

August 16, 2020

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 * Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 * Matthew 15:21-28*

“O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” – Matt. 15:28

What does it mean to have faith? Hebrews 11:1 says that faith is believing in something you can't see. If I told you that you will definitely make the baseball team this year, would you believe me even before you try out? Perhaps if I was the baseball coach and had seen you practice before you might. If I told you it will rain tomorrow, would you believe me? Perhaps if I was the weather reporter on TV you might. In today's Gospel, Jesus grants the wish of a woman who pleads with him to heal her daughter. He said he did this because she showed great faith by not giving up even though he didn't grant her request right away. When we pray, do we believe that God will hear and answer us, even if it takes a while, or even if the answer isn't what we expected?

Lord God, please give me the patience to wait for your answer to my prayers. Help me to trust that you know what's best for me.

Gather your family together today and tell each other what you would like God to help you with this week. Then close your eyes and pray for each other's needs.

