

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY AUGUST 19  
4:00 PM  
+ JUDGE JAMES PATTERSON  
SUNDAY AUGUST 20  
8:30 AM  
LOU & BETTY LARTIGUE  
11:00 AM  
JOHN & MARY WACKER MARRIAGE RENEWAL

TUESDAY AUGUST 22  
8:00 AM  
+ ALBERT HIGGS  
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 23  
8:00 AM  
+ VIRGINIA HIGGS  
THURSDAY AUGUST 24  
8:00 AM  
+RIP  
MALLINI  
FRIDAY AUGUST 25  
8:00 AM  
+ RIP  
MALLINI  
SATURDAY AUGUST 26  
4:00 PM DIANE WARD  
SPECIAL INTENTIONS  
SUNDAY AUGUST 27  
8:30 AM  
MALCOLM 'CULLEY'  
BIRTHDAY  
SHANNA BOONE  
HEALTH & HEALING

11:00 AM  
LOU & BETTY LARTIGUE 57TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Eastern Shore  
Medical Weight Loss  
251-625-4030  
Physician Supervised

**Collection details:**

8/13/2023—\$ 4015  
Candles—\$ 29  
Parish Projects—\$ 125  
Total Deposit—\$ 4169

**Today Special collections August 20 Home Missions**

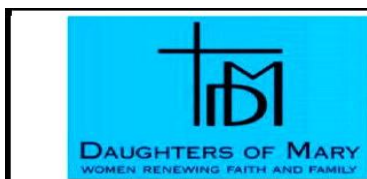


KNIGHTS OF COLUBUS AND LADIES AUXILIARY #8740



In the beginning was the word...

Our Lady of Lourdes Liturgy



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall  
Tuesday at 6PM

Bulkheads • Boathouses • Dredging • Boatlifts



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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Daughters of Mary will resume their meeting on September 5 at 5:00 PM in the parish hall. Please come and join us in prayer.

Fr. Prabhu Arockiasamy will be going to India for his vacation starting 13 September 2023 till 13 October 2023.

We will be only having Saturday 4:00pm Mass and Sunday 8:30 am & 11:00am Mass. There is no adoration or confession before masses.

During the week days we will have communion service by Deacon John Archer.

you are requested to pray for Father's safe travels and to offer *Bon voyage cards*.

**WEEKLY READINGS**

Sunday 20  
Is 56:1, 6-7  
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32  
Mt 15:21-28  
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday 21  
Jgs 2:11-19  
Mt 19:16-22  
Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope

Tuesday 22  
Jgs 6:11-24a Mt 19:23-30  
Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 23  
Jgs 9:6-15  
Mt 20:1-16  
Wednesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

Thursday 24  
Rv 21:9b-14 Jn 1:45-51  
Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Friday 25  
Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22  
Mt 22:34-40  
Friday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday 26  
Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17  
Mt 23:1-12  
Saturday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time



**OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

Catholic Parish

REV. PRABHU AROCKIASAMY, PASTOR  
ED CONNICK, DEACON



August 20 2023  
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION, SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND MASS**

**SCHEDULES**

SATURDAY  
3:15PM  
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSION  
3:30 PM — HOLY ROSARY  
4:00 PM — HOLY MASS

SUNDAY  
8:00 AM — EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION  
8:30AM- HOLY MASS  
10:30 AM — EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION  
11:00AM- HOLY MASS

REGULAR WEEKDAYS  
MONDAY-COMMUNION SERVICE  
TUESDAY-FRIDAY  
8:00 AM — HOLY MASS

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**21st Annual Benefit Night**

18 November 2023 @ doors open @ 5:30pm

\$ 100 a ticket which admits 2 to Dine with beer & wine— Dinner served at 6:00pm  
Drawings begins at 7:00pm. A valid ticket must be presented for entrance & to claim any prize. Need not be present to win. Two (2) tickets drawn every half hour- \$500.00 each Final ticket drawn— winner gets \$ 5000.00

Must be 21 to attend.

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Tuesday—Friday : 9AM to 1PM  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY : OFFICE CLOSED

**ENCYCLICAL LETTER FRATELLI TUTTI  
OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON FRATERNITY  
AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP**

**130.** This implies taking certain indispensable steps, especially in response to those who are fleeing grave humanitarian crises. As examples, we may cite: increasing and simplifying the granting of visas; adopting programmes of individual and community sponsorship; opening humanitarian corridors for the most vulnerable refugees; providing suitable and dignified housing; guaranteeing personal security and access to basic services; ensuring adequate consular assistance and the right to retain personal identity documents; equitable access to the justice system; the possibility of opening bank accounts and the guarantee of the minimum needed to survive; freedom of movement and the possibility of employment; protecting minors and ensuring their regular access to education; providing for programmes of temporary guardianship or shelter; guaranteeing religious freedom; promoting integration into society; supporting the reuniting of families; and preparing local communities for the process of integration.[111]

**Foot Note : GEORG SIMMEL, Brücke und Tür. Essays des Philosophen zur Geschichte, Religion, Kunst und Gesellschaft, ed. Michael Landmann, Köhler-Verlag, Stuttgart, 1957, 6.**

**131.** For those who are not recent arrivals and already participate in the fabric of society, it is important to apply the concept of “citizenship”, which “is based on the equality of rights and duties, under which all enjoy justice. It is therefore crucial to establish in our societies the concept of full citizenship and to reject the discriminatory use of the term minorities, which engenders feelings of isolation and inferiority. Its misuse paves the way for hostility and discord; it undoes any successes and takes away the religious and civil rights of some citizens who are thus discriminated against”.[112]

**Foot Note : Cf. JAIME HOYOS-VÁSQUEZ, S.J., “Lógica de las relaciones sociales. Reflexión onto-lógica”, Revista Universitas Philosophica, 15-16 (December 1990-June 1991), Bogotá, 95- 106.**

**132.** Even when they take such essential steps, states are not able, on their own, to implement adequate solutions, “since the consequences of the decisions made by each inevitably have repercussions on the entire international community”. As a result, “our response can only be the fruit of a common effort”[113] to develop a form of global governance with regard to movements of migration. Thus, there is “a need for mid-term and long-term planning which is not limited to emergency responses. Such planning should include effective assistance for integrating migrants in their receiving countries, while also promoting the development of their countries of origin through

to ideological strategies and practices alien or contrary to the cultures of the peoples being assisted”.[114]

**Foot Note : ANTONIO SPADARO, S.J., Le orme di un pastore. Una conversazione con Papa Francesco, in JORGE MARIO BERGOLIO – PAPA FRANCESCO, Nei tuoi occhi è la mia parola. Omelie e discorsi di Buenos Aires 1999-2013, Rizzoli, Milan 2016, XVI; cf. Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium (24 November 2013), 220-221: AAS 105 (2013), 1110-1111.**

**133.** The arrival of those who are different, coming from other ways of life and cultures, can be a gift, for “the stories of migrants are always stories of an encounter between individuals and between cultures. For the communities and societies to which they come, migrants bring an opportunity for enrichment and the integral human development of all”.[115] For this reason, “I especially urge young people not to play into the hands of those who would set them against other young people, newly arrived in their countries, and who would encourage them to view the latter as a threat, and not possessed of the same inalienable dignity as every other human being”.

[116]

**Foot Note : Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium (24 November 2013), 204: AAS 105 (2013), 1106.**

**134.** Indeed, when we open our hearts to those who are different, this enables them, while continuing to be themselves, to develop in new ways. The different cultures that have flourished over the centuries need to be preserved, lest our world be impoverished. At the same time, those cultures should be encouraged to be open to new experiences through their encounter with other realities, for the risk of succumbing to cultural sclerosis is always present. That is why “we need to communicate with each other, to discover the gifts of each person, to promote that which unites us, and to regard our differences as an opportunity to grow in mutual respect. Patience and trust are called for in such dialogue, permitting individuals, families and communities to hand on the values of their own culture and welcome the good that comes from others’ experiences”.

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**Foot Note : Cf. ibid.: AAS 105 (2013), 1105-1106.**

**135.** Here I would mention some examples that I have used in the past. Latino culture is “a ferment of values and possibilities that can greatly enrich the United States”, for “intense immigration always ends up influencing and transforming the culture of a place... In Argentina, intense immigration from Italy has left a mark on the culture of the society, and the presence of some 200,000 Jews has a great effect on the cultural ‘style’ of Buenos Aires. Immigrants, if they are helped to integrate, are a blessing, a source of enrichment and new gift that encourages a society to grow”.[118]

**Foot Note : Ibid., 202: AAS 105 (2013), 1105.**

**TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK**

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew’s Gospel. Last week we read about Jesus walking on the water and the disciples’ confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew’s entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus’ debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus’ debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today’s Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus’ exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, “dog.” But the woman cleverly turns Jesus’ insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus’ unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus’ ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today’s Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew’s text we can hear this early Christian community’s struggle to understand how God’s selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel’s rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles’ acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today’s second reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God’s abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit—  
Amen.

Rev. Prabhu Arockiasamy

**PRAYER LIST**

Anita Barclay, Campbell Berger, Katherine Berger, Bethany Ann Boltz, Roy Williams, , Logan Bowers, Jerry Boyes, Patrick Webb Brownlie-Carey, Noli Causay, Teresa Coleman, Lee Cooley, Peter Cooley, Anita Cowart, Anne Davidson, Daniel Dorriety, Marquitta Dukes, Dodie Dumas, Louise Frontz, Janet Gafford, Tony Golemon, Mary Ann Keith, Dennis Keith, Liz Kilborn, Edward Kimbrough, Debora Klaus, Steven Kuszynski, Shirley Lacy, Michael Langan, Alfred Leonard, Margie Lord, Rodney Lundy, Mary McKeough, Patricia McRoy, Craig Miley, Elaine Moore, Wally Neese, Kenny Nixon, Tiffany Neese, Darlene O’Rourke, James M. O’Rourke, Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Scott Peck, Ursula Quintana, Kaitlyn Reynolds, Simon Schum, Cindy Snow, Mandy Spotswood, Curtis Steiner, Rita Steiner, Todd Stringfellow, Barbara Thomas, Katelyn Tillman, Tyler Upton, Norma Villanueva, Anna Visperas, Rudy Visperas, Melanie Wacker, Albert Washington, Heather Washington, Darlene Watson, Lou Watt, Brad Wells, Bubba Williams, Bobby Zarate, Diane Little , Joyce Ladnier, Roy Still, William Patrick A, Fred L. Lorge, Joan A. Lorge, Barbara Smith, Frank Seltzer, Dennis Cottrell , Pete, Sam Barksdale, Joey Murphy, Chuck Simmons , Damian Turk, John O’Conner, Fr. Francis J. Sofie Jr , Megan , Stephen Wiese, Matthew wiese, Raymond Floyes, Kay K Shaw, Lloyd J. Thompson , Ruby P Thompson, George E. Merren, Jr, Flora Decker, Mary Ann Fletchery, Pat McKeough , Mathew Wilson , Eddie Booth Jr, Helen Bender, Paige Ellis, Eunice Miles, Gloria Leslie, Diana Holifield, Bea Burton , Janet & John Frazier, Henry Hoven, Mark Westbrook, Ronnie Hudson, Jewanda Taylor Jowe , Nicholas Balch ,Jean Stanley , Colleen O’Rourke, Perry Hockaday, David Curtis, Kristi D Young, Beth Kenny, Chad Gorlett, Nicole Washington

**MASS OPENINGS**

**October 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19,  
20, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30.**

**The Parish Family thanks in a very special way Judy Moore & Team, all the Knights, ladies auxiliaries, volunteers for their planning, hard work, food, beverages, set up and tear up for Family Fun Day.**