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The Love of Our Mother

My Dear Saint Mary's Family,

I recently heard someone say, I'm a lover not a fighter. To which the other person replied, if you're not willing to fight for your love what kind of love do you have?

Love, true love, is sacrificial. It can be hard to sacrifice, because it means I have to give something up. But then I remember the full definition of sacrifice is to give something up *for something better*. I think of a parent forgoing their own need for the benefit of their child, as we hear today.



In this Sunday's Gospel, we witness a Mother's true love for her daughter who is suffering with possession in the wealthy, pagan region of Tyre and Sidon (in modern-day Lebanon). This woman who was living "outside the house of Israel" exhibited faith in the true God as she

proclaimed Jesus as "Lord, Son of David", the Messiah! I have heard it said, and I am personally thankful for it, that "There is no saint without a past, and no sinner without a future." No one is beyond hope and God's mercy, even me.

Then why at first glance does it seem Jesus did not want to heal this child? I have read it is possible Jesus chose to respond in this way to allow the woman's faith to be drawn out and further strengthened. Or that perhaps the Disciples with Jesus thought His mission was limited to their people, Israel, who held the same beliefs. Not for an outsider. Yet before their eyes, and everyone else present, the boundary they might have expected Him to maintain does not place this woman beyond the reach of God's mercy. I wonder if this expression of God's love might have helped others present to follow Jesus, as decades later when St. Paul was
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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday

7:30 am to 3:30 pm



arrested as a Christian he had brethren (Christians!) to visit in Sidon (Acts 27:3)!
In fact, all of Sunday’s readings seem to lead us here: Isaiah speaks of God’s house as a house of prayer for all peoples; St. Paul speaks of God’s mercy reaching the Gentiles; and now Jesus allows us to see that mercy face-to-face in this mother and her daughter.
This is the Church founded by Christ, our Catholic Church. In the Council of Jerusalem (AD 50) and the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 831, 836) we learn that everyone is invited to enter the Church. We are all God’s beloved. God wants us all to be with Him in this life and the next (1 Tim 2:3-4, 2 Peter 3:9, Ezekiel 18:23), so this is possible! But not on our own.
How fitting that through our Mother Church, in her love for us, we hear of the love of this Mother and daughter, and Jesus’ love for them on the Sunday following the feast of the Assumption of Mary. The Church reminds us that Mary, taken up into Heaven, has not ceased being a mother to us, but continues to intercede for her children (CCC 968–969).
My dear Sisters and Brothers, come to Jesus as you are, and bring others to Him as these Mothers have. I invite us each at St. Mary’s to come together to “give Jesus homage, saying, ‘Lord, help me.’”

In the three Hearts! Your Seminarian and brother, Michael

Saint of the week:
August 20: St. Bernard
Doctor and the last of the Fathers of the Church



August 15 - August 23		
Eucharistic Celebrations:		
Saturday 15:	5:30 pm	Int. PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARYS
Sunday 16:	9:00 am	INT. MICHAEL VENTO
	11:00am	+PAULA,+TOM &+JIM GILLETE
Monday 17:	8:00 am	+ JIM HENDERSON
Tuesday 18:	8:00 am	+ FRANK ROHLIK
Wednesday 19:	8:00 am	+ PAT BARRY
Thursday 20:	8:00 am	+ MARGARET MARY LARSON
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AA - call hotline 928-537-7800 for meeting information

This week in our parish:

Monday:	8:00 am	Mass
Tuesday:	8:00 am	Mass
	8:30 am	Divine Mercy Chaplet
	5:30 pm	Al-Anon Meeting (Church hall)
Wednesday :	8:00 am	Mass
	8:30 am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena
	9:30 am	Madonna Guild Book Study - Hall
	11:00 am	Prayer Group - Church
Thursday:	8:00 am	Mass
	8:30 am	Rosary for America
Friday:	8:00 am	Mass. Parish Office Closed

For routine, non-emergency as well as emergency care for the **sick or dying**, please contact the parish office or Fr. Peter at 928-367-2080, Monday through Thursday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Outside of these hours, please call 928-367-1278, leave a message and we will get back as soon as possible.

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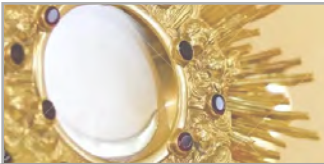
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