

LIVING FAITH

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THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY

Matthew 15: 21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

Everywhere we go in life, there are "insiders" and "outsiders." In our communities, in our parishes, in our clubs and in our organizations, there always seem to be insiders and outsiders.

It was no different in Jesus' day. The disciples of Jesus, like many of the Jewish people, thought of themselves as "insiders." They thought that God was *their* God, and not to be shared with their neighbours, like the Canaanites.

It feels good to be an insider. It doesn't always feel so good to be an outsider. In today's Gospel, Jesus shows us how to go out to the margins and engage the outsider, talk with them, welcome them, and bring them to your heart.

Hospitality is more than welcoming somebody into your home. Hospitality can be welcoming new ideas or new ways of doing things. Hospitality can mean going out to strangers, as well as welcoming them in. Pope Francis challenges us to be a Church that goes out to the margins, and there to welcome the stranger. What is "the margin" for you?

A PRAYER TO LEARN AND REMEMBER

Hail Mary



Hail Mary Word Search

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Directions: Find all 17 of the words that are in bold print below in the Hail Mary prayer in the word search above.

Hail Mary,
Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of death.
Amen.



I Believe...



THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: THE MYSTERY OF JESUS CHRIST—WHO IS HE?

(part 3)

Reflections by Fr. Gregory Carruthers, SJ

Jesus is one Divine Person in two natures, a fully divine nature and a fully human nature.

Jesus is not 50% divine and 50% human. He is fully 100% divine and fully 100% human, therefore Jesus is true God and true man.

Jesus' full divine nature does not interfere with or diminish in any way his full human nature. Nor does Jesus' full human nature interfere with or diminish in any way his full divine nature.

When on the cross Jesus says "I thirst", even though the "I" is the Divine Person, because Jesus has a true human nature he can and does truly thirst, and truly weep over Jerusalem and truly rejoice and truly suffer and truly die - just like we do; and truly bodily rise glorified from the dead - as we will too!

We can see now that because Jesus is one Divine Person - and not a human person - in two natures, that he is not just another holy man or a prophet - he is indeed, God-made-man.

Finally, since Mary - like all mothers - is mother of the person in her womb, and that Person is a Divine Person, God the Son, then Mary is rightly called "Mother of God".





THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY OBLIGATORY MEMORIAL AUGUST 22ND



The **Queenship of Mary** is a Marian feast day in the liturgical calendar of the Roman Catholic Church, created by Pope Pius XII. On 11 October 1954, the Pontiff pronounced the new feast in his encyclical *Ad caeli reginam*. The feast used to be celebrated on May 31. Although Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954, Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, Mary is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.

In the fourth century St. Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." Many Newfoundlanders love the hymn, "Hail, Queen of Heaven, the Ocean Star."

The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection and because of her intercessory power.

Regina Coeli

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
For He whom you did merit to bear,
alleluia.

Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary,
alleluia.

For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to
the world through the resurrection
of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
grant we beseech Thee, that through
the intercession of the Virgin Mary,
His Mother, we may obtain the joys
of everlasting life. Through the same
Christ our Lord. Amen.

For more about this feast visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0dk8F0KYxY>

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