



January 23 2022

**THIRTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Parish Schedule**

**Jan. 22 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**  
+Susan Sabol req by Family and Friends

**Jan. 23 (Sun) THIRTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Divine Liturgy 10:30am**  
+Ruth Seech req by Family and Friends

**Jan. 29 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**  
+Clarence Rizzi

**Jan. 30 (Sun) SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS**  
**THREE HOLY HIERARCHS**  
**Divine Liturgy 10:30am**  
**For our Parishioners**

Our Tithe to our Parish - January 16, 2022 - \$2,030.00

The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of Jan. 23 thru Jan. 29 for +Clarence Rizzi. *“Eternal Memory”*



*Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.*



Tillie Abraham, Ron Bishop, George Bodnar, Monica Boggs, Pamela Seech Dawson, Steve Fekete, Margaret Gegick, Kevin Ianni, Fr. John Petro, Ted Race, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko Sr.

The calendars and the 2022 donation envelopes are available. They are located in the hall of the educational building.

If you are unable to locate or want to make any changes on the envelope information, please call the office on Tuesday mornings at 724-863-6776.

**Thank you for your patience and cooperation.**

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## Jesus Helps People Make Right Choices

By Carol Glatz  
CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

Vatican City - - The human heart is like a flea market of desires, and people need to know how to pick out the good from the bad, Pope Francis said.

We must assess what is from the Lord and what isn't if we're to remain in the Lord," the Pope said in his homily Jan 7 during his morning Mass in the Domus Sanctae Marthae where he lives.

"Our heart is always filled with desires, wishes, thoughts," he said, according to Vatican Radio. "And many times our heart, with so many things that come and go, seems like an open-air market where there's everything; you can find everything there."

The Pope commented on a reading from the First Letter of John (3:22 - 4:6) in which the apostle advises Christians to "test the spirits to see whether they belong to God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world."

The Pope said this test reveals whether a desire or feeling brings one closer to God or drives one further away.

The "simple" test involves reflecting on how Jesus lived his life: He became "lowly and was humiliated" with his death on the cross, the Pope said.

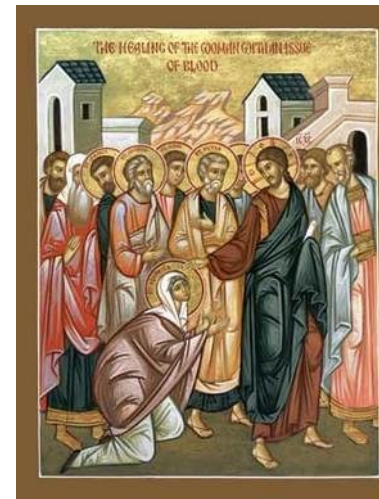
That is the path of Jesus Christ: lowering oneself, humility, even humiliation," he said.

If a thought, a desire brings you to this path of humility, of stooping, of serving others, then it belongs to Jesus. But if it takes you on the road of self-importance, vanity, pride, the path of thinking abstractly, then it doesn't belong to Jesus." "That's why vigilance is necessary," Pope Francis said. "A Christian is a man or a woman who know how to be vigilant over his or her heart" and always figures out what comes from God and what comes from the devil.

## THE CANAANITE WOMAN

The Canaanite woman represents the pagan, idolatrous world. She was considered by traditional Jews to be not merely a foreigner but also an infidel. So the woman, and the whole of the people she represented, was an unbeliever and a sinner. In other words, she deserved to be rejected and subjected to eternal condemnation. Moreover, there was a general conviction among faithful Jews that God had not included such people in His plan for salvation and that they were therefore to be held in contempt.

It was this negative spirit which was expressed by the disciples when they were annoyed by the cries of the despairing woman, entreating the Teacher to cure her daughter: "Have mercy on me, Lord ... my daughter is badly possessed by a demon". In religious and theological parlance, 'the pagan world' meant "the demon-dominated world'. In the common understanding of the Jews, God had already condemned that world.



The Lord took a different view, however. He didn't dwell on the externals, nor did He judge people by national, racial or religious criteria, he discerned in the Canaanite woman a wonderful faith which was outside the religious system of evaluation. This faith had to be projected, manifested, made known to others so that they could appreciate it properly.

Despite her pagan background, the Canaanite woman retained a wonderful grasp of faith and spirituality. She came to Christ as a demure and humble person, without putting herself forward making demands as a Jewish woman may have done.

Jesus reveals the profound faith of this humble mother: "Woman, your faith is great". The miracle of the healing of the daughter of the Canaanite mother came about through the faith of a sinful and irreligious woman.