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MASSES:
 Saturday Morning Mass 8:00 A.M.
 Saturday (Eve of Sunday): 4:30 P.M.
 Sunday: 8:00 A.M.
 10:30 A.M.
 12:10 P.M.
 Weekday: 12:10 P.M.
 Holy Days, Eve of Feast: 5:30 P.M.
 Feast: 12:10 P.M.

CONFESSIONS:
 Daily: 11:45 A.M.—12:05 P.M.
 Saturday: 3:30 – 4:15
 Anytime on request.
 Cathedral Office Hours:
 Monday – Friday 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
 Prayer Request Line: 434-8291

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 14, 2011

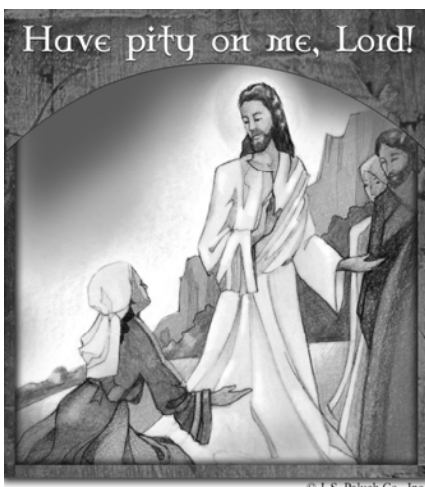
Observe what is right, do what is just;
for my salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be revealed.
— Isaiah 56:1

SCRIPTURE THEME:

WHY PRAY?

The “foreigners” as Isaiah calls them, the “Gentiles” as Paul calls them, or the “Canaanites” as Matthew calls them are called to worship the one true God in prayer.

As we listen to today’s readings, perhaps we are tempted to ask: Why pray? The question is rhetorical; it is tantamount to asking why should friends talk to one another or people in love kiss one another. Prayer is a way of relating to God, a way of talking to God. The apostles



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had the opportunity to talk to Jesus in the flesh. We have the opportunity to talk to Jesus Christ in prayer. Our relationship with him must be enthusiastic; it cannot be faint-hearted. John Donne, a fifteenth-century poet, knew what the qualities of good prayer were. Donne asks God to treat him differently from most Christians. The poet does not want God to merely “knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend,” but also to “break, blow, burn, and make me new” (*Holy Sonnets*, XIV).

It takes a dynamic faith on our part to come to God in prayer. As Jesus once said, “Knock and the door will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7). It may take pounding the door down, but if we are as persistent as the woman in today’s Gospel, the results will follow.

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RCIA CLASSES TO BEGIN:

We have begun making preparations for classes for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Those who would like to sign up and take these classes on what the Church teaches are encouraged to do so now and in the next couple of weeks. In order to complete the course by Easter, we

must begin the classes by September 13. The classes are held on Tuesday evenings in the Cathedral Rectory at 6:00 PM, and are open to all those who want to learn more about their Catholic Faith teachings or are interested in joining the Catholic Faith. If you have been thinking about a renewal class or classes to join the Catholic Faith, please fill who want to learn more about their Catholic Faith teachings or are interested in joining the Catholic Faith. If you have been thinking about a renewal

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RCIA

Mass Intentions Week Beginning Sunday, August 14, 2011

Sunday August 14	10:30 A.M. Parishioners
Tuesday August 16	12:10 PM.. Deceased Members of the McGill Family
Thursday August 18	12:10 P.M. Robert Nance
Friday August 19	12:10 P.M. Henry J. O'Connor

class or classes to join the Catholic Faith, please fill out one of the application form on the gift table. You may take the form home, fill it out and mail it back to the parish office, place it in the collection basket, or hand it to a priest.

TITHES AND DONATIONS:

We are grateful for your tithes and donations for last weekend. Thank you.



CATHEDRAL PRAYER NETWORK:

If you have a special intention please call the Prayer Request Line at the Cathedral Rectory at 434-8291 and leave the name of the persons you wish to have prayed for and the reason. Your request will be relayed to the members of the network. Your request will remain confidential.



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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

Having an emergency? Contact the St. Vincent de Paul Society, we may be able to help you. Call (251) 442-1122 and leave a message. **Please help us help other.** Contributions may be left in the Poor Box at the rear of the church or you can mail a check to The Cathedral Downtown Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, P.O. Box 161, Mobile, AL 36601. **Join us!** Come to our meetings to learn more about the charitable works of this organization. Meetings are on the **First and Third Tuesday** of each month at 6:30 pm in the Allen Memorial Home located at 735 S. Washington Avenue.

NEXT WEEKEND SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOME MISSIONS.

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