

Dear Padre,

Why are the Scripture readings for Mass so piecemeal?  
We read part of a verse then jump to another part.  
Doesn't reading it like this distort the meaning of the passage?

The readings for Mass are in a book called the *Lectionary*. Our current *Lectionary* was set up after the Second Vatican Council. It uses a three-year cycle for the Sunday readings, so over three years we hear the majority of the Bible at Mass. Its introduction states, "The present Order of Readings for Mass, then, is an arrangement of biblical readings that provides the faithful with a knowledge of the whole of God's word, in a pattern suited to the purpose" (*General Introduction to the Lectionary*, Second Edition, 60).

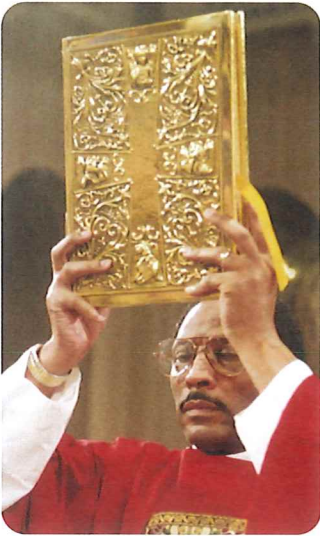
So the readings are not "piecemeal" but rather arranged so that we are exposed to the whole of God's word within three years. At times a given reading may not be complete—for example, the second reading for today is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, chapter eleven, verses 13–15 and 29–32. This is done not only for brevity but for clarity. Those who organized the *Lectionary* thought that this excerpt made the message clearer or gave better emphasis to a point in the reading. It certainly is good to get out your Bible and read the whole section so you can see what is missing, but when the word is proclaimed at Mass, the current arrangement is most effective. ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
August 21 St. Pius X, Pope Jgs 2:11–19 Mt 19:16–22	August 22 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Jgs 6:11–24a Mt 19:23–30	August 23 Weekday Jgs 9:6–15 Mt 20:1–16	August 24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle Rev 21:9b–14 Jn 1:45–51	August 25 Weekday Ru 1:1, 3–6, 14b–16, 22 Mt 22:34–40	August 26 Weekday Ru 2:1–3, 8–11; 4:13–17 Mt 23:1–12	August 27 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 22:19–23 Rom 11:33–36 Mt 16:13–20

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Each one of us has our own story and...it is not always a clean story.... Many times it is a difficult story, with a lot of pain....What do I do with my story? Do I hide it? No! We must bring it before the Lord. "Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!"  
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Build Love Not Walls

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

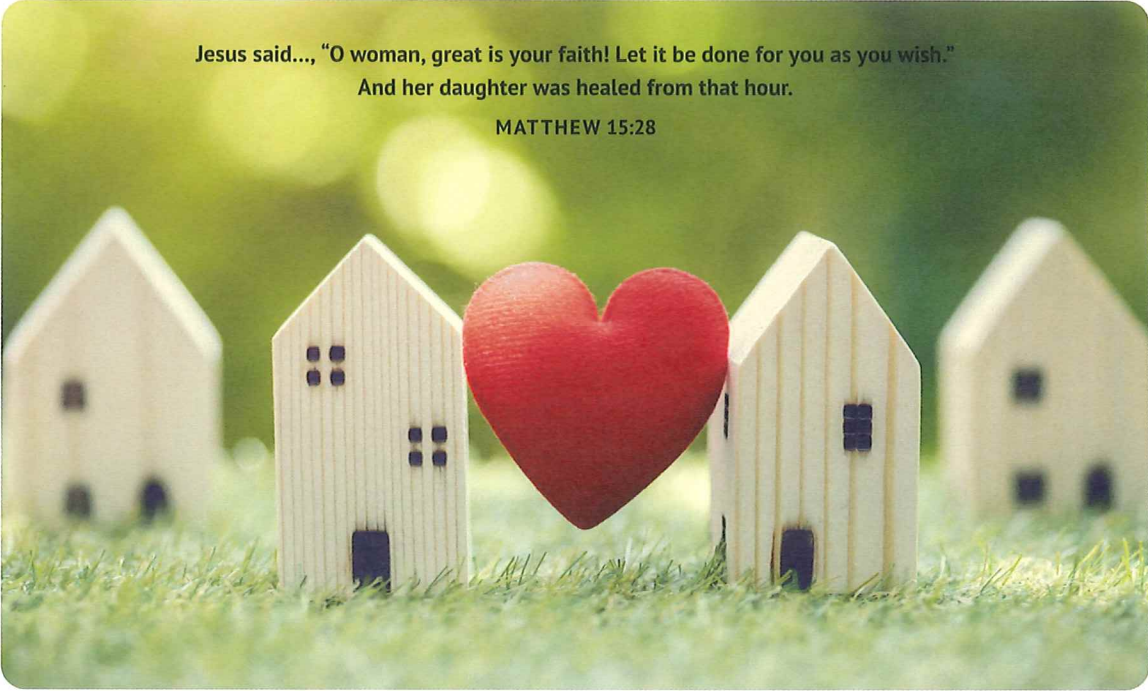
In Robert Frost's poem "Mending Wall," he tells how each spring he meets with his farming neighbor, and the two of them walk along on either side of the stone wall that marks their property to replace the stones toppled by the ice of winter. His neighbor loves the idea of a wall, inspired by his father's advice that "good fences make good neighbors." Frost, however, is not convinced and keeps suggesting that "something there is that doesn't love a wall," as if walls are not intrinsic to God's creation.

We humans seem to like our boundaries. As children, we divide ourselves between girl germs and boy germs and draw imaginary lines in the back seats of cars. Later we build walls everywhere—the Great Wall of China, the Berlin Wall, the structures at Mexico's border, backyard fences, and gated communities. We set up national boundaries, build emotional walls, relegate people to ghettos and the other side of the tracks, and we differentiate among religions, arguing over which is God's preference. We seem to use walls rather than love to give us our identity.

Some Scripture scholars suggest that this Sunday's Gospel event was a turning point where it became clear that Jesus came to save not only the Jewish people but all people, believers and unbelievers alike. Seeing her faith, Jesus willingly cured the Canaanite woman's daughter. With God there are no boundaries or walls—not those of nations, not those imposed by languages and customs, not those we use to divide people of faith. ●

Reflect

Have you ever felt isolated by a wall?  
Who built it—you or someone else?



Jesus said..., "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."  
And her daughter was healed from that hour.  
MATTHEW 15:28





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**20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8/19/2023 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.**

**Servers:** Lucy, Jonathan, & Nathan Gannett

**Reader:** Karen Burden

**E.O.HC:** Rosemary & Tom Bachman

**8/20/2023 – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**

**Servers:** Kirbe & Kipton Koons, Joleigh Lohman-Fuller

**Reader:** Julie Kaps

**E.O. HC:** Maria Enriquez, Rosa Cardenas

**21th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8/12/2023 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.**

**Servers:** Volunteer, Jason Velasco, Ryann Bamberger

**Reader:** Tom Bachman

**E.O.HC:** Debbie Frederick, Gwen Waechter

**8/13/2023 – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**

**Servers:** Cade & Jace Berning, Luke Woodrow

**Reader:** Kyle Berning

**E.O. HC:** Teresa Beltran, Karen Burden

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Saturday, August 19</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>For the People</b>
<b>Sunday, August 20</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mary Gleason</b>
<b>Monday, August 21</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>David Hoang</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 22</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Gary Sack</b>
<b>Thursday, August 24</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Joe Meier</b>
<b>Friday, August 25</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>David Hoang</b>
<b>Saturday, August 26</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>For the People</b>
<b>Sunday, August 27</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Jim Baker Family</b>

**Reconciliation:** Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. or by appointment.

**Baptism:** Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

**Marriage:** Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

**August 20, 2023**

**20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*"O God, let all the nations praise you!" (Psalm 67)*

Jesus, this Sunday’s Gospel (Matthew 15:21-28) said to the Canaanite woman, “O woman, great is your faith!”

Imagine hearing those words from the mouth of Jesus. The woman in our Gospel story from Matthew did. She came to Jesus and pleaded with him to cure her daughter who was being tormented by a demon. After a challenging, puzzling, somewhat hard-to-hear, Jesus affirms her faith and grants her request. The woman’s daughter is healed.

My friends, “Why is faith important?”

Faith is important because it is through faith that we are saved. Faith saves us today and every day we continue to live in the light of truth, in the light of goodness, in the light of mercy, in the light of trust. Faith changes absolutely everything, changes us at the very core of who we are, changes how we experience this life, changes today, tomorrow, and the entire path before us --- a path which leads us into the loving embrace of a God who loves us more than we can imagine.

And so today we acknowledge the great gift of faith. May we never neglect it or take it for granted. Rather, let’s ask our loving God to help it grow within us, so that he can say to each of us what he said to the woman, “ . . . great is your faith!”

Fr. Peter

**COLLECTION** for August 13, 2023: Envelopes: \$530 ; Loose: \$201 ; Online Giving: \$1412.24 ; Total \$2143.24 ;Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under +382.07

**CHURCH PROJECT GOAL** \$52000—Building Fund To Date: \$31586.63*Thank you so much for your love for our parish church and your faithful stewards.*

**SINCERE SYMPATHY & PRAYERS** Our deepest sympathy and prayers to you and your family, on the passing of your beloved sister, Mary Ann Hoodenpyle. May the Almighty God wrap His loving arms around you and the entire family and give you peace. May she rest in peace.

**THANK YOU** A “HUGE” THANK YOU to all who helped in any way to make this year’s Rummage Sale a success. Your time is greatly appreciated, The total sales of \$3666.14 goes towards Parish Maintenance Fund. Thanks also to those who donated items to sell and to those who purchased items.

**BUDGET SHOP** We will be working at the Budget Shop on Saturday, August 26 and Tuesday, August 29. Please keep these dates on your busy calendars and try to save a few hours to help us. We are open on Saturdays and Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Any help will be greatly appreciated. And “Thank You” ahead of time.

**O.C.I.A (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)** Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church or finding out more about the teachings of the faith? Consider joining the St. Anthony’s OCIA program. The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a process for adults who desire to join the Catholic faith. The process invites participants into discernment, prayer, and spiritual formation. If you’d like to join us, please call please call Fr. Peter (620-355-6405) or Mrs. Karen Burden (620- 355-6388)

**ADULT CONFIRMATIONR** If any adult Catholic who hasn’t been confirmed and would like to be confirmed this coming Easter Please call Fr. Peter (620-355-6405) or Mrs. Karen Burden (620- 355-6388) On behalf of the Catholic faith community of the St. Anthony, we look forward to welcoming you.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK** Whom is the message of inclusion in today’s readings challenging me to look at differently? How can I be more accepting of others?

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK** God of holiness and life, you chose Abraham to be the father of a people you would form into a holy nation, a special possession. You called Moses and the prophets to teach your people how to live. You chose David and his descendants to govern your people wisely. Through Jesus, born of your chosen people, you shared your blessings with us. Jesus invites us to be part of your kingdom. Give us faith to accept his invitation. Give us humility to call upon him for guidance. Give us perseverance to overcome whatever stands in our way. We ask this in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

**UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - (Matthew 15:21-28)**

**Israel’s privilege** Jesus spent most of his ministry in Galilee among rural Jews. Tyre and Sidon are Gentile cities to the northwest of Galilee. It’s not clear if Jesus crossed into the region of these cities or went near them but kept within the borders of Galilee. As a Canaanite the woman represents not only Gentiles but also the inhabitants of the region into which God led his people after freeing them from slavery in Egypt. Canaanite beliefs had been a constant threat to the Israelites’ worship of God. The lost sheep of Israel could refer to all of Israel or only to certain people in it. Either way, Jesus’ ministry is for these children of God, not for dogs. In surprisingly harsh language Jesus makes it clear that Israel holds a privileged position in God’s eyes.

**Keeping a foot in the door** Despite being initially ignored (v.23) the woman persists. She addresses Jesus using titles that express her faith in him and in his status as a descendant of David, one of Israel’s greatest kings. She thus affirms Israel’s privileged status. The woman then runs up and bows or kneels before Jesus just like his disciples did in the boat (14:33). Her faith is at least as strong as theirs; it’s certainly stronger than the response of the Jews who have so far rejected his ministry. After showing great faith in Jesus, love for her daughter, and humble acknowledgment of Israel’s unique status, the woman speaks boldly and cleverly. She uses Jesus’ own metaphor to make a case for being included in his ministry. She knows what’s good and life-giving when she sees it.

**The door opens** Although Jesus concentrated his ministry among fellow Jews, stories such as this show his willingness to attend to the needs of everyone. After his resurrection the risen Jesus commands his followers to make disciples of all nations (28:19).

(oursundayreadings.wordpress.com)

**UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST READING OF THE WEEK - (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7)**

**The status of non-Jews** Chapters 56-66 of this book were probably written as the Jerusalem temple and city were being rebuilt in the late sixth century BC. As the Jewish people recovered from the devastation of the Babylonian Exile decades earlier, some Jews wondered about the status of the non-Jews (foreigners) who lived among them. In some cases these non-Jews were married to Jews.

**Opening the gates** Passages in the Jewish scriptures exclude non-Jews from the community or warn Jews to keep away from non-Jews. Such passages reflect the concern that non-Jewish beliefs and customs would weaken or distort Judaism. In this passage foreigners are welcome as long as they love and honor God. The doors of the Jerusalem temple are open to them. This passage is an example of a shift in Judaism toward the belief that one day God will draw all people to salvation, Jew and non-Jew alike

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION AUGUST 20,2023**

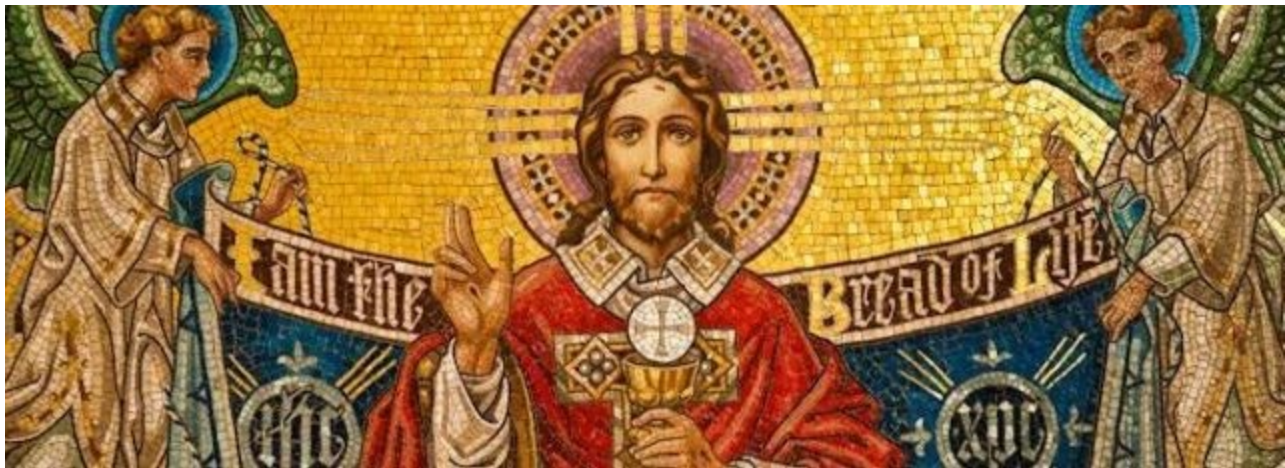
*“For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.”-Romans 11:29*

God has a special mission in mind for each of us.He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission.We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us.If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.Each of us has a part in God’s salvation plan.

*“Los dones y el llamado de Dios son irrevocables.” - Romanos 11:29*

Dios tiene una misión en mente para cada uno de nosotros.Él nos da los dones que necesitamos para cumplir esa misión.Somos llamados a ser buenos administradores de esos dones para hacer el trabajo que Él ha planificado para cada uno de nosotros.Si negamos nuestros dones o no los utilizamos como Dios nos lo pide, entonces parte de Su obra queda sin terminar.Cada uno de nosotros tiene un papel en el plan de salvación de Dios.

DAILY MASS SURVEY



While the Church does not require Daily Mass, in the lives of the Saints of the Church, many of them went to Mass as often as they could, and all of them had an ever-increasing love for Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist, desiring to spend as much time as possible with Him at Holy Mass and in Eucharistic Adoration.

With this in mind, we are doing a brief survey to find out how we as a parish might make it easier for you to attend Daily Mass, whether just occasionally, or every day, in order to allow you also to spend time with Our Lord, and receive Him in Holy Communion.

Understanding that everyone has particular circumstances, we hope you will take the time to prayerfully consider attending Daily Mass, at least one time more a week than you are currently. We also hope we can help, and would appreciate you filling out this survey to help us understand how we can do so. The first weekend of September we will invite you to do so after Mass.

**Would you mind filling out this survey to let us know your thoughts?** (If you are already attending Daily Mass, we encourage you to respond in the survey as well!)  
*Please note that there is no plan at this moment, or possibly at all to change any of the Mass times. Mass times are simply one of many important factors we are trying to get a better understanding of, in terms of the needs of our parishioners. Thanks!*

**For information purposes, our current Daily Mass schedule is as follows:**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, at 8:30 a.m.  
Some parishioners have mentioned that the current times for Daily Mass make it difficult for them to attend. What times would make it possible to you to attend?

- \_\_\_ Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 7 a.m.
- \_\_\_ Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 7:30 a.m..
- \_\_\_ Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8 a.m.
- \_\_\_ Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 6: 30 p.m.
- \_\_\_ One Midday (12:10 p.m.) Mass a week
- \_\_\_ One Evening Mass a week.
- \_\_\_ Current Schedule works well for me.
- \_\_\_ None of the above.

What would make it easier for you to attend Daily Mass?

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

That all may be one

The spirit of division is about being right. The spirit of unity is about embracing Christ. In which direction are we heading? Ecumenism seems an almost quaint idea in the 21st-century church. Other issues seem to have become more critical for many than getting Christians on the same page. Yet a divided church is a scandal to a world that questions our sincerity if we can't even agree on Jesus. Dialogue with others without the need to criticize beliefs or change minds. Create opportunities to pray, study, work, and mission together with local Christians. They will know we are Christians by our love. (Preparetheword)

VIGÉSIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Que todos seamos uno

El espíritu de división consiste en tener razón. El espíritu de unidad consiste en abrazar a Cristo. ¿En qué dirección vamos? El ecumenismo parece una idea casi pintoresca en la Iglesia del siglo XXI. Otras cuestiones parecen haberse vuelto más críticas para muchos que poner a los Cristianos en la misma página. Sin embargo, una Iglesia dividida es un escándalo para un mundo que cuestiona nuestra sinceridad si ni siquiera podemos ponernos de acuerdo sobre Jesús. Dialoga con los demás sin necesidad de criticar creencias o cambiar mentes. Crea oportunidades para orar, estudiar, trabajar y misionar juntos con los Cristianos locales. Sabrán que somos cristianos por nuestro amor.