

# St. Michael Catholic Church

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**MASS SCHEDULE** GIRARD ARMA  
Saturday 5:30pm 4:00pm  
Sunday 10:00am 8:00am

**CONFESSION** GIRARD ARMA  
Saturday 2:00-2:30pm 3:15-3:45pm  
Weekdays before Mass, anytime by appointment

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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**  
Fridays from 8:00am to 6:00pm

## PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Audrey Casassa, Nancy Church, Allie Davied, Gerald Davied, Mary Davied, Rosemary Gardner, Cheryl Francis Greer (Fr. Greer's mom), Jerry Hanson, Tom Kovach, Herman Masser, David McGowan, Bob Moore, Samuel Bradshaw Morris, John Oplotnik, Frank Purdon, Sheila Reif, Tina Ruma, Janel Scales, Edward Luke Walsh, and Dan Wendt who are ill or in need of prayers. Please note that individuals on our prayer list are left on until a request is made to remove them. Requests to be added or removed can be sent to [jmscales414@gmail.com](mailto:jmscales414@gmail.com).

Thank you!

### From the Pastor,

It would appear that Jesus is a little frustrated with the Canaanite woman who is persistent in getting her way, "even the dogs eat the scraps from their master's table." Would we have the nerve to say such to the Lord? You have to give the unnamed woman credit for her boldness and insight, which in fact moved the Lord to clearly proclaim to her: "Woman, you have great faith! Your wish will come to pass." At that very moment her daughter got better.

While the Canaanite woman seems to exemplify "bad manners" in today's Gospel, that is not the end of the story. The disciples and Jesus himself recognized a potentially volatile situation in the Canaanite woman's pleas for help, but the outcome was very favorable. Jesus worked a cure, because the apparently ill-mannered woman was really on the right track, demonstrating fervor and faith in one who really could do something about her plight. We should imitate this kind of boldness when it comes to petitioning the Lord, who is capable of coming to our assistance, always and everywhere.

Keep in mind that for the Jews of this time, the Canaanites were considered to be worshipers of false gods, not the God of the Hebrews, and so from a Jewish perspective this woman had absolutely no right petitioning the Jewish rabbi Jesus. Nonetheless, she put her faith in the Lord, and without fear asked for help and was heard in her distress. Jesus, convinced that she was a person of much faith, was able to act on behalf of the woman, who had no doubt whatsoever in the Lord's power to heal. How good if we can be people of such faith.

In the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the remembrance of Christ's offering himself for the life of the world, for the rich and the poor, peoples of all nations and times, we are being called to "taste and see the goodness of the Lord," as the psalmist puts it. Without reserve the Lord pours forth good

### Mass Schedule and Intentions for August 15-23

Date	Time	Intention	Location
Aug 15 Saturday	4:00pm	Fr. Kent Hemberger	Arma
	5:30pm	Joe George	Girard
16 Sunday	8:00am	Bill Harman Family	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
17 Monday	NO MASS		
18 Tuesday	5:30pm	No Intention	Arma
19 Wednesday	6:30pm	Barbara Unrein	Girard
20 Thursday	8:00am	No Intention	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
21 Friday	7:00am	George Stonerock	Girard
	8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
22 Saturday	4:00pm	Wayne Kanute	Arma
	5:30pm	Verdan Davied	Girard
23 Sunday	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Betty Jo Peak	Girard

### COLLECTIONS

	Last Week	July 2020 to Date
Contributions	\$ -	\$ 9,932.78
Children's Offering	\$ -	\$ -
Expenses-July	\$ 5,808.82	\$ 5,808.82
Over/(Under)		\$ 4,123.96
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

things on his beloved, on you and me and everyone else in the world.

Saint Paul tells us today in the second reading at Mass, from his letter to the Romans, that God's gifts and call are irrevocable. That is, they won't be taken away from us once given by God. Only we are capable of rejecting God's call and gifts by walking away from them. That fact should encourage us to keep trying even when we might like to give up.

Our resolve this week should be to treat everyone with love, and while admitting we are all different to one degree or another, nonetheless to realize we are all equal participants in the life of Christ. We should be completely committed to form one Church and be one body in the bonds of peace.

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

#### Tossed Around

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a / Rom 9:1-5 / Mt 14:22-33

The boat "was being tossed about by waves, for the wind was against it." How often do we feel like this little fishing boat, being tossed around by the angst in our culture? As missionary disciples, we can easily feel overcome by the storms around us! Notice, though, that Jesus was there to reassure the disciples, and He does the same for us. The disciples did not call out for Jesus, but He recognized their need and he met them in their moment of distress. He told them, "Do not be afraid." Jesus calmed the winds and he brought peace to their hearts. We must have faith that Jesus watches over us as we cooperate with Him to do the work of our Heavenly Father.

#### myEoffering

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### MARY HOLINESS: LISTENING TO GOD'S WORDS

Much is written about the woman we call Mother of God and Mother of the Church, but do we really know her life? I was reading a paper by Fr. Lovett of Ireland and he has uncovered some interesting statements of her life. He begins by saying that she was probably born in Nazareth, a town of some 1600 people during the reign of Herod, the Great. She spoke Aramaic but she was familiar with Latin which was used by elected officials. Hebrew was another language used during her time in the synagogue when the Torah was read. As among 90% of the population at the time, she belonged to the peasant class who had to pay high taxes to Herod in Rome and also to the Temple officials who took 10% of the harvest. Her family probably lived in an extended family unit, where three or four houses of one or two rooms each were built around an open courtyard. They shared a cistern for water and a millstone for grinding grain. Domestic animals also lived there. Mary most likely spent most of her day doing family chores like drawing water, gathering wood, cooking meals and washing utensils and clothes.

In Palestine at the time, women married around 13 or 14 years of age. There is no record of Joseph's age at the time of his betrothal to Mary and some historians think that Joseph may have been considerably older than Mary since he is not mentioned at all in the Gospels after Jesus' childhood. The birth of Jesus no doubt occurred when Mary was quite young. Mary was not a fragile young thing. Descriptions tell us that she, like most women of her time, was capable of walking the hill country of Judea while pregnant, of giving birth in a stable, of making several visits to Jerusalem on foot each year and laboring greatly at home with various duties. She's not like the Madonna we often see robed in splendor by medieval artists. Like the majority of poor people, most of her life went unrecorded.

Mary's holiness lies in persistent, faithful listening to God's word. Holiness consists in persevering fidelity in the midst of harsh everyday life. Events would unfold around Mary, often to her surprise, and she'd have to figure out constantly what God was asking of her. We're familiar with her 'Magnificat' as a freedom song of the poor. God is her only hope and so she sings the Divine Praises with great confidence. She was convinced that in God's Kingdom, the poor are first to eat at the table of the Lord. Listening to God's words will assure us that Mary's prophecy will lead us to greater holiness and perhaps a seat at that Table. -----Marcel Normand

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