

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

915 12TH STREET | GREELEY, CO 80631 | 970-352-1060 X1 SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

	OBSERVANCES	READINGS	MASS INTENTIONS	CHURCH EVENTS
Sunday August 16	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 Matthew 15:21-28	7:00 AM Mary Blattner 9:00 AM DeMaio Family 11:00 AM +Mary Margaret Kauffman 6:00 PM Alyzsa Vega	8AM - 11:30AM Gift Shop Open
Monday August 17		Ezekiel 24:15-24 Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20, 21 Matthew 19:16-22	12:10 PM +Theresa Weiderspon	11AM - 1PM Gift Shop Open 1PM - 3PM - Food Pantry - School
Tuesday August 18		Ezekiel 28:1-10 Deuteronomy 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab Matthew 19:23-30	12:10 PM +Xavier Malkowski	11AM - 1PM Gift Shop Open
Wednesday August 19	St. John Eudes, Priest	Ezekiel 34:1-11 Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Matthew 20:1-16	12:10 PM +Ruby Guerrero	11AM - 1PM Gift Shop Open 11:30AM Confessions - Parish Hall
Thursday August 20	St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	Ezekiel 36:23-28 Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 Matthew 22:1-14	12:10 PM +Alexander Jay and +William Leroy Stortenbecker	11AM - 1PM Gift Shop Open 1PM - 3PM - Food Pantry - School
Friday August 21	St. Pius X, Pope	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Matthew 22:34-40	12:10 PM Poor Souls in Purgatory	
Saturday August 22	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Ezekiel 43:1-7ab Psalm 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Matthew 23:1-12	9:00 AM +Alicia Manriquez 4:00 PM +Herb Friedl	2:00 PM Confessions - Main Church
Sunday August 23	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Isaiah 22:19-23 Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8	Romans 11:33-36 Matthew 16:13-20	

ST. PETER'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
THROUGH AUGUST 28TH

Space is limited - register today!

Bring your child's Baptism certificate
and register in the office.

Questions: Call Justyna (970) 939-5872

2nd Grade

- Sundays 8am – 8:45am in the Parish Hall Basement
- 2 year program
- Preparation for Confirmation and Communion

3rd - 12th Grade

- Sundays 8am – 8:45 am in the Church Basement
- Second and Fourth Sunday of the month
- 2 year program for Confirmation and Communion
- 1 year program for Confirmation only

RCIA - Sacramental preparation for Adults

- Sundays 9am – 9:45 am in the Church Basement
- Preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and Communion
- If you are already baptized Catholic you may complete your sacraments of initiation

RCIC - for children 7 and older who are not baptized

- Sundays 9am – 9:45am in the Parish Hall Basement
- 2 year program
- Preparation for baptism, Confirmation and Communion
- Parent/Guardian must attend class with child

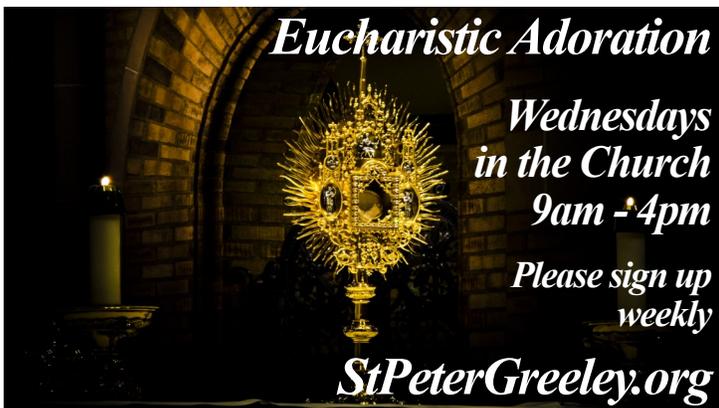
ST. PETER FOOD PANTRY

We are in need of the following items

Mac & Cheese Small Shampoos Fruit cups
Peanut Butter Snack pack pudding Rice

We are always grateful for fresh garden produce.

Thank you for your continued generosity!



DENVER CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL



All classes this year are offered ONLINE.

Classes will be LIVE instruction offered at 8 different times during the week. The times are 9-11 AM or 7-9 PM Monday through Thursday. Students will be able to choose one of the 8 convenient times available.

St. Jerome tells us that ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ. So, if you want your knowledge of Christ to increase, come to the Biblical School to get to know the Scriptures better!

UPCOMING INFO SESSIONS AT ST. PETER

Aug 17th and Aug 31st at 9:30 AM

Come hear a sample lesson and learn more!

Call Justyna for more information 970-939-5872

Thank you

Despite constraints related to the coronavirus pandemic, parishioners of St. Peter Catholic Church generously donated over \$5,534 this past Lenten season to the Guadalupe Community Center.

Lenten Box donations helped fund emergency Cold Weather Shelter operations which were extended to comply with the governor's initial "Stay-at-Home" directive. Our homeless neighbors were provided an additional 14-nights of shelter as our community faced an unprecedented health crisis.

The Lenten penitential practice of almsgiving, the corporal works of mercy that include feeding the hungry and sheltering the homeless, is clearly apparent through the unswerving support of St. Peter's parishioners.

If you still have a giving box at home or wish to make a donation —you are welcomed to bring it to the parish office. These funds will help us create a jump start to supporting the 2020 – 2021 Cold Weather Shelter cost!

Thank you for helping provide a safe warm space for those experiencing homelessness. With your generosity we can make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

~ God Bless

Guadalupe Community Center

Emita Kearns-Hout Steve McLaughlin

PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO ADD SOMEONE TO THE PRAYER LIST

(Names that have been on the list for 6 months have been removed)

Chris Aughe, +Michael Barker, Staci Behne, Leonora Boccock, +Harold Bohm, Luce Bonar, Kathyne Bonar, Mary Ellen and +Dick Budd, Corrina Cantrell, +Maria del Carmen Rodriguez, Frani Castaneda, Heidi Gaiser, Steve Garcia, Victor Garcia, Merle Gaspers, Jeanette Gau-Moore, +Mark Gonsior, Denise Gustafson, Henry Hernandez, Margaret Hernandez, +Mary Margaret Kauffman, Carolyn Lafferty, +Virgil Landretti, Manuel Martinez, John McGuire, Cam McKenney, Rob Minner, Peter Mongan, Donna Olson, Carmen and Alvin Padilla, Carlos Pena, +Michael Prieto, Tony Quigley, Joel Redman, Junior Rodriguez, Ryan Ruppel, +Mike Ruzyla, Kendall Scheiderer, Tyson Schaffer, Mildred Skonksner, Bob and Lorene Steele, Daniel Torres, Geraldine Williams

NO 6PM MASS AT ST. PETER AUGUST 23RD AND AUGUST 30TH

The 6pm Mass will be celebrated
at the UNC Campus Garden Theatre

(West of the 8th Ave. / 18th Street intersection)

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11TH ANNUAL BEAR CATHOLIC GOLF TOURNAMENT



Saturday, September 12th, 2020

WHEN: 8AM START

WHERE: BOOMERANG LINKS, GREELEY, CO

PLAY: 4-BALL SCRAMBLE

Registration - www.stpetergreeley.org

Ask about our socially distant option!

Call Michael 303-386-2459

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Monday — Thursday 11am - 1pm

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Fr. Tomasz's Weekly Reflection

Today the Gospel tells us the story of a mother. One can probably write an interesting book or at least an essay about any mother. Motherhood is fascinating, because it transcends the natural human abilities. And the woman in today's Gospel, the Canaanite woman, presents to us one of the aspects of motherhood: a great wisdom. On the surface it may seem that it's all about the faith: she had a great faith, believed that life depends not only on us, but above all on God, Jesus praised her faith in front of the apostles. However, I'd like to focus on her wisdom today.

There is something strange and at the same time surprising in Jesus' conduct in today's Gospel. The Canaanites, the people who originally inhabited the land of Israel, were in the Old Testament a representation of strangers, a people God warned the Israelites about, pagans who shouldn't be allowed to mingle with the Chosen Nation, who were to be engaged in a fight and exterminated. You can say that they were an image of sin or evil. However, this particular woman approaches Jesus and engages Him in a conversation, and to the surprise of his disciples, Jesus does not reject her automatically.

This Canaanite woman, burdened with the suffering of her daughter, continues to seek a solution to her problem. When we face life issues and difficulties, we wonder who we should turn to. People choose different paths, various directions. Some visit the offices of psychologists and psychoanalysts, some meet their friends in confidence, telling them about their troubles, mistakes and life failures. It is always easier when we share the trouble with others. But what is the best option?

For a disciple of Jesus, He is the most appropriate one. The attitude of a Canaanite woman is an attitude of desperation. There is a Polish saying that the drowning man grabs even onto the blade of a razor, which could be expressed in English, that the drowning man clutches at straws. There is nothing left to lose. Sin has such strength that it puts us against the wall, especially when it remains on conscience for a long time. While in case of this woman, the affliction is an experience of her daughter, she is the one who seeks help, and has already extinguished all other options, and in her desperate wisdom, she decides to overcome the human limitations, the obstacles present between the hostile nations, because she recognizes that the One she begs for help would not only be able help her, but also will not refuse her request.

The Canaanite woman's life situation requires such an attitude, and although initially Jesus does not express too much of an interest in her person and the problems she is experiencing, her consistency in asking for the healing of her daughter, her persistence and the wisdom with which she responded to Jesus' words, do not allow the Master of Nazareth to remain indifferent. Christ emphasizes the greatness of the Canaanite woman's faith, but we cannot overlook the fact that it was the wise response to Jesus' comment that made Him recognize her. It is her wisdom that made Jesus stop and look at her, and see what eyes cannot see: *O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.*

The wisdom of the Canaanite woman becomes an instrument that helps her approach Jesus, to patiently ask for His mercy - even in humanly hopeless situations.

Spiritual Adoption

Your adopted child is 5 Months old:

Half-way there and just over one pound! If born today, I would have a chance of surviving... with lots of help, of course. Your prayers have helped my mother with her pregnancy and helped her seek the support she needed the past few months since she learned about me.

"See now that I myself am He! There is no god besides me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand."

Deuteronomy 32:39

**"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much.
I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby
that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."**

- Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Please continue to pray for an unborn child and to pray daily for the child and for their parents and to offer a daily personal sacrifice. Your prayer can make a difference between whether a baby will be born... or aborted. Our prayers are a form of spiritual support for both of the parents. Please share the love of life given to you by the Lord of all life and join in spiritually adopting a baby.

