

"I'LL BE TRUE TO YOU, EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T WANT ME TO!" "SOME DAY, YOU'RE GONNA LOVE ME!"

Ask for Anything

This may seem scandalous to us: A poor woman wants Jesus to expel a demon from her daughter and Jesus makes every effort to ignore the woman.

But here is another surprise. Jesus answers her request after all. In doing so, he breaks from the law of nature by curing someone outside the normal patterns of physical health and disease. And he breaks from the general boundaries of his mission by aiding a non-Jewish person.

Jesus has been sent on a limited mission by his father. He is to announce God's kingdom to the Jews, not to all the world. He is to train a small group of apostles to take that news to the rest of the world. This woman is not Jewish; she is a Gentile.

So, why does he grant the request of the woman? Out of compassion. The God who is love cannot turn away from creature of his who is in trouble. If we do not find the Lord coming to our rescue in all our times of difficulty, we must remember that he wants to follow the normal patterns he's created. And perhaps what we would see as compassionate may not be such in the sight of God. Perhaps something that we request, were it granted, could result in real harm to us.

At the same time, the compassion of Jesus is just as strong toward us today as it was for the woman in the story we read at Mass. We should not hesitate to ask for anything, and we should be humbly grateful for whatever we receive.

Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom. 11;13-15, 29-32; Mt. 15:21-28





Pídan cualquier cosa

Esto puede que nos parezca un poco escandaloso: Una mujer pobre quiere que Jesús cure a su hija, atormentada por un demonio, y Jesús hace todo lo posible por ignorar a la mujer.

Pero aquí tenemos otra sorpresa. Jesús responde a su petición después de todo. Al hacerlo, él no sigue la ley de la naturaleza al curar a alguien que no tiene una enfermedad normal. Y él no sigue los confines generales de su misión al ayudar a una persona que no es judía.

Jesús ha sido enviado por so Padre a cumplir una misión limitada. El debe anunciar el Reino de Dios a los judíos no a todo el mundo. El debe entrenar un grupo pequeño de apóstoles para llevar esta buena nueva al resto del mundo. Esta mujer no es judía; ella es una pagana.

Por lo tanto, ¿Por qué es que él le concede la petición a la mujer? Por compasión. El Dios que es amor no puede darle la espalda a una criatura suya que tiene problemas.

Si no vemos que el Señor viene a ayudarnos cada vez que tenemos una problema, tenemos que recordar que él quiere seguir los patrones normales que él ha creado. Y quizá lo que consideramos misericordioso no lo es ante los ojos de Dios. Quizá algo que hemos pedido, si se nos concede, podría causarnos daños.

Al mismo tiempo, Jesús siente tanta compasión hacia nosotros como sintió hacia la mujer en la historia que leímos en la Misa. No debemos vacilar cuando pedimos, y debemos agradecer humildemente todo lo que recibamos. Is 56, 1,6-7: Rom. 11,13-15: Mt. 15,21-28

This week-end we celebrate the 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time and it ain't all that ordinary! Summer's slipping away! Our public school teachers and students are all "fixin' to" get back to school. We pray for all of our teachers in our masses this week-end and ask Mary, the Mother and first Teacher of Christ to pray with and for us and our teachers and students as we launch out into another school year! May this be a great year in which we grow in sincere faith, strong hope and deep love for Christ, for life and for each other. Lord help us become more and more the "buena gente" we were created to be!

<u>COLLEGE STUDENTS</u> who want to ask for a special blessing before you take off for your great struggles with the books can do so after mass, we're all going to be praying for you!

Sunday night & Monday, we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—a sweet feast day in the family of the Church. Nobody ever forgets the day momma went to Heaven! Por casualidad, the eve of the Feast of the Assumption is also the anniversary of the death of Fr. Jim's mother, +Marie Luiza Pfeifer, 33 years this year. iQue cosas! We celebrate the Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sunday Evening at 5:30 P.M. & Monday Morning at 6:55 A.M.

WE CELEBRATE THE FAITH OF MARY, OUR FAITH, AND WE PRAY WITH HER AND SHE PRAYS WITH US AND FOR US. "MY BEING PROCLAIMS THE GREATNESS OF THE LORD, MY SPIRIT FINDS JOY IN GOD MY SAVIOR, FOR HE HAS LOOKED UPON HIS SERVANT IN HER LOWLINESS ALL AGES TO COME SHALL CALLED ME BLESSED. GOD WHO IS MIGHTY HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR ME, HOLY IS HIS NAME: HIS MERCY IS FROM AGE TO AGE ON THOSE WHO FEAR HIM."

MORE AND MORE WE SEEM TO BE LIVING IN AN AGE THAT DOESN'T FEAR OR RESPECT OR SEEK OR LOVE HIM. SO, WE HOPE WE WILL BE EVEN MORE FERVENT IN OUR FIDELITY TO CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH AND MORE DEVOTED TO HIS BLESSED MOTHER. IF THE WORLD IS MORE PAGAN (AND IT IS!) WE GOTTA BE **MORE CATHOLIC!** ARE WE?

GOOD OLE SUMMERTIME IS SLIPPING AWAY!





It's been a fine summer down on the Rio Grande at Kamp Keralum. Check out the pictures! This is the first Summer (in over 15 years) that we've caught an alligator gar! He was the one that got away, but we managed to get a couple of good pictures of him before he went back to tell his family about how crazy we are! It sure has been a beautiful Summer in the neighborhood.

IT SURE WAS A GOOD SUMMER!



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Our old friend and pastor and mentor, <u>FR. GERRY BARRETT</u>, now pastor of Port Isabel, is retiring this Summer. He just seemed to get younger every year until the last year or two. Who knows? Maybe he'll come live with us at Guadalupe! You can send him a card at Our Lady, Star of the Sea. P.O. Box 6504 Port Isabel, Texas 78578.

Juan Diego Academy, NEW Catholic High School in Mission Opening August 2011, NOW REGISTERING 9TH GRADE. *Tuition Scholarships Available* For more info. call 956-287-3260 or visit juandiegoacademy.org. They're looking for a custodian right now—nice place to work!

Don't wait till the last minute! Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic School is still registering for the 2011-2012 academic school year. We're looking forward to opening 6th Grade. The office will be open during the summer if you're interested or know of someone who would like to join our family. For a quality Catholic Education call (956) 585-6445. You'd be surprised how our tuition compares to other schools or to day care! It's lower than any other private school in the Valley! If you're already paying for day care you could save money and get a <u>Quality Catholic Education at O.L.G.</u>!!



Everyone knows the story behind Shary Road, Conway Avenue, and Tom Landry Street, but many of the streets in Mission have less obvious, but equally interesting historical ties. Streets such as Dunlap, Magna, Holland (no it's not named after the country in Europe), and Fulgencio Velasco III all came by their names in fascinating ways that relate to important people and themes in the history of our community. Please join us to celebrate the opening of the Mission Historical Museum's new exhibit, "Streets of Mission." Exhibit designer Maria Hurtado will be available to answer questions about the exhibit, and light refreshments will be served. Mission Historical Museum: 900 Doherty Ave.

<u>PRAYER FOR TRUE EDUCATION</u>: Heavenly Father, help me to grasp the realization that you are calling me now for the purpose of education. You are calling me to use and increase the potential of the great gift you have given me, my mind. Father, I know you have a special place for

me, creation would have been incomplete without me. Help me to grow spiritually, socially, and physically with a special emphasis on education that I may learn about your creation and bring peace to those around me. Grant this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

(Jerry J. Paresa)

TEACHER'S PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, send to me your Word when I teach, testing my thoughts and ideas by your truth.

Give me strong convictions, Lord, but teach me not to be overbearing in the way I express them, and help me to learn from those I teach. Help to relate the Gospel to everyday matters so it will come alive, the Word from God today.

Lord, when my class does not seem to be paying attention and when I feel I failed, help me not to become too discouraged and remind me that the Holy Spirit is the real Teacher.

Holy Spirit, take my words and use them for the teaching and healing of all people. All knowing God, give me mind to Christ, give me the heart of Christ. Fulfill your plan for all who teach and all who learn. We give back to you for your use the time and talents you have given us. To you be the glory. Amen

We will tenderly and lovingly remember all our sick friends and parishioners at all our weekend masses. Also, please remember in your prayers, <u>+Juan Guadalupe Hernandez & +Rodolfo Salinas</u>, who died, and their families in their great sorrow. Que brille para ellos la luz perpetua.

There's a theme from today's mass that life can be unbearably tragic sometimes and it even seems that God is rejecting, ignoring, and abandoning us. It's a kind of spin off from last week's story of the storm. Even when every darn thing that could go wrong is going wrong, He's still there! He's still at work! You can often look back and see it even though at time you would have sworn that if He was saying anything, He was telling you to get lost. This is a real nitty-gritty Gospel. You've probably been there. The poor little momma seems to be scorned and shut out, but she hangs in there.

Tim McGraw sings a good kind of theme song for that mystery "Someday You're gonna love me."

We used to chase that boy home from school We called him freckle faced red headed fool He was different, he wasn't cool like me Sticks and stones didn't break any bones But we never left well enough alone One day he ran away from home you see And I passed him as he walked away And in his eyes I heard him say

One of these days you're gonna love me You'll sit down by yourself and think Of all the times you pushed and shoved me And what good friends we might have been And then you're gonna sigh a little And maybe even cry a little But one of these days you're gonna love me

Patty Sue was a small town beauty I took one look at her and had to pull her to me Lord knows she should have seen right through me When I promised her the world But at 17 you only want one thing I left her standing with my high school ring Innocent tears in a pourin' rain As I walked away And I still see her in my dreams And to this day she's whispering

One of these days you're gonna love me You'll sit down by yourself and think About the time you turned from me And what good friends we might have been And then you're gonna sigh a little And maybe even cry a little But one of these days, you're gonna love me Now everybody stands up The congregation sings It's a song of sweet forgiveness And as the chorus rings The wind blows clear my memory The pages start to turn And suddenly I'm singing The moment that I learn

One of these days I'm gonna love me And feel the joy of sweet release One of these days I'll rise above me And at last I'll find some peace And then I'm gonna smile a little And maybe even laugh a little But one of these days... I'm gonna love me