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Assumption Catholic Church

Father David's homilies--frazeesacredheart.org>Homilies.

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Here is a thought from last week's homily: *"Where is Jesus?"*

I would like you to meet someone.

Isidore Bakanja worked as an assistant mason for white colonists in what was then the Belgian Congo and later known as Zaire. Convert, baptized 6 May 1906 at age 18 after receiving instruction from Trappists missionaries. Rosary in hand, he used any chance to share his faith; though untrained, many thought of him as a catechist. He left his native village because there were no fellow Christians.

He further worked as a domestic on a Belgian rubber plantation. Many of the Belgian agents were atheists who hated missionaries due to their fight for native rights and justice; the agents used the term "mon pere" for anyone associated with religion. Isidore encountered their hatred when he asked leave to go home. The agents refused, and he was ordered to stop teaching fellow workers how to pray: "You'll have the whole village praying and no one will work!" He was told to discard his Carmelite scapular, and when he didn't, he was flogged twice. The second time the agent tore the scapular from Isidore's neck, had him pinned to the ground, and then beaten with over 100 blows with a whip of elephant hide with nails on the end. He was then chained to a single spot 24 hours a day.

When an inspector came to the plantation, Isidore was sent to another village. He managed to hide in the forest, then dragged himself to the inspector. "I saw a man," wrote the horrified inspector, "come from the forest with his back torn apart by deep, festering, malodorous wounds, covered with filth, assaulted by flies. He leaned on two sticks in order to get near me - he wasn't walking; he was dragging himself". The agent tried to kill "that animal of mon pere," but the inspector prevented him. He took Isidore home to heal, but Isidore knew better. "If you see my mother, or if you go to the judge, or if you meet a priest, tell them that I am dying because I am a Christian."

Two missionaries who spent several days with him reported that he devoutly received the last sacraments. The missionaries urged Isidore to forgive the agent; he assured them that he already had. "I shall pray for him. When I am in heaven, I shall pray for him very much." After six months of prayer and suffering, he died, rosary in hand and scapular around his neck.

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Mass Times
 Thursday 7:00 pm
 Saturday 7:00 pm
 Sunday 10:00 am

CONFESSIONS:
 Thursday @ 6:15 pm
 Sunday after Mass

ADORATION:
 Thursdays: 5:00-7:00 pm

Matthew 15:21-28
 Lord, Son of David!

I was sent only to the lost people of Israel." But [the Canaanite woman] came and did him homage saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their master." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

The Canaanite woman's humility: "

- "Lord, Son of David!"
- ...Lord, help me
- "Please, Lord"

The Canaanite woman's persistence:

- "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon
- ...Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters,

Jesus' reply: "O woman, great is your faith! Let be done for you as you wish"
Result of her persistence and humility: ...her daughter was healed from that hour.

Question of the Week: To what peripheries can I go to serve others? Do I see everyone as potentially eligible for salvation?

PRAYER REQUESTS: A PRAYER TO PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE BELOW:

Lord, we pray for your loving support for the people listed below and their families as they deal with their illnesses. Guide the doctors who are seeking answers and making decisions about care/ treatments. We pray that their illness is at a stage favorable for effective treatment. Enable their bodies to respond well to care/treatment and their soul to experience comfort and peace in you. Make this an experience that draws them and their loved ones closer to you as well as to one another. We commit them to your mercy. Amen

Rosella Olson (Ginny Warren's mother), , Mark Stalberger, Sherry Steffl, Ernie Clark, Martha Donley, Connie Olgaard, Deb Clark, Rick Flottesmesch, , Brent Pearson, Jerry Flottesmesch (RIP), Peter Pearson, Jeanine Kivi, Peg Braaten, Connie Collman Bergren, Darrell Beck, Brian Hazelton, Hali Thomas, Jim Hazelton, Chris Fairbanks, Jim Foltz, Pat Hilber (Coleen Tietz's brother-in-law), Ken & Rita Pearson, Ethan Estabrooks , Easton Lammers (grandson of Roger and Sharon Winter), Judy Dwinell, Marlene Scherping, Jerome Jirava, Jr., Josh Janousek and Cleo Baker.

*"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.

Sunday, August 9, 2020—\$2,270

Mass Intentions

Thurs., Aug. 20: +Leonard Spry
 Sat., Aug 22: For the People of Assumption and Sacred Heart parishes
 Sun., Aug. 23: +Jerry Flottesmesch

Ministry Schedule for August 23, 2020

Saturday	Lector	Sunday
Bill Steffl		Lori Stalberger
David Steffl	Usher	Ken Pearson