

# SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## AUGUST 16, 2020



While Jesus was speaking, a woman from the crowd called out and said to him,

“Blessed is the womb that carried you and the breasts at which you nursed.”

He replied,

“Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.”

Luke 11: 27-28

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### Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday: 7:30 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M.  
Monday & Friday 5:30 P.M.  
Tuesday - Thursday 7:00 A.M.

### Spanish Mass:

*Resurrection Parish, Lexington*

All Masses are cancelled until further notice.

### Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 A.M.- 2:00 P.M.  
Saturday and Sunday: Closed

### Pastoral Care Contacts:

Ms. Kristi Reindl 419.524.2572  
*Hospital & Follow-up  
Nursing Homes/Assisted Living &  
Prayer Pipeline*  
Deacon John Reef 419.529.3694  
*Shut-ins/Homebound*

### Sacrament of Baptism:

Please contact the Parish Center to begin plans for the baptism of your baby or child.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:00 - 4:30 P.M.  
Other times by appointment.

### Sacrament of Marriage:

Arrangements should always be made at the **Parish Center office at least eight months** in advance of the ceremony. A wedding date is confirmed after the initial meeting with a priest.

### Bulletin Deadline:

Friday, 12:00 noon. All requests must be submitted in writing or email and must receive prior approval.

### Parish Administrative Assistant:

Ms. Kristi Reindl 419.524.2572 ext.2122

### Pastoral Staff:

Fr. Gregory R. Hite, *Pastor*  
Fr. Kevin Moebius, *Parochial Vicar*  
Mr. Bill Johnson,  
*Director of Music & Liturgy*  
Ms. Lynne Lukach, *Pastoral Associate*  
Mrs. Elizabeth Wurm, *Director of  
Religious Ed. & Youth Minister*

### Deacon:

Mr. John Reef

### St. Peter's School:

Mr. Jonathan Cuttitta  
*High School, Jr. High School*  
Mrs. Ashley Rastorfer  
*Elementary School and Montessori*

### Parish Business Manager:

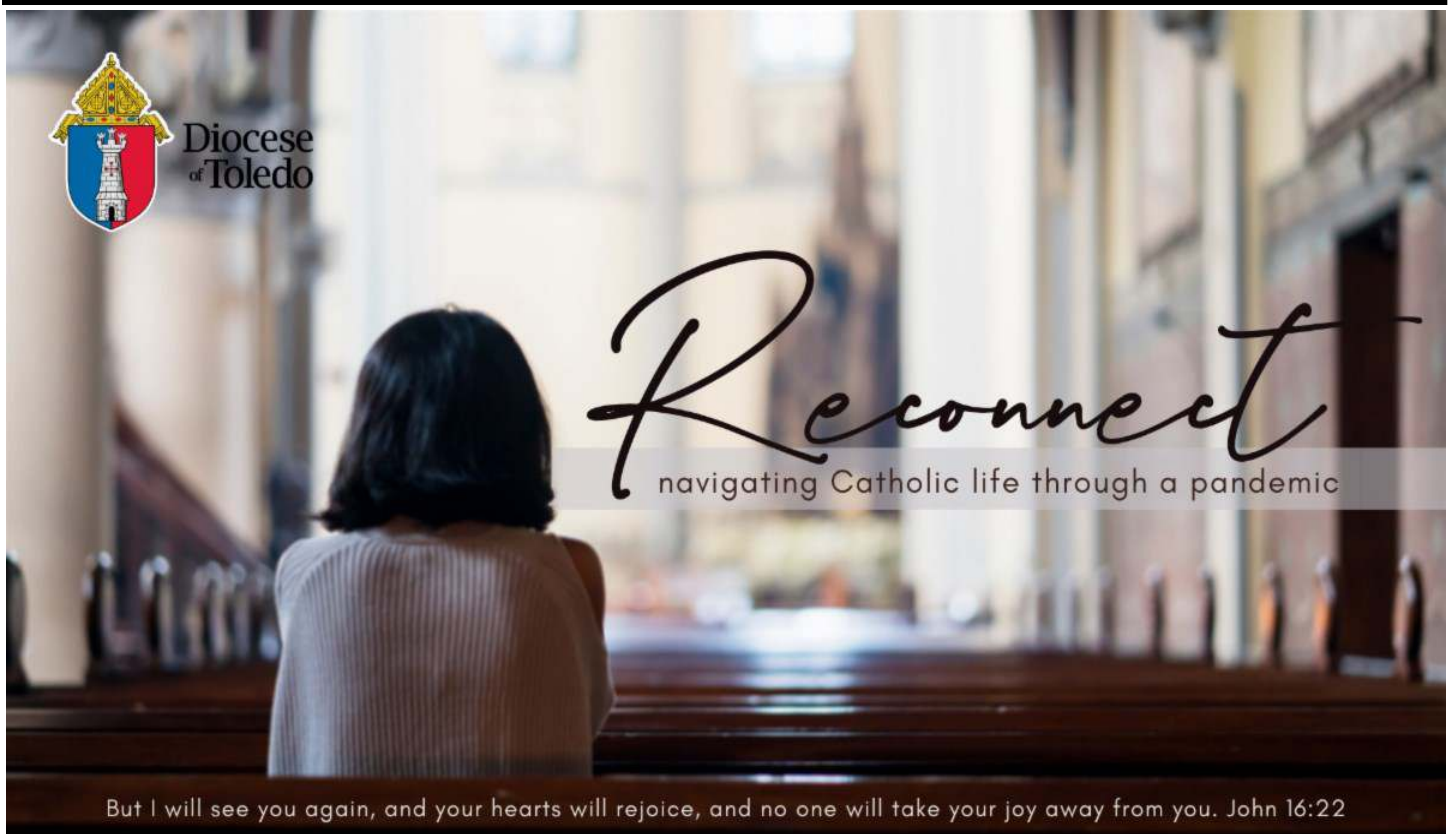
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### Director of Development:

Mr. Jason Crundwell

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## Introducing the Reconnect Campaign & Website

We are launching a campaign called *Reconnect* to assist parishes and the faithful as we continue to navigate Catholic life during COVID-19 and through the next phases of re-opening. One part of the campaign is a website with resources for parishes and the public. [ReconnectToledo.org](https://ReconnectToledo.org) has resources to help the faithful, including spiritual resources and good news stories. Another portion of the website is resources for parishes. These will continue to be populated with information in the upcoming week.

If you have any questions about the Reconnect campaign, website, or general social media/Communications questions, please contact [alust@toledodiocese.org](mailto:alust@toledodiocese.org).

RICHLAND COUNTY IS NOW UNDER AN  
"ORANGE LEVEL" FOR THE COVID-19 VIRUS, BUT  
THE STATE OF OHIO IS STILL UNDER  
MANDATORY MASK WEARING ORDERS

WE RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT ALL WHO COME TO  
WORSHIP WITH US  
WEAR A MASK OR FACIAL COVERING, USE  
HAND SANITIZER,  
AND RESPECT SOCIAL DISTANCING OF 6  
FEET.

IF YOU ARE NOT COMFORTABLE WEARING A  
MASK, WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE WATCH MASS  
IN THE CHURCH BASEMENT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL DURING THIS TIME OF  
PANDEMIC!

MARY, HELP OF THE SICK, PRAY FOR US!

*FATHER HITE, PASTOR*

“Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.” Jesus could never refuse a request like that! It was so filled with faith (after all, the woman in today’s gospel did honor him with the title, “Lord”) that he could only respond with a great miracle. The woman’s daughter got better from that moment. The woman’s faith (and persistence) was acknowledged by an act of compassion.

The gospels these past few Sundays have focused on “*the call to faith.*” As you reflect on your own experience, don’t you find that your faith is challenged at times? I do! We look for answers, but don’t seem to find them easily enough. We hope for resolution to the challenges of each day and they don’t seem to come completely enough. We look for rest for our weary souls; or relief from our illness, incapacity or disease, and wonder if God is really listening to our prayer and petition.

I continue to draw strength from the pains, struggles, and human sufferings (physical and emotional) that I witness in the faithful of our parish. Your endurance and faith strengthens my faith!

Here is a spiritual reflection by St. Augustine that may help your faith.

“There are days when the burdens we carry  
Chafe our shoulders and wear us down,  
When the road seems dreary and endless,  
The skies gray with threatening;  
When our lives have no music in them,  
And our hearts are lonely,  
And our souls have lost their courage.  
Flood the path with light,  
We beseech thee, O Lord;  
Turn our eyes  
To where the heavens are full of promise!”



*Father Gregory Hite*  
*Pastor*

**MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, August 17 *Weekday*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Rev. Chris Bazar

Tuesday, August 18 *Weekday*

7:00 am Parish

Wednesday, August 19 *Weekday*

7:00 am James R. Blank

Thursday, August 20 *Saint Bernard, Abbot*

7:00 am Rev. Tony Borgia

Friday, August 21 *Saint Pius X, Pope*

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Ralph Ruhl

Saturday, August 22 *Vigil of the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 pm Jess Allred

Sunday, August 23 *Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am Parish

9:30 am Angela Oriol

11:30 am Sharon Berger

**THANK YOU**

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish during this pandemic. Every sacrificial gift is accepted in the Lord's eyes.

**Please remember to include our parish in your estate planning.**



## SAVE THE DATE

### 2020 Diocesan Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries



Congratulations on your milestone wedding anniversary! The Diocese of Toledo will honor you and other couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60-plus years of marriage at a mass celebrated by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas on Sunday, October 25th, at 3:00 pm, at Rosary Cathedral, 2535 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo. Thank you for your witness to the Sacrament of Marriage.

Every registering couple is guaranteed an anniversary certificate.

For more information regarding this event and to register please visit [www.toledoanniversarymass.org](http://www.toledoanniversarymass.org) or contact Alice Jacobs [ajacobs@toledodiocese.org](mailto:ajacobs@toledodiocese.org) 419-214-4978.

**GRATITUDE**

O Thou who has given us so much, mercifully grant us one thing more—a grateful heart.

—George Herbert

**GOOD EXAMPLE**

A faithful Christian, illumined by the rays of grace like a crystal, ought to illumine his neighbor with the light of good example, through word and deed.

—St. Anthony

**PSALM 23**

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack.  
In green pastures he makes me lie down;  
to still waters he leads me; he restores my soul.  
He guides me along right paths for the sake of his name.  
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff comfort me.  
You set a table before me in front of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Indeed, goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of the LORD for endless days.

*New American Bible/USCCB*



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

Bill Ruhl, Jeannie Burkhalter, Aaron Blank, Cindy Lassen, Dina Riley, Eliana Nelson, MaKaya Butler, Sharon Valdry, Maria Loschinkohl, John Ziegler, Marlene Ziegler, Dorothy Trinter, JoAnn Marbaugh, Gwen Yockey, Mary Ann and Mel Switzer, Louise Steggall, Tammy Dudley, Keith Combs, Mady Ziegler, Elaine Johnson, Cindy Jasnek Cartier, Jeannine Klotz, Marilyn B. Williamson, Tom Powell, Chief Master Sergeant Joseph Basting, Peggy Basting Taylor, Kathy Carcione, Carol Pittenger, Jill McMillen, Gary Caldwell, Jeffrey Davis, Willie "Frank" Williams, Catherine R. Liston, Pius Schell, Krista Marshall, Maggie Caldwell, Michael Davis, Michael Krempel, Marilyn Miller, Rose Saul, Charlene Arthur, Alan Gallaway, Marty Moritz, Logan Page, Maxine Shannon, Gracie Shannon, Pam Schopieray, Jacob Randall, Ed Voytko, Joe Mollica.

Names will only be listed for 4 weeks. If you wish to have additional time, contact the Parish Center at 419.524.2572.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRIES OF ST. PETER'S PARISH BY MAILING IN YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPES OR VISITING THE WEBSITE, [WWW.MANSFIELDSTPETERS.ORG](http://WWW.MANSFIELDSTPETERS.ORG), TO LEARN ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT DURING THESE DIFFICULT DAYS!**

**PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS**

Regular Parish summer office hours will be from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Beginning Monday, September 8, our regular office hours will be Monday through Friday 8:00 AM—6:00 PM. We respectfully request that all business that can be done by phone continue in that manner, and ask, as well, that all visitors to our parish offices demonstrate social distancing guidelines and please wear a mask or face covering.

**IN GOD'S ARMS...**

Walter "Walt" Maurer      Geraldine Musille

*ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD.*



**FOR ALL OF THE CURRENT IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ST. PETERS PARISH OPERATIONS DURING THESE TROUBLED TIMES, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:**

**[WWW.MANSFIELDSTPETERS.ORG](http://WWW.MANSFIELDSTPETERS.ORG)**

**THERE YOU WILL ALSO FIND DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS FOR USE AT HOME FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.**



**RECYCLING—NEXT DATE: AUGUST 14, 2020**

**FOOD COLLECTION: August 15 & 16**

**PRISON MINISTRY CORNER**

Please keep our brothers at Mansfield Correctional and Richland Correctional, as well as the staff and administration and all who work in correctional institutions, in prayer as this trying time continues. Religious services or even opportunities to meet with inmates one-on-one are not permitted at this time. Our Parish Prison Ministry team looks forward to the day we can return to ManCI and RiCI and resume some level of religious services. For now, our brothers are grateful for the televised Mass and for the monthly devotionals and letters of encouragement and prayer they are receiving regularly. Please do NOT drop off plastic bags at the parish center until further notice.

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

*Year to Date  
July 31, 2020*

**Sunday and Holy Day Collections**

Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$63,171
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$71,000
<b>Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$7,829)</b>

**School Collection**

Total School Collection To Date:	\$7,561
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$12,000
<b>School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$4,439)</b>

## SCHOOL AND PSR DONATIONS

As we look forward to the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year and PSR, we would like to ask for donations of face masks, hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes and bottled water. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Center office Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Evan Mumea at 419.524.2572 ext. 2104 or [Mumea.evan@myspartans.org](mailto:Mumea.evan@myspartans.org), or Elizabeth Wurm at 419.524.2572 ext. 2114 or [wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org](mailto:wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org). Thank you on behalf of our students, faculty, staff and PSR students.

## SACRAMENT REGISTRATION

Registrations are being accepted right now until the end of August for those who are anticipating receiving the Sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation. First Eucharist generally takes place in the second grade while those preparing for Confirmation start the preparation process in the seventh grade. If you have a child who is anticipating these sacraments, please contact Elizabeth Wurm at [wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org](mailto:wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org) to register them today.

## AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR BISHOP THOMAS

Bishop Daniel E. Thomas has asked us to let you know that you continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice. Bishop Thomas writes, "Together with the Bishops of Ohio and our priests, I will continue to reassess the continuance of the dispensation. Those who are elderly, sick, or in a high risk category should be reminded and strongly encouraged to refrain from attending Mass out of concern for their own well-being and out of Christian charity for others."

## RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Usually, those who express interest in becoming Catholic start to give it more serious consideration during the summer since RCIA "normally" begins meeting in the fall. As with gatherings of other parish groups and ministries, we do not know what form RCIA will take this coming year. We may need to combine less frequent congregate sessions (maintaining safe distancing) with more frequent use of other means, such as online access to resources, zoom meetings, etc. Please do not let any of the changes in format prevent you - or a loved one - from inquiring! If the Holy Spirit is moving you toward RCIA, please act on that inspiration! Contact Lynne at the Parish Center 4195242572 / [lukach.lynne@myspartans.org](mailto:lukach.lynne@myspartans.org) to begin the process.

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

The 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign is underway with a campaign goal of \$3 million. We can assure the continued existence of many important programs that help tens of thousands in our Diocese each year; education of our seminary students, care of the sick and needy are among them. We ask you once again for your help; we have to work together. Please respond generously when you are asked to make your pledge. Thank you for your attention and thank you for being my parish family. For more information, visit the Diocesan website at [Toledodiocese.org/ACA](http://Toledodiocese.org/ACA). Your pledge may be sent to: Annual Catholic Appeal, Diocese of Toledo, 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, 43604.

Our parish goal is \$55,00.00 so far we are at \$39,258.10 with pledges from 284 households or 71.38%. Thank you for your support of our diocesan ministries and the help you provide to our seminarians and deacons who are in formation to serve our parish's future. Through your generosity, 4 men were ordained to the priesthood on June 27, 2020, and we **WELCOME FR. KEVIN MOEBIUS** to our parish. **YOUR PLEDGE** to the Annual Catholic Appeal helped to make this possible! Thank You!

## A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

Good and gracious God,

Even in the midst of these troubling times, you continue to reveal your loving presence in the communal life of our parish.

Help us to see your active presence in our parish family, a community where peace, love and fellowship will prevail. May it be truly prayerful, intensely Eucharistic, and deeply joyful.

Teach us how to be good stewards of our parish family even during these times of stress and anxiety, distance and isolation.

By the power of the Holy Spirit make our hearts humble and compassionate so that we may carry out our responsibilities to our parish family in a just and holy manner.

And through your Spirit, may we love one another as you love each of us, as sisters and brothers who gather around the Eucharistic table, an authentically holy, Catholic community, working together to hasten our Kingdom.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen



### BUSINESS MANAGER

The Business Manager is responsible for the efficient and effective administration of the parish financial, capital and human resources department. Interested candidates must possess a background in accounting and finance and have 5 years of experience managing cross-functional groups. Candidates must also complete the Diocese of Toledo Virtus training and pass an FBI/BCI background check. Candidates may send their resume to John Kastelic, Finance Council Chairman ([jjkastelic40@gmail.com](mailto:jjkastelic40@gmail.com)).

### SCHOOL NURSE

St. Peter's School is seeking candidates for the part-time position of School Nurse. The Nurse is responsible for the hands on medical care of all students, K – 12, and all associated health records/plans. The School Nurse will report to the Elementary and High School Principals, and also participate in the meeting of the Safety Committee on a regular basis. Qualified candidates will hold a current RN license from the State of Ohio as well as any other certifications as required by the Ohio Department of Education. Candidates must also complete the Diocese of Toledo Virtus training and pass an FBI/BCI background check. Interested candidates may send their resume to both Ashley Rastorfer, Elementary School Principal ([rastorfer.ashley@myspartans.org](mailto:rastorfer.ashley@myspartans.org)) and Jon Cuttitta, High School Principal ([cuttitta.jon@myspartans.org](mailto:cuttitta.jon@myspartans.org)).

### CAFETERIA CASHIER

The St. Peter's School cafeteria is seeking candidates for the part-time position of cashier. Qualified candidates will have prior food service industry experience and be able to perform physical duties including restocking dry storage inventory, various cleaning activities, and cash register operation. Candidates must also complete the Diocese of Toledo Virtus training and pass an FBI/BCI background check. In order to be considered for the position, please email your resume to [chuck.brenda@myspartans.org](mailto:chuck.brenda@myspartans.org).

### JOB OPENING ELEMENTARY PART-TIME TITLE I READING TEACHER

St. Peter's elementary school is seeking a part-time Title I reading teacher. The preferred candidate must hold a valid Elementary teaching license. Candidates must also complete the Diocese of Toledo Virtus training and pass an FBI/BCI background check.

Interested candidates should send their resumes to Ashley Rastorfer at [rastorfer.ashley@myspartans.org](mailto:rastorfer.ashley@myspartans.org).

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES - DIOCESE OF TOLEDO (MANSFIELD)

is seeking a part-time Office Assistant for the Mansfield Regional Office.

Duties include: Provides office support to the Regional Director and office personnel; perform general office duties including creating correspondence, filing, assisting with spreadsheets and data maintenance, assisting with mailings, processing incoming mail; greets guests and assists incoming callers; directs inquiries to the appropriate resources.

Qualifications: Candidate must have high school degree or GED; at least 1-3 years of experience in an office setting preferred; proficiency with Microsoft Excel, Word and PowerPoint; solid verbal and written communication skills and basic business math skills; high level of attention to quality, detail and customer service; ability to work with diverse groups of people; may need to regularly lift and move up to 50 pounds; must successfully pass background check.

*Catholic Charities serves the poor, speaks out for and assists the neglected and forgotten, while respecting and promoting life from beginning to end and nurturing and supporting individuals and families. Please submit a resume to: [ytertel@toledodiocese.org](mailto:ytertel@toledodiocese.org).*





## NOW IS THE TIME TO TAKE A SECOND LOOK AT ST. PETER'S SCHOOL!



Do you have concerns about your public school's roadmap for the upcoming school year?

St. Peter's School is offering parents the option of in-person or virtual learning environments for the 2020-21 school year. Our dedicated faculty and staff will continue to provide a high-quality Catholic education with strong morals and values. Our investment in technology allows us to give an iPad to every student enrolled in our school.

Our small class sizes allow us to provide ample social distancing in the classroom. Also, to maintain a safe and healthy environment, class sizes are being capped -- so there is limited space in some grades.

Beyond the classroom, you and your children will become part of the Spartan Family -- a family that helps to create bonds that last a lifetime. Our graduates excel in life, doing great things all over the country and beyond.

Are you worried about the cost of tuition? *St. Peter's School is committed to making Catholic school affordable to Catholic families who actively participate in the practice of their faith. Financial aid is available.*

Pope Francis says Catholic education gives soul to our globalized world and radiates the promise of Christian salvation.

Learn more about our **Restart Smart COVID-19** plans on our website at [restartsmart.org](http://restartsmart.org). If you want to learn more about our programs or to enroll your child this fall, please contact **Ashley Rastorfer** 419-524-2572 x3101 (Elementary/Montessori) or **Jon Cuttitta** x4101 (High School/Junior High).

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## WHY PRAY?

The “foreigners” as Isaiah calls them, the “Gentiles” as Paul calls them, or the “Canaanites” as Matthew calls them are called to worship the one true God in prayer. As we listen to today's readings, perhaps we are tempted to ask: Why pray? The question is rhetorical; it is tantamount to asking why should friends talk to one another or people in love kiss one another. Prayer is a way of relating to God, a way of talking to God. The apostles had the opportunity to talk to Jesus in the flesh. We have the opportunity to talk to Jesus Christ in prayer. Our relationship with him must be enthusiastic; it cannot be faint-hearted. John Donne, a fifteenth-century poet, knew what the qualities of good prayer were. Donne asks God to treat him differently from most Christians. The poet does not want God to merely “knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend,” but also to “break, blow, burn, and make me new” (Holy Sonnets, XIV). It takes a dynamic faith on our part to come to God in prayer. As Jesus once said, “Knock and the door will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7). It may take pounding the door down, but if we are as persistent as the woman in today's Gospel, the results will follow. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## SAINT PIUS X (1835-1914)

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Presidential vetoes we understand. But imagine vetoing a papal election! Yet in the conclave of 1903, the Archbishop of Cracow (ironically, a predecessor in that office of Karol Wojtyla, the future John Paul II) vetoed the leading candidate on the order of the Austro-Hungarian emperor. Instead, the cardinals elected Giuseppe Sarto of Venice as Pius X, the first pope, after a succession of nobles and diplomats, to hail from humble origins. Nor did the papacy alter his endearing simplicity. Tailors eventually made his cassock cuffs detachable because he absentmindedly wiped his fountain pen on them, forgetting that his old black cassock had been replaced by papal white! Taking as his motto “To restore all things in Christ” (Ephesians 1:10), Pius condemned the theological innovations called “modernism,” yet dramatically altered the then-common practice whereby people rarely received Communion for fear of unworthiness, mandating early First Communion and urging everyone to frequent reception. Refusing to bless troops assembled in Saint Peter's Square—“I bless peace, not war!”—he died brokenhearted as World War I engulfed Christian Europe despite his peacemaking efforts.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Thus says the LORD: “Stand firm in justice; do what is right” (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

**Psalm** — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

**Second Reading** — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

**Gospel** — Recognizing the Canaanite woman's great faith, Jesus told her, “It shall be done as you wish” (Matthew 15:21-28).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

**This Weeks Cover Art:** *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary window in our church.*