



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

MATTHEW 15:28

Still Redeemable?

ANN M. GARRIDO

Not once, not twice, but three times in today's gospel, Jesus dismisses the Canaanite woman who comes to him for help. First, he refuses to speak to her. Then, he says he has come only for "the lost sheep" of Israel. Finally, he compares her to a dog. In ancient Judaism, dogs were considered unclean animals, and to call someone a dog was a harsh insult. How does it feel to hear Jesus speak to a woman in this way? We must admit that it does not sound like the Jesus we know and love.

With the trajectory of the encounter headed downhill (and picking up speed), it is hard to imagine that anything could be done at this point to change the outcome. If I were in her situation, I would have been so offended after the third dismissal that I would have simply slammed the door on the way out. But, remarkably, the story takes a 90-degree turn when the Canaanite woman enters into a verbal joust with Jesus and jolts him into taking her seriously. Very seriously. Jesus praises her for her faith.

"Faith in what?" one might ask. Perhaps faith that this relationship could still turn around. Faith that the antagonistic plotline of history between Jews and Canaanites could still change. Faith that Jesus could still be something other than a dismissive man. Faith that an ignored voice might still be worth hearing. Do we have the praiseworthy faith of the Canaanite woman? Do we still believe that troublesome interactions can yet be redeemed? ●



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Reflect

How strong is my faith? Strong enough to be persistent?

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St. Brieux Parish Office Hours

Fr. Tru Le – Is available all week with the exception of Monday – his day off.

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Bulletin and information is available on the website: stbrieuxparish.ca and our Facebook page: **St. Brieux Catholic Church**.

St. Brieux Parish Mass Times:

**Adoration/Reconciliation – 1ST Wednesday of Month
At 6:00 pm and 1st Friday of Month – following mass**

Saturday: 7:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Mary, Mother of God Parish Mass Time

Sunday: 4:00 p.m.

Reconciliation (St. Brieux):

Fr. Tru is available to hear Confession:

-Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. before 7:00 p.m. Mass

-The 1st Wednesday & 1st Friday of the month during Adoration Hour

-Confession is available by appointment.

Grief Ministry

Someone is available for you and your family members to talk or just listen Call Fr. Tru Le at 306-714-7717

Pregnancy Crisis Line: 1-800-665-0570

Farm Crisis Line: 1-800-667-4442

Catholic Family Services: 1-877-922-3202
for appointment

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Aug 18: Mass 9:00 am
Aug 19: Mass 9:00 am
Aug 20: Mass 10:00 am (St. Brieux Manor)
Aug 21: Mass 9:00 am
Aug 22: Mass 7:00 pm
Aug 23: Mass 9:00 am (St. Brieux)
Mass 4:00 pm (Kinistino)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 25: Mass 9:00 am
Aug 26: Mass 9:00 am
Aug 27: Mass 10:00 am (St. Brieux Manor)
Aug 28: Mass 9:00 am
Aug 29: Mass 7:00 pm
Aug 30: Mass 9:00 am (St. Brieux)
Mass 4:00 pm (Kinistino)

“Helping a person in need is good in itself. But the degree of goodness is hugely affected by the attitude with which it is done.”



~ St. John Chrysostom

St. Brieux Parish Mass Intentions

Tues. Aug 18	Mass 9:00 am	+Deceased member of Kernaleguen Family By Guen Kernaleguen
Wed. Aug 19	Mass 9:00 am	+Lilianne Leray By Harry & Yvonne Draude
Thurs. Aug 20	Mass 10:00 am St. Brieux Manor	+Lucien Fagnou By Phillip & Jeannette Mansiere
Fri. Aug 21	Mass 9:00 am	+Gilles Tremblay By Don & Celine Kleiboer
Sat. Aug 22	Mass 7:00 pm	+Don Assié By André & Ramona Assié & Family
Sun. Aug 23	Mass 9:00 am	All Parishioners

Mary, Mother of God Parish Mass Intentions

Sun. Aug 23	Mass 4:00 pm	+Paul & Helen Bencharski By Brian & Gwen Bencharski
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Regular Collections

St. Brieux: (Includes Sunday Collection and Automatic Deposits)

Aug 2, 2026 - \$ 1,320.00
Aug 9, 2026 - \$ 1,569.00

Mary, Mother of God:

Aug 2, 2026 - \$ 210.00
Aug 9, 2026 - \$ 350.00

Leaving a Legacy:

REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH - By leaving a gift in your will or estate to St. Brieux Parish. The impact will be felt and remembered for generations.

For more information, please contact the parish office at 306-275-2043

The Ill & Elderly Ministry:

Percy King, Marthe Rohel-Coquet accepted to continue this card ministry and would appreciate being informed of anyone who would be touched by receiving a card in the name of our St. Brieux Parish.

Pray It Forward Prayer Group:

To join this ministry, or have an Intercessory Prayer Request contact Terry Valmont by text or call at 306-920-8771. Prayer requests can be submitted either anonymously or with information.

Prayer for Priests

LORD, lift up your holy priests, deacons and religious.

Grant them the graces they need to minister to your people. Keep them pure and strong in your love. Give them courage when things are difficult, and accompany them when they are lonely. Strengthen them in times of weakness.

Sunday, Aug 23 - 9: 00 am

(If you are unable to do your ministry, please find a replacement)

Ministries

Altar	Darlyn Hunt
Greeters & Gifts	Janet Creurer & Ann Gueguen
Lay Leader/Prayers of Faithful	Dan Hunt
Lectors	Rochelle Mansiere, Russel Agnote
Communion - Bread & Cup	André Assié, Ramona Assié, Celine Kleiboer, Terry Valmont
Children's Liturgy	Thomas Family
Counters	Dolores Rheaume, Kathy Nemeth, Betty Mahussier
Altar Servers	Maxene, Nicole, Kian
Vocation Cross	Janet Creurer

Dear Padre,

What does the Church teach about evolution?

In 1950, Pope Pius XII assured believers that there is no intrinsic opposition between Christianity and the theory of evolution, provided that God is affirmed as the Creator of all things and that the human soul is acknowledged a direct creation of God. (See *Humani Generis* [On the Human Person], 36.) In section 6 of his October 22, 1996, address to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, Pope St. John Paul II sanctioned the acceptance of evolution theories but added that the nature of the soul and its relationship to God are beyond the realm of science. Thus, the Catholic Church maintains that while evolution explains the development of life, it is God who initiated and guided the evolutionary process, and that our providential God is ultimately responsible for creating the human soul.

Many people find Darwin's evolutionary theory (*On the Origin of Species*, 1859) hard to reconcile with their literal interpretation of the biblical account of origins in Genesis 1 and 2. But views on whether God created human beings in evolutionary stages that span millennia, or literally created human beings in an instant, can coexist for Catholics. Yet, regarding the latter view, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* discourages an overall literal interpretation of the Bible, encouraging readers instead to recognize its various literary genres. (See CCC 109–117.) Recall, too, that the Bible wasn't written for scientific information, nor was Darwinian biology written for theological revelation. ●



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Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 17	August 18	August 19	August 20	August 21	August 22	August 23
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	St. Pius X, Pope	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 24:15–23	Ez 28:1–10	Ez 34:1–11	Ez 36:23–28	Ez 37:1–14	Ez 43:1–7ab	Is 22:19–23
Mt 19:16–22	Mt 19:23–30	Mt 20:1–16	Mt 22:1–14	Mt 22:34–40	Mt 23:1–12	Rom 11:33–36
						Mt 16:13–20

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

[T]he pain that moves us to compassion is not the pain of a stranger; it is the pain of a member of our own Body, to whom Christ our Head commands us attend, for the good of all. In this sense, our service is identified with Christ's own suffering and, when offered in a Christian spirit, hastens the fulfillment of the Savior's prayer for the unity of all.

MESSAGE ON WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, ROME, FEBRUARY 11, 2026

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Vocation Corner: Aug 16th – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Vocation View: It's so easy to push people out of our lives. But the Lord knows no boundaries or races or colours. Spread the Good News that we are all God's people.

Prayer: That more men and women will have the faith to hear God's call in their lives and respond with hope in His promise and love for the Savior by following Him as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Action: RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES have bridged the gap between rich and poor for centuries. They have ministered to the poor and helped build community throughout the world. Vocations to religious life are always much needed, people who are willing to spend their lives in this much needed endeavor.

Stewardship: Aug 16th – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"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.

MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

(Lectio Divina)

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the meeting room.

Next Meeting – Aug 19th

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

(Lectio Divina)

Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the meeting room.

Next meeting – Aug 20th



*St. Brioux Parish wishes to
offer our deepest sympathies
to the Senecal family on the
passing of*

Alice Senecal

Feast of the Assumption – August 15th

August 15th commemorates Mary's Assumption into Heaven. At the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken to Heaven, body and soul. Though she was human, she was born without original sin. This meant she would not undergo the punishment of being separated from her body at the end of her life. St. Francis de Sales once explained it this way: *“What son, if he could, would not bring his mother back to life, and take her, after death, into paradise?”* The Assumption honors both her holy life here on earth and her title as Mother of God.

