

Lakeland FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP SET UP, SORT AND ORGANIZE CLOTHING AND ASSIST WITH CLEAN UP AFTER THE EVENT. (Multiple Shift options available).

DATE: August 18th, 19th & 20th
TIME: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

LOCATION: ST. LOUIS PARISH HALL - 5011 49th AVE BONNYVILLE, AB

PHONE: 780-826-2120 OR EMAIL: fmcoordinator@town.bonnyville.ab.ca

Music Ministry Schedule 10 am

Aug 16 English	Sep 6 French
Aug 23 French	Sep 13 English
Aug 30 English	Sep 20 French

NOTE

The bulletin can be accessed online during the months of July and Aug.

stlouisparish.ca

Still time to register!

CAMP ST. LOUIS

Counsellors Week (Ages 15-17): July 5 - 10
~~**10 - 12 Year Old Week:** July 12 - 17 **SOLD OUT**~~
~~**Community Week (All Ages I):** July 19 - 24~~
~~**8 - 10 Year Old Week:** August 3 - 7~~
~~**Vocations Week (All ages II):** August 9 - 14~~
13 - 14 Year Old Week: August 16 - 21
Day Camp (Ages 5 - 7): August 17 - 20

register today at campstlouis.ca

PARISH CONTACTS

Fr. Rene Realuyo, **Pastor**
 Dave Scott, **Maintenance** – part-time
 Jojo Policarpio, **Secretary**
 Parish Office Tel: 780-826-3010
 OR email officebonnyvillestl@dostp.ca
 Monday to Friday
 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Parish Council Elected Members

Dave Sharun – *Chairperson*
 Members -----

Leona Bonneau	Wayne Marks
Audrey Campbell	Lise Medford
Gerarda Germain	Rachel Reid
Nathan Gumangan	Maria Shea
Vince MacDonald	Marie Southcombe
Joe Marion	Vince Spila
Jason Morgan	Sheldon Germain

Finance Committee

Russ Yamuch * Luc Vincent * Loriann Lafrenière *
 Camille Gresola * Carrie Goldsmith * Isabelle Hetu

Safe Parish Committee:

Audrey Campbell * Germaine Prybysh.

Cemetery Committee

Germaine Prybysh * Annette Schultz
 Robert Albert * Paul Huseau * Yvonne Primeau

Adoration - Janet Ancil – 780 826-1085

Adult Servers - Dan Dugas

Baptism Preparation - Jojo Policarpio

Bldg & Maintenance Concerns – Roger Lafreniere

Camp St. Louis: Monique Morgan 780-812-5879

Collections - Joanne Coulombe & Joyce Cervinski

Communion in the Homes - Call the Parish Office

Knights of Columbus - Dave Scott

Lakeland LIVE IN: Monique Morgan 780-812-5879
 Robert Lambert 780-826-0905

Ladies' Prayer Group: Natasha Miller
 780-815-1500

Liturgical Scheduling

Fran Kusch – 5 p.m. Mass

Audrey Campbell – 10:00 a.m. Mass

Marriage Preparation – Call Fr. Rene
 6 months in advance.

Men's Group: Robert Lambert 780-826-0905

Music Ministry

Saturday: Patrice MacDonald

Sunday: Margaret Borders

Dimanche: Anna Laplante

NOVUM: Lana Lambert 780-201-5262

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Jojo - Call Parish Office

Pastoral Care – Call Parish Office

Sacristan - Janet Ancil

Sacramental Preparation – Mel Poulin

SEARCH: Monique Morgan 780-812-5879

Sunday School – Natasha Miller 780-815-1500

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Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. English
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Alternates Eng/French

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
First Friday - After the 6 pm Mass till 7:30 pm



Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesday: 9:00 am
Wednesday: 10:30 am Hospital
Thursday: 9:00 am Bonnylodge
Friday: 6 pm
Last Friday: 10:30 am Extending care

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

By appointment or 30 minutes before Mass

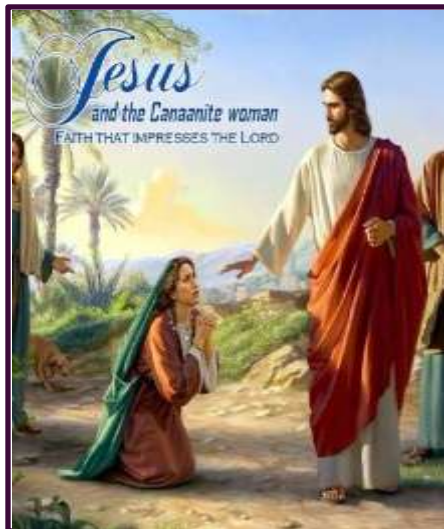
August 16, 2026

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What can we learn from Jesus' encounter with the Canaanite woman?

There is a lot about today's gospel that is discomfiting, not least of which is the apparent disregard Jesus has for a woman in need. To make matters worse, this exchange takes place just a few verses after Jesus proclaims that what defiles a person is not what they eat or what washing rituals one does or does not practice: "But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile" (Matthew 15:18). How are we to make sense of Jesus's ostensible callousness and dismissiveness? What are we to think about the Son of God so casually insulting a desperate woman, calling her a dog unworthy of his attention and assistance, even as she pleads "Lord, help me"?

This is one of those passages from scripture that many Christians are quick to explain away or relativize in order to make Jesus look better or to make us feel better. But what is conveyed in the Gospel of Matthew is rather straightforward and quite plain: Jesus understands his mission to be limited to other Jews like him.



As a Canaanite and as a woman, she was doubly disadvantaged in Jesus's initial outlook given his own religious practice and patriarchal culture. Despite everything stacked against her, this unnamed woman persists and performs something of her own miracle, which leads to Jesus's own transformation and results in a biblical narrative that is ultimately as instructive as it is initially unsettling.

The Wisdom of Outsiders

As a Canaanite and a woman, who stands outside of Jesus's immediate circle, she has a privileged perspective of who Jesus actually is. In Mark's account, it is never those

closest to Jesus who understand his identity and mission, but the demons, the narrator, and the readers who get it. His followers are the ones who consistently misunderstand and run away in fear. Here in Matthew's telling, this woman from the outside likewise sees the truth and professes her belief.

This is a reminder to us that those who are different, those who are unwittingly pushed to the margins, those who do not have access to power or resources—have an underappreciated yet privileged perspective, able to see the world as it actually is. Rather than dismiss the experiences, perspectives, and knowledge of the minoritized and marginalized, perhaps Christians would do well to prioritize such insight over self-justifying narratives and practices.

The Full Humanity of Jesus

We cannot brush past the hard truth that Jesus changes his mind and learns something new. This is hard for many Christians to accept because of the widespread assumption that Jesus's full divinity somehow overtakes or

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...Jesus encounter with the Canaanite woman

corrects for his humanity. Jesus is *as human* as he is divine! In Luke's gospel, we are told that Jesus grew in wisdom as a young man (Luke 2:52), which certainly sounds like he didn't know everything and have all things figured out from birth. Why would that capacity for learning and need for growth stop in adulthood? This exchange reinforces our belief in Jesus's full humanity and that he continued learning, deepening his understanding of his divine mission through encounters with those outside his community.

Finally, this exchange shows us how Jesus models what it means to be people of faith who can—and ought—to change over time. While initially resistant and apparently set in his ways, an unexpected encounter with a stranger expanded the horizon of the Son of God. Why is it that we are so often such absolutists when it comes to what we believe, what we think, and how we treat other people, especially those who are different from us? Why do so many self-professed Christians insist on a static and unchanging worldview, quick to assume that what they think or believe now is what must always be the case? If Jesus Christ can have his worldview revised and expanded, especially by someone so unexpected and outcast, then so can we.

This gospel passage is discomfiting, but in the best way possible. May we be unsettled as Jesus was, open to learning from all those we meet, and remember that to grow, learn, and change our mind is to be like Jesus. ■

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DIOCESE OF ST. PAUL PILGRIMAGE 2026

Saturday, September 5, 2026
Holy Mass
1:00 p.m. at the St. Paul Cathedral

Veneration of a 1 Class Relic follows the Mass
in HONOUR of Saint Teresa of Calcutta's
10th ANNIVERSARY of her CANONIZATION
& the 40th Anniversary of the Arrival of the
Missionaries of Charity Sisters to St. Paul

JOIN US FOR A POTLUCK LUNCH
after the mass at the
St Paul Seniors Citizen Centre



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Bonnyville & District
Family and Community
Support Services

CLOTHING DRIVE

ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF

Lightly used, **CLEAN** and wearable clothes (all ages) and school supplies.

CLOTHING DONATION

August 18th 10:00 am – 7:00 pm

August 19th 10:00 am – 7:00 pm

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CLOTHING SHOPPING

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"Woman you have great faith! Your wish will come to pass" Matthew 14:28

Day	Time	Place	Mass Intentions		Feasts / Solemnities
Saturday samedi Aug 15	5:00 pm	Church	+Elizabeth Maclean	Dugas Family	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday dimanche Aug 16	10:00 am	Church	+Claire Fortier	Jean Marie & Bella La France	Saint Stephen of Hungary
Monday Lundi Aug 17			No Mass		
Tuesday mardi Aug 18	9:00 am	Church	No Mass		
Wednesday Mercredi Aug 19	10:30 am	Hospital	No Mass		St. John Eudes
Thursday jeudi Aug 20	9:00 am	Bonnylodge	No Mass		St. Bernard
Friday Vendredi Aug 21	9:00 am	Church	No Mass		St. Pius X
Saturday samedi Aug 22	5:00 pm	Church	For Parishioners		Feast of the Queenship of Mary
Sunday dimanche Aug 23	10:00 am	Church	Gaby & Paul Langlois 30 th Wedding Anniversary	Mailloux Diane Schappert	St. Rose of Lima

COLLECTIONS		QUÊTES
August 9, Offering Building Fund	\$2218.00 355.00	Offrandes Remplacement du toit
*Does not include e-transfers Thank you for your generosity! Merci!		

**August 2026
Pope's Prayer Intention /
Intention de prière du Saint-Père**

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Pour l'évangélisation en ville

Prions pour qu'au sein des grandes villes souvent marquées par l'anonymat et la solitude, nous trouvions de nouvelles façons de proclamer l'Évangile, en découvrant des chemins créatifs pour construire la communauté.

**Parish Council
MEETING**



**Tuesday, Sep 15
6:00 pm
Parish Hall**

Please pray for the grace of healing for all those who are suffering from all types of Cancer, and illnesses and autoimmune diseases.

**Next Week's Reading
Aug 23**

1st Reading: Isaiah 22:15, 19-23

I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6-8b

R: Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

2nd Reading: Romans 11:33-36

All things are from Christ and through him and for him.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

You are Peter, I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.