofC Business Meeting 7:30pm
Aug 25	Pastoral Council 7:00pm
Aug 27	Bishop Begin Assembly 3546 Bus. Mtg 7:30pm
Sept 4	First Friday
Sept 7	KofC Officer's Meeting 7:30pm
Sept 12	Finance Council Meeting 11:30am
Sept 13	KofC Novena Prayer for the Unborn after 10am Mass
	Fatima Celebration 7:30pm
Sept 14	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm
Sept 21	KofC Business Meeting 7:30pm
Sept 24	Bishop Begin Assembly 3546 Bus. Mtg 7:30pm
Sept 29	Pastoral Council 7:00pm
Oct 2	First Friday
Oct 5	KofC Officer's Meeting 7:30pm
Oct 11	KofC Novena Prayer for the Unborn after 10am Mass
	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm
Oct 13	Final Fatima Celebration 2020 7:30pm
Oct 19	KofC Business Meeting 7:30pm
Oct 22	Bishop Begin Assembly 3546 Bus. Mtg 7:30pm
Oct 27	Pastoral Council 7:00pm

If you or someone you know is in need, please consider calling
St. Vincent de Paul
510-796-5494.



Please remember those in the Armed Services:

Evelyn Surla (Air Force) Spec. Tara Mueller, Sgt. Kristan Jofel T. Carado, Major Jenny Ryan, Captain David Evans

And Parishioners and friends who need our prayers or who are ill.

Joe Parrish, Priscilla Verdeflor, Bob Nehls, Ron Lord, Monica Horton, Arabella Horton, Danny Powell, Cody Maisono, John DiPaola, Evelyn Reyes, Frank Smith, Concha Garcia, Deacon Ernie Dandan, Joel Rivera, Melanie O'Connor, Katherine Gomes, Lydia DeGraf, Laura Skaff, Alice Ferreira, Agnes Harris, Ray Ballin, Martha Torres



To add or update this list, send an email to bulletin@sjapostle.net or phone the parish office at 510-792-1962 and leave a message.

KNIGHT'S CORNER

Would you like to join the "Men in Blue Blazers?" The Knights of Columbus of St. James the Apostle Council No. 14541 is accepting applicants. A prospective candidate must be a practicing Catholic and at least 18 years of age. This is a great opportunity for single and married men to serve God and the parish's community activities, set an example for its youth and make families closer to God.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Sydney Jacques sydjacques@gmail.com 209-445-8630. Or ask a Knight! Thank you.

We are men of faith & men of action.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday Mass:	8:30am
Saturday Mass:	5:00pm
Sunday Masses:	8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00noon
Rosary before Mass:	Monday - Saturday 8:05am
	Saturday 4:30pm
	Wednesday 7:10pm
	Sunday 8:00am and 11:40am
	2nd Sunday 9:30am
Respect for Life Rosary	Masses 8:30am & 7:30pm
Holy Days of Obligation:	Saturday 4:00pm or by appt.
Confessions:	9:00 - 10:00am
Every Friday Adoration:	9:00 am-6:30pm
First Fridays:	Adoration 6:30pm
	Sacred Heart Novena 7:15pm
	Benediction 7:30pm
	Healing Mass 7:30pm
Our Mother of Perpetual Help:	Mass & Novena, Wednesdays, 7:30pm

DEVOTIONS

Weekly:	
Bible Study	Wed. 9:30 am (Kitchen)
Divine Mercy Chaplet:	Thurs, after morning Mass
In the Small Chapel:	
Legion of Mary	Tues 9:30am
Bible Study with a Difference	Thurs. 7:00pm
Charismatic Prayer Meeting	2nd & 3rd Fridays 7:00pm

Monthly:

Divine Mercy Cenacle	7:00pm, 2nd and 4th
Prayer Meeting	Mondays (Small Chapel)
Our Lady of Vailankanni	First Saturday 7:00pm
Sacred Heart	6:30pm 1st Friday
Enthronement (formal ceremony to make the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus as the King of the house), please contact: Cora Surla (510)676-2757; or Tessie Ricafort (510)825-5645	

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their attention. The text suggests that Jesus initially sided with the disciples. But then he recognized the strength of her faith. Many women, foreigners, or marginalized persons might identify with this woman's story. Sometimes faith means standing fast, in care for others or in fidelity to truth, even when it seems that no one supports you. Somehow, the woman recognized God's power and God's care within Jesus. And Jesus recognized that God was active within her, manifested in her commitment to her daughter. Jesus saw his Father's larger horizon of care for everyone, Jew and Gentile, within this faith-filled woman. JS Paluch

OTHER PARISH NEWS

Good News! **Our Lady of Guadalupe School** in Fremont has received approval to open an on-site Child Care Center for children 2.5 - 5 years old. Now taking applications for this nurturing, Christ-centered place, where children make new friends, connect with the environment and learn through play. All updated policies and safety protocols are in place to ensure the safest environment for the children in our care. Please call 510-657-1674 for more information.

Our Lady of Guadalupe School in Fremont is looking for a **part-time Bookkeeper** for the accurate operation of the main bookkeeping duties for the school including related reports and responsibilities as required by the school, Diocese, and governmental agencies. The main duties include fiscal, tuition, payroll, and employee benefit responsibilities. Qualification include confidentiality, two years of experience/training in bookkeeping, good organizational skills, ability to work independently, technology literacy (Microsoft applications, database software, etc.) and Spanish speaking. Interested candidates, please send a resume to sjtwellington@cuso.org.

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH OFFICE HOURS

M-F 9:00AM TO NOON, SUNDAY 9:30AM - 11:30AM

REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH

Warmest welcome to all who worship in our Community. If you are not registered in the Parish, please complete a registration form available at church entrance or at the Parish Office or drop the form below in the collection basket.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office when a parishioner is home-bound or hospitalized to arrange for Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick.

MARRIAGES AND BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance for weddings and 3 months in advance for Baptisms.

BAPTISMS

To have your child baptized, please **make an appointment** with Father Antony. Come to the St. James Parish office or call the Parish Office at 510-792-1962. For more details, please go to the Church website (Parish Info) or contact Marcial Vasco 650-303-7106.

Baptism Preparation/Training class: First Saturday of the month from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm in the Small Chapel.

Baptism Celebration: Last Saturday of the month 11:30am-12:30pm in the church

FUNERALS

We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services / Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and Holy Angels Funeral and Cremation Services. You may contact Shirley Aldana @ 510-537-6600 X 133.

MOTHER TERESA CENTER RESERVATIONS.

Call 510-999-5940, email MTC@sjapostle.net, or leave a message at the Parish Office at 510-792-1962. (No prices or quotes are given over the phone or in an e-mail.)



Fr. Antony Vazhappilly, Pastor
Ernie Dandan, Deacon

Welcome, New Members!

We encourage you to register in the parish so that you can receive communication via email or regular mail.

Registration information is essential for the office to respond to requests, send important parish and diocesan information and verify donations for tax purposes. If you need a letter of good standing to be a sponsor or Godparent for a baptism or marriage, registration is very important.

Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket and we will mail you a Parish Registration form. You can also find a registration form on the website (sjapostle.net) - Parish Info - Parish Membership.

Name

Address

Phone

Email



**MEET YOUR 2020 FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS
(ALL VOLUNTEERS) (L TO R):**

Patrick Valath, Resource
to Finance Council (Parish
Business Manager)
Joe Parrish
Paul Nacino
Lars Cabrera

Father Antony, Pastor
Minnie Soria
Ury Gonzalez
Minda Santos
(Bookkeeper) Not Shown

An essential part of every parish organization is the Parish Finance Council. Our Pastor Father Antony is the legal representative of this parish and is responsible for the administration of church property and finances. He is assisted by the Parish Finance Council which is composed of members of St. James parish. This relationship demonstrates the sense of church as communion - the members of the Finance Council become sharers in Christ's priestly, prophetic, and royal office in their own manner.

The purpose of the Finance Council:

1. Assist the Pastor in the administration of church goods, taking care that all assets are preserved and used for the purpose for which they were given. Offerings given by the faithful for a specified purpose may be used only for that purpose.
2. Assist the Pastor in keeping the financial administration of the parish in harmony with the mission of the church. All parish decisions affecting the financial status of the parish are to be done by the Pastor following consultation with the Finance Council.

Members of the Finance Council shall be known by the people of the parish. The members should be visible enough in the parish to be sought out by parishioners when they have subjects of concern. The most important duties of Finance Council members are being available to parishioners to entertain suggestions, answering questions that do not break the bond of confidentiality, and serving as liaisons between parishioners and the Pastor.

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