

**CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY
JOINT BASE MYER-HENDERSON HALL
FORT MYER, VIRGINIA 22211**

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**Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
16-17 August 2014**

NOTES FROM FR. FRED

Dear Catholic Community at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall:

Pope Benedict XVI wrote that faith makes us light, enabling us to escape our own gravity, which drags us down. The terrible trial of a chronically ill child could have wrecked the Canaanite woman's spirit, weighing her down with despondency and defeat. But faith lifts her from the heaviness of hopelessness and carries her to the "holy mountain" who is Christ. The promise proclaimed by Saint Paul, that God desires to have mercy on all, moves the woman beyond the burden of fatalism and doubt. Before the Answer who is Christ, she will not take no for an answer. Even Jesus' silence does not dissuade her. Instead, it serves to steel her belief, showing her a new tack by which to beg for what God is eager to give her. God, grant to all of us this same faith in You.

Christ's peace to you,

Fr. Fred

Designated Offerings: 23-24 August for *FEDS FEED FAMILIES FOOD DRIVE*
6-7 September for *FISHER HOUSE*

Advent Penance Service: Thursday, 11 December at 1900

RCIA News and Help Request

RCIA will begin on Sunday, 7 September at 1030. If you know of someone interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about Catholicism, please let us know. As mentioned at Mass, Kathy Pardue will be heading our RCIA. WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are asking for volunteers to sponsor an RCIA candidate by making a promise that you and/or your family will pray for this candidate each day. ALSO, we would like the members of our faith community to write a letter telling what his/her faith means to you. These letters can be written by both children and adults; signed or written anonymously. They will be placed in a

binder for RCIA candidates to read. Letters can be emailed to Kathy Pardue at pardue75@verizon.net or handed to Kathy at weekend Mass. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION.

Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at the Masses on the 2nd weekend of every month. The anointing is for anyone of advanced age or who has a serious (not necessarily life threatening) illness. IT IS A SACRAMENT OF HEALING for body, mind and spirit!!!!

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER--for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Military Chaplaincy; for our deployed troops and their families; for our parishioners who are ill; and for our deceased:

Deployed: FC2 Joseph Reed, USN; Carol Yannarella, USAF

For both *Healing and Deceased*, we are updating our lists. If you would like someone remembered in prayer, please email Fr. Fred. Please be sure to specify whether request is for *healing or deceased*. Thank you.

On the weekend of **6-7 September**, we will have a **MINISTRIES FAIR**. The purpose is to highlight our ministries, inviting you to continue your involvement or to become involved for the first time. Following the Saturday evening Mass, there will be a meal in the Fellowship Hall. On Sunday morning we will have coffee and doughnuts. Both times will be an opportunity for us to highlight our ministries and learn more about them. Please plan on joining us after Mass. THANK YOU!

Offering for 9-10 August

1700 Vigil Mass: \$1819.00

0900 Sunday Mass: \$2743.50

Total: \$4562.50

ATTENDANCE: 336

Please make checks payable to "CTO."

Parish Contact Information

Pastor: Fr. Fred Wendel 703-696-5688 or alfred.w.wendel2.mil@mail.mil

Mass: 5PM Saturday Vigil, 9AM Sunday, Noon M-F. All at Memorial Chapel.

Reconciliation: 11:30-11:45AM Tuesday-Friday in Room 112 of Memorial Chapel.

Emergency Contact: Marshall Desk SGT 703-696-3525

Parish Registration: See usher for form.

Advance E-bulletin: Available on website; e-mailed each Thursday

Sacraments and sponsor letters: Requires registration. Fr. Fred has pastoral jurisdiction only for active duty military and their family members.