Public Weekend Masses—In Church
Saturday: 5 PM English
Sunday: 8:30 AM Spanish
10:30 AM English

Public Weekday Masses—In Church
Tuesday: 7 PM Spanish
Wednesday: 9 AM English
Thursday: 9 AM English
Friday: 9 AM English
1st Friday & Adoration: 8 AM-Adoration
8:30 AM-Rosary
9 AM-Mass
Adoration ends at 11 AM

Adoration
Tuesday: 5 PM—6:45 PM
Friday: 9:30 AM—11 AM

Anointing of the Sick
First Friday of the month, or by appointment.

Confessions
Tuesday: 6 PM—6:45 PM
Friday: 9:30 AM—10:15 AM
Saturday: 4 PM—4:50 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM—8:20 AM

Parish Office Hours
Monday - Thursday: 9 AM - 2 PM
Friday: 9 AM - Noon
Saturday & Sunday: Closed
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The Prayers God Always Answers
When I was a child, my mother bought a book called “The Prayers God Will Always Answer.” I remember my anticipation as I cracked the spine and turned to the first page.

I had been spending a lot of time asking God — begging God, actually — over and over again for some specific things that were not materializing. Frankly, it was beginning to feel a lot like that time I asked Santa Claus for a new house, only to wake up on Christmas morning to find ordinary, non-house-shaped presents under the tree — and a growing sense of suspicion that my faith had been ill-placed.

To the great disappointment of my pre-teen heart, my mother’s book was not a directory of magical phrases God is compelled to obey. It was a list that included things like “Forgive me” and “Help me.” I tossed it aside, disappointed.

I marvel at the wisdom and the confidence of the Canaanite woman who persists in begging Jesus to heal her daughter. She is ignored, and still she will not be deterred. The disciples try to dismiss her — still, she presses on. Christ himself challenges her, and her faith makes her ready with a reply.

Somehow, I am sure that even if Christ had said, “No, it cannot be done for you as you wish,” she would have still dropped to her knees and worshiped him, because she knew what I did not: God is not a vending machine, and he’s not the genie from “Aladdin.” Prayer is not a negotiation, but a relationship.

The story of the Canaanite woman is not a story about how to get God to give you what you want. It is a story about the prayers God always answers.

“Then Jesus said to her in reply, ‘O woman, great is your faith!’” — Matthew 15:28

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?
Catholic Life Explained

Question:
What is the meaning of the letters that professed religious have after their names?

Answer:
The Catholic Church includes hundreds of religious communities. The priests, religious brothers, religious sisters, and nuns of these communities (which are often referred to as “religious orders”) are committed to particular spiritual traditions and often to a particular charism (such as teaching, healthcare, social work, or pastoral care).

To help identify a person as a member of a particular religious community, the custom developed of including post-nominal letters that provide a sort of shorthand for the name of the community that the priest, brother, sister or nun is part of. So, for example OSB after a person’s name would indicate that they are a member of the Order of St. Benedict (the Benedictines), just as SJ would indicate that a priest or brother is a member of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) or RSM would show that a woman is a Sister of Mercy.

Other common examples include:
DC = Daughters of Charity
FSC = The Brothers of the Christian Schools/Christian Brothers
OCist = The Order of Cistercians
OCD = Order of Discalced Carmelites
OFM = The Order of Friars Minor (the Franciscans)
OFM Cap = The Capuchin Franciscans
OP = The Order of Preachers (Dominicans)
OSF=Franciscan Sisters
SC = Sisters of Charity
SDS = Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorian Priests and Brothers and Salvatorian Sisters)
SSND = School Sisters of Notre Dame
SVD = Society of the Divine Word (Divine Word Missionaries)
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This Week's Mass Intentions
Intenciones de la Misa de esta Semana

Sunday, August 20, 10:30 AM
† Benedicta Filomena de Souza (by Lucia Rodrigues)

Monday, August 21
No Mass

Tuesday, August 22, 7 PM
Jason Notturno & Maria Muscado

Wednesday, August 23, 9 AM

Thursday, August 24, 9 AM

Friday, August 25, 9 AM

Saturday, August 26, 5 PM

Please remember in your prayers this week, all those who have asked for our prayers:

For the sick: We remember especially: Tess Kelley, Bang Nguyen.

For the dead: Please pray for our beloved deceased Bill Gorjance and Florina Minalia. May the Lord receive him unto Himself giving strength, comfort, and peace to their families and our parish community. Amen.

(To add or remove names please contact Michelle at: michellem@saintthomastukwila.org)

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Maintenance Fund/
Fono de Mantenimiento...$512.63

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