

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH, WELLAND

~ 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ AUGUST 20th, 2023

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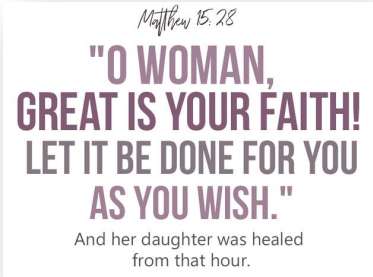


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Tuesday & Friday
 10:00am to 2:00pm
*(Please call before
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"... the woman, quick, anguished, responds: "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table" (v. 27). And with these words, that mother shows that



she has perceived the goodness of the Most High God present in Jesus who is open to any of His creatures necessities. And this wisdom, filled with trust, touches Jesus's heart and provokes words of admiration: "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish" (v. 28). What type of faith is great? Great faith is that which brings its own story, marked even by wounds, and brings it to the Lord's feet asking Him to heal them, to give them meaning. Each one of us has our own story and it is not always a story "of export", it is not always a clean story... Many times it is a difficult story, with a lot of pain, many misfortunes and many sins. 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!" This is what this woman teaches us, this wonderful mother: the courage to bring our own painful story before God, before Jesus, to touch God's tenderness, Jesus's tenderness. Let's try this story, this prayer: let each one of us think of his or her own story. There are always ugly things in a story, always. Let us go to Jesus, knock on Jesus's heart and say to Him: "Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!" And we can do this if we always have the face of Jesus before us, if we understand what Christ's heart is like, what Jesus's heart is like: a heart that feels compassion, that bears our pains, that bears our sins, our mistakes, our failures. But it is a heart that love us like that, as we are, without make-up: He loves us like that. "Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!" This is why it is necessary to understand Jesus, to be familiar with Jesus. I always go back to the advice that I give you: always carry a small pocket-size Gospel and read a passage every day. There you will find Jesus as He is, as He presents Himself; you will find Jesus who loves us, who loves us a lot, who tremendously wants our well-being. Let us remember the prayer: "Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!" A beautiful prayer. Carry the Gospel: in your purse, in your pocket and even on your mobile phone, to look at. May the Lord help us, all of us, to pray this beautiful prayer, that a pagan woman teaches us: not a Christian woman, not a Jewish woman, a pagan woman..."

-Pope Francis

TO BOOK A MASS: Kindly take a Mass Request envelope at the back of the Church

JOIN US TO PRAY THE ROSARY 20 MINUTES BEFORE EVERY WEEKDAY MASS

Mass Schedule & Intentions - August 19th to 27th, 2023

SATURDAY AUGUST 19th - 5.00pm

Fidalma & Concezio Di Pirro by great grandchildren
 Flora Chiocchio by Teresa Chiocchio
 Sts. Joachim & Anne by G. Pang
 Teresa Renna by Saverio & Theresa Angi

SUNDAY AUGUST 20th - 9.00am (20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

Brenda Palewandrem by Franca Sdao
 Jerry Beattie by Connie & George Poll
 Maria Santoro by husband
 Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Taylor by David Fox
11.00am - for all your intentions

TUESDAY AUGUST 22nd - 5.00pm -MASS & ADORATION-

For the Immaculate Heart of Mary by G. Pang

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 23rd - 9.00am

Flavia & Pietro Cercone by family

THURSDAY AUGUST 24th - 5.00pm -MASS & ADORATION-

Almerinda & Concezio De Chellis by great grandchildren

FRIDAY AUGUST 25th - 9.00am

Deceased members of the Visi family by Magda Visi

SATURDAY AUGUST 26th - 5.00pm

Alba Nobile by sister Franca Sado
 Antonio & Giuseppina Gallo by family
 Elena & Gabriele Labricciosa by
 Joe & Lidia Labricciosa
 Maria Nancy & Mike Fazari by Teresa Angi & Angelo Fazari
 Wellbeing of Irene Bissonnette by Irene & Len Aubertin

SUNDAY AUGUST 27th - 9.00am (21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

Ennia Silvestri by family
 Gordon Swift by George & Connie Poll
 Pietro & Teresina Montemurro by Ines Mauro
 Rosina & Francesco De Chellis by grandchildren
11.00am - for all your intentions

May God be
 gracious to us
 and bless us
 and make his
 face shine on us.

-Psalm 67:1



We will be celebrating
 anointing of the sick
 with all Masses on
 Aug.26/27 weekend

