

## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The suffering of a child symbolizes uniquely terrible evil as well as despair about the future. This week's Gospel gives a "limit" case in which Jesus encounters this evil in the form of a mother with a suffering daughter. What he does is stunning and massively helpful for us if we bravely ponder the details.

The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and begs his mercy. "My daughter is tormented by a demon," she declares to him. Shockingly, he responds first with silence, then with a dismissive comment, and only then finally accedes to her third request. Is this simply a lesson in perseverance in our petitions to God, who is like a genie in a bottle? Does that justify the humiliation and pain this woman suffers? Is the Lord cruel?

I don't think so. Notice how the encounter ends. She compares herself to a dog at the table of a master. Jesus responds by praising her great faith and fulfills her deep desire. Somehow this non-Israelite woman intuitively that this harrowing situation is not dumb suffering. She senses that the door of God's family is, in Jesus, being opened to her and her loved ones. She trusts she is at the Lord's table, and her desires will be fulfilled and that all her sufferings — and her daughter's, too — will lead a great banquet. In our sufferings this week, the Lord wants us to treat him less like a genie in a bottle and more like the Master who has taken us — lost little dogs that we are — into his home forever. Trust that and keep praying in the face of evil.— Father John Muir

Be gracious  
to us, O Lord,  
for we are  
in distress.

PSALM 31:9

God, bring  
consolation  
and relief

*to Maui.*

### Mass Count

Date 2023	5:00p	8:00a	10:30a	Total
July 30	142	85	138	365
August 6	121	93	160	374
August 13	96	90	152	338

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### MONDAY ~ August 21 ~ St. Pius X

8:30AM Shirley Wuicik, *Laura Sylvester*

### TUESDAY ~ August 22 ~ The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30AM Father's Day Remembrance

7:30PM Livestream Rosary on Facebook

### WEDNESDAY ~ August 23 ~ St. Rose of Lima

8:30AM Alphonse DiGidio, *Family*

### THURSDAY ~ August 24 ~ St. Bartholomew

8:30AM Joseph Gennert, *Kozlowski Family*

### FRIDAY ~ August 25 ~ St. Louis IX of France

8:30AM Walter Ritzu, *Joe & Kathy Ritzu*

7:30PM Livestream Rosary on Facebook

### SATURDAY ~ August 26 ~ Vigil Mass

5:00PM John Spirnak, *Schock Family*

5:00PM Livestream Mass

### SUNDAY ~ Aug. 27 ~ 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Mass for Parishioners

10:30AM Larry McGarry, *Dave & Jackie Duricky*



## Readings ~ week of August 20, 2023

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2- 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9-14/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22/Ps 146:5-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1-5/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-8/Rom 11:33-36/ Mt 16:13-20

## Weekly Contributions August 13, 2023

**Total Collection: \$14,673.00\***

**Loose Money: \$95.00 Envelopes: \$14,578**

**# of Env.: 201\*\* Avg. per Env.: \$73.00**

**Student: 3 Total Households: 446**

**\*EFT: \$8,835.00**

**\*\*EFT Donors: 69**

**Thank you for your generous support!**

## From the Desk of Fr. Kevin:

Dear Parishioners,  
*For my house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Is 56:7*

All the readings this Sunday show God's desire to draw all people to himself so that they may be saved. Jesus affirms the great faith of the Canaanite woman, a pagan who nevertheless calls out "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David." St. Paul continues praying for those who persecuted him and yet are still loved by God. Isaiah proclaims that God will make us "joyful in my house of prayer." May we strive to bring the joy and mercy of God with us into our daily lives.

Each Sunday we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. We join ourselves to the Lord, loving his name and learning to hold to his new covenant established by the Resurrection of Jesus. Ask the Lord to show you how you can serve our praying community as Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, and servers. Women and men of all ages are welcome. **Ushers are especially needed for the 8:00 Sunday Mass.** Formation and training will be provided. For more information, please contact me at the parish office.

The work to repair the church building is continuing. Please be alert for any changes for Mass and Adoration which may be required as the work progresses.

Finally, a congratulations to our big winners from the Festival this year! We are so grateful for the support of our parishioners and their families.



\$5,000 Mike Racutt

Peace, Father Kevin



\$1,500 Allen Jerson



\$1,000 Michelle Gyure



**HEART OF A SHEPHERD**  
Building for Today. Providing for Tomorrow.

### Heart of the Shepherd Update:

**Pledges: \$384,944 Paid: \$311,149**  
**Remaining: \$73,795**

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of the Heart of a Shepherd campaign. We received our ninth distribution check of **\$20,489**, raising the parish total received to **\$181,611**.

\$181,611 total St. Justin has received.

\$116,517 paid the credit line for the church renovation; improved parish computers and church live-stream system; building repairs; new A/C unit for ATR; new electronic information sign.

\$65,094 balance & future donations are for repainting of the chapel, other capital improvements and adding to parish endowment funds.

The diocesan Heart of a Shepherd initiative received **\$129,538**. Funds supports the renovations at the seminary, the priest retirement fund and the education fund for seminarians.

Generous parishioners pledged a total of \$384,944, \$160,585 beyond the original goal of \$224,359. Now 80% of the funds will come to St. Justin and 20% to the diocesan component. Fulfilling all pledges will mean an additional \$59,036 for St. Justin and \$14,759 for the diocesan component.



## St. Justin Martyr Prayer Chain Line

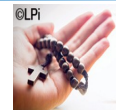
Contact Mary Jane at 440-953-9729 or email [mbuehner@ameritech.net](mailto:mbuehner@ameritech.net). Leave a message and we will add your intention to the prayer chain.

## Eucharistic Adoration: Daily in the Chapel 9am-4:30pm

"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek him the greatest adventure; to find him, the greatest human achievement."

—St. Augustine

**Come spend time with Jesus.**



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for all of our parishioners who are sick or hospitalized: Margaret Abel, Susan Adler, Sandy Almasy, Patricia Bacon, June Barr, Jeff & Sue Beam, Frank Brown, John Brown, Marc Christovich, Sam Cilaberto, Kelly Cipiti, Carolyn & John Cutler, Paul Dendinger, Frances Eppich, Pauline Feterman, Bonnie Frech, Frank Germano, Marge Gorenc, Dave Granchi, Joanne Grisanti, Ruth Gryzmala, Ann Hobart, Daniel Jastredowski, Jela Katavic, Alexis Kramer, John Kelly, Katherine Kirsch, Sherise Landrey, Brian Lloyd, Diane Marshall, Bud Martello, Gary Meinke, Ann Miller, Bill Monreal, Jenny Panella, Kellie Pastor, Kevin Perkins, Cindy Pike, Connor Press, Joe Ritzu, Tim Rosian, Joan Rozak, Joyce Russo, Jackie Scheid, Audrey Smith, Ed Snyder, Chris Stano, Dorothy & Joe Strand, James Urbanek, Gregory Usko, Eva Variano, Phil Wolfson, Michael Wrayno, Ken Zalar, the shut-ins, those in nursing homes, needing prayers, and all of the intentions written in our Book of Prayers located in the gallery. **Please call the office if you would like someone added or removed, or email [sjmoffice@stjustin.net](mailto:sjmoffice@stjustin.net).**

**Baptism Preparation Class for First Time Parents will be held on Thursday, September 7 at 7:00pm in the ATR.**

If you would like to have your child baptized in the next 4 months please call the Parish Office to Sign up.







### The Power of the Prayer of Others

Reflecting on the loss of our Grand Daughter, Nora, I am reminded of how important it is to pray for one another. Ever since it was announced that Cari had lost her baby, people have been constantly telling me that they are praying for us, praying for Cari and John, and praying for Nora. Such sorrow is so difficult to understand and bear, but the gift of your prayer has been so helpful to all of us.

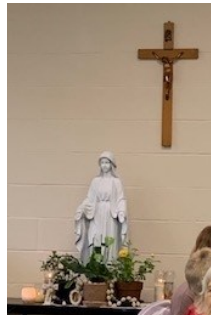
We know that we are not the only ones who have had sorrow touch our lives. Everyone experiences sorrows, distress, trials and many other life events that require the Lord's guidance and help. For these we turn to prayer and implore God for his help. We know that we are not alone in our sorrows, and we do not have to be alone in our prayers either. Uniting your prayers with the prayers of others has a compounding effect. Some call it, "storming the heavens."

You may have heard that we pray the Rosary on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:30 PM. It started during the COVID pandemic and is still an on-going outreach of our parish community. When it was started, it was important to make it interactive. For all those who have not forgotten pandemic isolation, it was a way to interact with one another when every other means was shut down. During the live broadcast, members of the Facebook community offer up their intentions in the chat. As a group, we pray together for all of the intentions, one bead at a time.

If you are on Facebook, you can find us by going to our page at [www.facebook.com/stjustin.martyrparish](https://www.facebook.com/stjustin.martyrparish). Or you could also do a search for us. Just make sure if you search you have the right St. Justin Martyr Parish. You don't even need to join Facebook to listen and watch, you can enter the same address. When you get a pop-up to Login to Connect, you can just click the "X" to close out the pop-up. You will, however, need to join if you want to leave a comment.

You don't need to do any of that to have us pray for you. You can always contact me or the parish office and we will add your prayers to the broadcast.

**Peace and Blessings, Deacon Tim**



### September 1 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

In the United States, the most basic, powerful, and counter-cultural thing we can do for God's creation is pray. The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation kicks off the *Season of Creation*, a time of sustained prayer and action which lasts a month and four days.

We live in a culture that values busy-ness and accomplishments. Following our Creator's call to "Be still and know what I am God" (Psalm 46:10) humbles us. With prayer, we become open to God's guidance, inspiration, and calls to action. With prayer, God knits us closer together in community. Only by the grace and inspiration of God can hearts and minds transform.

Pope Francis first instituted the September 1st World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation in 2015, serving as a way to encourage the faithful around the world to pray for our common home. The annual day also marks the beginning of an ecumenical outreach bringing Christians to pray and work together in what is called the Season of Creation which lasts till 4 October, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The origins of the day also go back to Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios who proclaimed September 1 as Creation Day for the Orthodox in 1989, followed by other Christian European Churches in 2001, and by Pope Francis in 2015.

*"In this Season of Creation, as followers of Christ on our shared synodal journey, let us live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again. May the Holy Spirit once more hover over the waters and guide our efforts to 'renew the face of the earth.'" -Pope Francis*

### Let us pray:

We have come to renew our covenant with God and with one another in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

We have come to help protect God's creation.

We have come as followers of Jesus to commit ourselves anew to one another and to heal injustice and poverty.

We have come to stand together against all threats to life.

We have come to discover some new beauty every day in God's creation: the sunrise and sunset, birds, flowers and trees, rainbows in the sky, the stars, the many forms of life in the forest.

We have come to listen to the "music of the universe"- water flowing over rocks, the wind, trees bending in the wind, raindrops pattering the roof.

We will remember always that God speaks to us through the beauty of his creation, and we will try our best to answer God's call to reverence all that he has created. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



**Charles Hunt, MA**  
**Director of Religious Education**  
**Charles@stjustin.net 440-946-3287**

### **PSR: Parish School of Religion**

**PSR Classes for grades 1-8 will begin on Monday, September 11.** Registration forms are available in the church gallery & parish office. They are also online at [www.stjustin.net](http://www.stjustin.net); go to **Forms** & choose a printable or fillable PDF form. The SJM Parish School of Religion is for children who attend public school. Classes have faith-filled & experienced teachers who will guide your children as disciples of Jesus Christ.

### **RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Men and women are gradually introduced to the Catholic way of life and become fully initiated members through the RCIA. If you or someone you know are interested in joining the Catholic Church at St. Justin Martyr, please speak with Fr. Kevin, a team member or the RCIA coordinator, Charlie Hunt at 440-946-3287 or [Charles@stjustin.net](mailto:Charles@stjustin.net). The RCIA Team invites you to offer a Rosary for the intention that others will answer the Lord's call to become members of His Church.



### **The CHOSEN: Season 3**

The Chosen is an inspiring dramatization of the life of Christ. Watch the **3rd season** with fellow parishioners **starting Tuesday September 12 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the school's ATR Room.** Contact Charlie Hunt for more information and to register at (440) 946-3287 or [charles@stjustin.net](mailto:charles@stjustin.net).

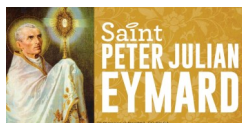


### **Catholic Humor**

Three Franciscan missionaries are about to be martyred for preaching the Gospel in a foreign land. They bring out the Br. Joseph and the guard shouts, "Ready...aim..." and suddenly the Br. Joseph yells, "EARTHQUAKE!" When everyone looks around, he runs for safety. Next, they bring out Br. Julian. The guard shouts, "Ready...aim..." and Br. Julian yells, "TORNADO!" Everyone ducks and Br. Julian runs away. By then of course, the third Franciscan has it figured out. They bring him out, and when the guard shouts, "Ready...Aim..." Br. Amos yells, "FIRE!"

### **12 Rules for a Eucharistic Life by St. Peter Julian Eymard**

**11th Rule:** In your thoughts, accustom yourself to stay as constantly as possible under the gaze of Jesus—under this grace, this all-powerful virtue which comes from the Tabernacle. Show Him your soul, and with you the souls of all dear to you. As the Jews of old brought their sick to him to be healed, so will you go to Him, being content to offer Him from time to time the following fervent supplications: "Lord, you know my desires, Lord heal my soul! Lord make me see! Lord make me love you!"



**Beth Rossetti, Pastoral Associate**  
**beth@stjustin.net 440-946-1177**



**Prayer Partners** Don't forget to drop off your notes and cards throughout the summer for your Confirmation Candidate to Beth at the parish office.

**Mark Your Calendars!** You're invited to our Confirmation Liturgy on **Saturday, September 16** at our regular **5:00PM Mass**. Our main celebrant will be Bishop Emeritus Roger W. Gries, OSB. Please plan on joining us for this evening to rejoice with our Confirmation Candidates.

**CONFIRMATION 2024:** Any teen entering ninth grade in the fall that would like to join our Confirmation program please contact Beth at Ext. 105. Those who have been involved with our programs should have received paperwork **your applications are due August 15.** Applications can be found on the parish website under forms. Our first informational meeting for teens and parents will be **August 27 after the 10:30 Mass**. If you have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and are high school age you are welcome to join our program. Contact Beth Rossetti at the parish office.

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MISCARRIAGE - STILLBIRTH - INFANT CHILD - ADOLESCENT - ADULT

## Couples Workshop

For families who have experienced the loss of a child from pregnancy through adulthood.

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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023**  
**8:30 AM - 5:30 PM MASS**  
**REGISTRATION: \$10**

**FAMILIES WILL BE GROUPED BY AGE OF LOSS**

**St. Bridget of Kildare**  
5620 Hauserman Road  
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Information: Terri Yohman  
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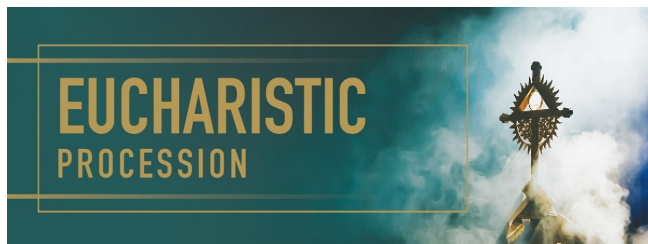
Contact **Beth Rossetti**, Red Bird Flock Leader in the parish office for more information  
[beth@stjustin.net](mailto:beth@stjustin.net) 440-946-1177 Ext.105



## Why do we have a feast for the Queenship of Mary? Tuesday, August 22

For many of us, the language of kings and queens may seem like they belong to history or a medieval movie. Royalty have absolute authority over a kingdom and their subjects, a concept that is foreign to many of us today. While Jesus doesn't rule a political kingdom, we honor and recognize him as the King of Kings, Lord of Heaven and Earth. To God alone belongs absolute authority over all of existence.

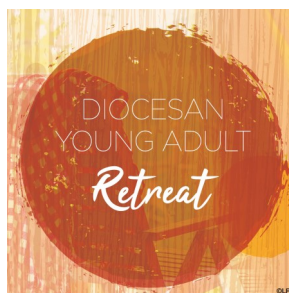
We many think of queens as the spouse of the king, but there is another relationship: the king's mother. In Biblical history, we see instances where the mother of the king is given due as a queen herself, complete with a throne. Mary's guiding influence over her Son is seen most notably in the Wedding Feast at Cana. Mary is not Queen on her own merit. She is "full of grace" and "blessed" in "all ages" because of the reign of her Son.



The Legion of Mary of the Diocese of Cleveland invites you to Mass and a Eucharistic Procession at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on **Saturday, September 2 at 11:00AM**. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Kevin Estabrook and following Mass we will process around the Cathedral. All are welcome!

## BELIEVELAND RETREAT | SEPTEMBER 15-17 | JESUIT RETREAT CENTER, PARMA

Come join young adults (Age 18-39) from all over the Diocese as they reflect on their lives in the context of faith.



This is a peer-led retreat by young adults, for young adults.

Attend the full weekend for \$65.

Financial assistance available.

Contact Mike Hayes, Diocese Director for Young Adult Ministry for more information at

[mhayes@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:mhayes@dioceseofcleveland.org)



**The Funeral Ministry is in need of altar servers.** You will be trained to be an altar server. You do not have to serve Sunday Mass, only funerals on occasion. Contact Beth if you can help out.

## Join us for Thursday

### Coffee and Conversation 11:00am

*We'll be under the tree in the back in nice weather.  
All are welcome to come and share in fellowship  
and support for one another!*



## Mater Dei Academy notes:

We are looking forward to our first day of school on August 29th. The school is shiny and clean, the new workbooks and supplies are ready to go, and our teachers are refreshed and looking forward to beginning a new year. There is only one thing missing: YOU! We are seeking recess monitors to supervise and encourage our students on the playground during nice weather and inside when the weather is inclement. We need both men and women, during the hours of 11:00 and 12:30, as many days as you are willing to work. Adult role models are important for all children and perhaps you are the answer to one of their prayers. Won't you consider working with the students at Mater Dei Academy? We would love to have you! Please contact the school office at 440-585-0800 or email [ktrunk@materdeiacademy.us](mailto:ktrunk@materdeiacademy.us).

Sincerely, Ms. Karen Trunk, principal



## Dear All Saints School Family and Friends,

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer! I also hope you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year. I am so delighted that you are part of our incredible All Saints School community. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to our school, and I look forward to working with you and your children.

All signs point to another incredible and productive school year. Although we are entering another school year with some definite challenges, our skilled and devoted staff is planning and preparing for your child(ren). Mrs. Sobkowich and Mrs. Uhran have been very busy in the office registering new families, answering questions, updating files and helping in numerous other ways to help ensure another awesome year. Our hard working and conscientious maintenance team has spent the entire summer thoroughly cleaning the facility. And, our much-appreciated PAC is gearing up to welcome families, provide volunteer opportunities, and offer other exciting events and programs. We are indeed a joyous and caring community with the common goals of nurturing responsible, caring students and promoting spiritual growth and high-level learning.

Our ability to work together will make a difference in the lives of our children! Enjoy the last days of summer, and I look forward to seeing you all at Meet the Teacher Day on August 23!

***Yours In Christ, Mrs. Katy Rankin, Principal***

