



**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Thus says the LORD: “Stand firm in justice; do what is right” (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

**Psalms** — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

**Second Reading** — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

**Gospel** — Jesus told the Canaanite woman of great faith, “It shall be done as you wish” (Matthew 15:21-28).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK - MISAS DE LA SEMANA**

**Saturday**

**4:30pm:** John Melhaff+, Maria Cabral+

**6:30pm/Spanish:** Rafael Rios Jaime+

**Sunday**

**8:00am:** Alda Costa+, Alicia Andes+

**10:00am:** Tony Mello+, Linda & Dolores Nalus+, Lilian & Ding Regala+, Bill Griffin+, John Kardash+

**11:30am:** All Souls+

**9:00am/(M):** All Souls+

**9:00am/(T):** All Souls+

**9:00am/(W):** All Souls+

**9:00am/(Thurs):** All Souls+

**9:00am/(F):** All Souls+

**CALLED TO ACT IN GOD'S NAME**

“Let all the nations praise you!” (Psalm 67:4) today’s psalm response exclaims. In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone—not just the Chosen People—to give praise. Stated a bit more strongly, it is something of a “put up or shut up” challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their intimate and loving relationship with God, were not afraid to make.

The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with “Behold!” (Matthew 15:22) “Behold!” is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus’ followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living.

**THIS WEEK WE WILL REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**

Eileen Ellsworth, Rev. Robert Copsey, The Cristologo Family, Emma Pimentel, Norma Serrano, Jaime Serroto, Nima Romo, Larry Ellsworth, John Thomas, Kammy Maxfeldt, Eric Fischer, Charlie Masterton, Sue Sugrue, Geri Hanney, Arguello Family, Marquez-Soria Family, Hernanas Vlen Icasas, , Estefania Anthony, Norma Serrano, Lauren Ellis, Mejia Nunez Mendoza Family, Rodriguez Brannan Family, Maria Duarte Mota Ferreira, Faviola Quiroz, Rick Garcia, Dionicio Jaime, Manuel Silva, Ciro Andreo. Maria Spannuth, Jose Garcia, Antonio Avila, Fred Denier, Olga Lopez,



**A long overdue thanks to Richard, Paul, Don and Ben, for all the work in updating the arbor out on the plaza, support in arranging contractors for roof and vandalism repairs. I am so thankful for your kindness –Father Miguel.**



Come and eat breakfast this Sunday - August 20th, after the 8 & 10am mass. Pancakes, hashbrowns, burritos, coffee, juice and champagne will be served. All proceeds to benefit the festival. MORE FALL FESTIVAL INFORMATION ON THE BACK OF THE BULLETIN!

# Becoming Catholic

# RCIA

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

### DID YOU KNOW.....

Did you know that if you or a family member have not received all the Sacraments of the Catholic Church, the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Program at St. Christopher's can help prepare you to receive these Sacraments. Did you know if someone you know would like to become a member of the Catholic Church, the RCIA Program at St. Christopher's can help. For further information please contact Ben White 916 396 5453, or the parish office.



### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Mi salvación se viene acercando; mi justicia está a punto de aparecer (Isaías 56:1, 6-7).

**Salmo** — Que te alaben, Señor, todos los pueblos de la tierra (Salmo 67 [66]).

**Segunda lectura** — Los dones y la llamada de Dios son irrevocables (Romanos 11:13-15, 29-32).

**Evangelio** — Mujer, ¡qué grande es tu fe! (Mateo 15: 21-28).

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Jue 2:11-19; Sal 106 (105):34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

Martes: Jue 6:11-24a; Sal 85 (84):9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Miércoles: Jue 9:6-15; Sal 21 (20):2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Jueves: Apo 21:9b-14; Sal 145 (144):10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Viernes: Rut 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Sal 146 (145):5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Sábado: Rut 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Sal 128 (127):1b-5; Mt 23:1-12

Domingo: Is 22:19-23; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

### LLAMADOS A ACTUAR EN EL NOMBRE DE DIOS

“¡Que todos los pueblos te alaben!” (Salmo 67:4) exclama la respuesta del salmo de hoy. En el salterio y en otras escrituras hebreas, este tipo de invocación es en realidad una invitación a Dios para que actúe e intervenga en las vidas humanas de tal manera que haga que todos –no sólo el Pueblo Elegido – exprese alabanzas. Dicho algo más fuerte, es como desafiar a Dios para que “aguante o se calle”, el tipo de palabras duras que los salmistas de Israel, confiando en su íntima relación de amor con Dios, no temían expresar. El Evangelio tiene su propia exclamación que anuncia la aparición de la mujer cananea con un “Entonces” (Mateo 15:22). “Entonces” o “he aquí” es una señal en la Biblia que nos indica que observemos con mucha atención, que Dios está por actuar o anunciar algo por medio de un individuo o una situación. En el caso de Jesús, Dios iba a obrar a través de esta mujer, a quien ninguno de los seguidores de Jesús hubiera creído pudiera ser una agente de la voluntad divina. Como los salmistas, puede que informemos en forma pasiva a Dios o quizás hasta activamente le desafíemos para que haga algo para que todos lleguen a creer, mas Dios siempre nos volteará las posiciones. Se convierte en nuestro llamado, nuestro deber (como lo fue para Jesús) observar atentamente las situaciones y a las personas en nuestra vida diaria para que Dios pueda actuar a través de nosotros, para que el Reino sea anunciado en nuestro diario vivir.