

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 14, 2005

*Observe what is right, do what is just;
for my salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be revealed.
Isaiah 56:1*

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

An old adage scolds, "Beggars can't be choosers!". On the surface those four little words seems obvious and harmless. Yet, in taken to heart they can demean and destroy the human spirit. Today's Gospel turns that superficial logic inside out and shows us that—with God—beggars can be choosers.



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The Gospel speaks to those who feel they deserve worse than others. The Canaanite woman is held up as a model to imitate, not someone to be scorned and rejected. We are encouraged never again to let feelings of unworthiness convince us that our

needs don't deserve a hearing, respect, and a response.

In the silence of our hearts, let us ask God to show us one or more ways that we may be called to respond to this week's scriptures—in our relationship with God—with family and friends—at work or church—in the broader community.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

One of the more notable activities of the Lord's public life was healing the sick. Healing was one of the explicit ministries entrusted to the 72 disciples when they went on mission. Communal services that celebrate God's healing mercy experienced through the sacrament of anointing the sick call to mind, for both the sick and the well, the healing power of God's love and the challenge for each of us to be instruments of healing in the midst of so much suffering in our fragile world.

We hope that all who suffer serious illness, those who are elderly, and anyone about to have surgery will come to receive the Anointing of the Sick **on Saturday, August 20th at the 5:30 p.m. Mass.** Please arrive by 5:15 p.m. and sit in the places reserved for you at the front of the church.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
Regular weekday mass at 8:00 a.m.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING TODAY

We will have Blood Pressure Screening available to all parishioners after the 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses in classroom # 1. all are welcome!!

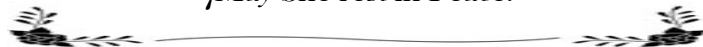
ST. MATTHEW'S FEAST CELEBRATION

This year we will be celebrating our Patron Saint St. Matthew's Feast on Sunday September 18th. We want to see this celebration as an opportunity to built our Parish as One Body. Both English speaking and Spanish speaking parishioners will be working together to make this Celebration a total Success. That Sunday we'll have special Liturgies and A Kermes/Fiesta in the afternoon. As a fundraiser activity we'll have a Raffle. The Big Prizes will include: A laptop computer—A Digital Camera—An I-Pod—and \$ 400.00 Dollars (Cash). All these prizes can be yours for only a \$ 3:00 Dollars ticket!!! Come and get them!

Look for the sign: "Fiesta/Kermes Raffle Tickets", where you can buy your tickets after all our weekend masses.



*Special Prayers for Sharon Winters
(Cathy's Fitzpatrick Sister, who passed away
last Sunday).
;May She rest in Peace!*



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First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23
Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20