

Saint Francis Village Catholic Chapel

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REFLECTIONS

Living with Great Love

If you can honestly say that your life is without problems or challenges, then you are surely one of the privileged few and already well on the road to sainthood. Keep up the good work and continue to serve as a model for others! But for the remainder of us, life continues to be a challenge. Yes, the challenges are different for each of us, and there is that dangerous tendency to compare our trials and tribulations with others. To do so means either we are exalted that we have fewer problems than others or depressed because our reality seems so much worse than the common lot. Neither attitude is really much help.

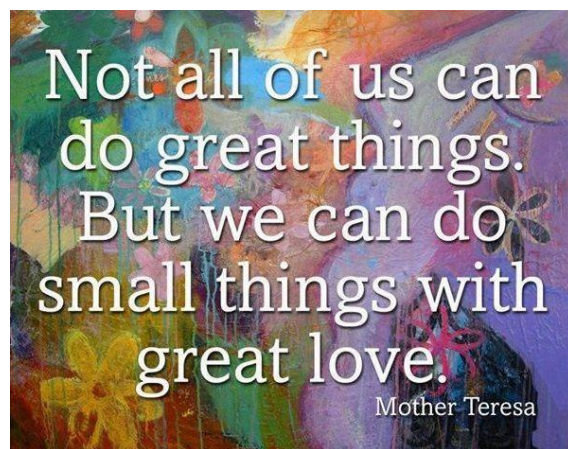
Our problems need not be earth-shattering to be challenging. It is quite often the simple things that are most disturbing: making ends meet in difficult economic times; concern for one's own health or the health of loved ones; the challenge of marital life and the stresses of finding common ground for decision-making; the environment; homelessness; food insecurity; unemployment; polarization in society, politics and even in our Catholic faith tradition; and even the slowly-leaking tire you just discovered this morning. All of these things and more can overwhelm us, creating an atmosphere of stress. We know that stress is not helpful and indeed can only aggravate everything. What can our Christian faith offer us in such a predicament?

Mother Teresa of Calcutta offered the following: ***Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.*** Profoundly simple and yet profound advice. Some cynical persons undoubtedly will observe that such practice, potentially valuable in some ways, will not create the perfect society or lifestyle. That observation would be correct, but the issue is not really whether or not we change the entire world, but whether we, through our attitudes and

actions, make changes in world in which we live. And for most of us that means doing the small things of our daily lives with the utmost charity and concern. Imagine if you and I greeted one another with love and charity; if you and I took the time to listen to others; if you and I chose not to gossip but always to build up others; if you and I willingly made the sacrifice to reach out to others in need; if you and I chose to forgive rather than hold a grudge; if you and I would commit to pray for one another, especially for those most in need; if you and I said 'Please' and 'Thank You' multiple times every day.

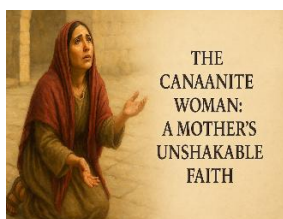
While it is true that these actions might not change the entire world, imagine what they could and would do if you and I implemented them in our own lives, in our faith community and here in the Village. Pledge yourself today to do all things – great and small – with great love!

From Father Ken



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we begin this 20th Week in Ordinary Time, our readings tell us that all people are invited to worship the Lord (Jews, Greeks, etc.) and to know His ways. In the Gospel reading we witness Jesus granting the request of the Canaanite women stating: **O Women great is your faith.** She previously had acknowledged Jesus's Lordship. This woman is not Jewish, yet she is commended as having "great faith." The Gospel reminds us that God's mercy is not limited to one people, but is open to all who come to Him by faith. When we acknowledge Christ's Lordship, He will hear and answer our requests as well as when we acknowledge Him as Lord.



Father Ken is on vacation this week. Visiting priests will say Mass during his absence. We pray his time away will



be filled with rest, joy, and renewal as we look forward to his safe return to us.

Chapel Mass Schedule	
Monday - Friday	9:00 AM Mass
Wednesday August 19	9:00 AM Mass <i>we will not have adoration</i>
Friday August 21	9:00 AM <i>we will not have adoration or confessions</i>
Saturday August 22	5:00 PM Vigil Mass
Sunday August 23	10:00 AM

Pope Leo recently gave us refreshing ways to see Old Age. He commented that Old Age is not an ending but a season still full of hope. His message contained five important points:

★ You must know you are not forgotten. He reminds us of God's promise: I will never forget you.

★ You are more than your age: before anything else older people remain sons and daughters of God.

★ It is never too late for a new beginning. God's invitation doesn't come with an expiration date. His door never closes.

★ Don't be afraid of fragility. We celebrate independence, productivity, and keeping busy. Jesus's conversation with Nicodemus reminds us we can be born anew in old age.

★ Your Prayers still matter. Be diligent pray for peace and especially pray the Rosary.



*May Christ's will be done on earth
as it is in heaven. God Give You Peace.
Mike Pierson*



Mass Intentions	
August 16, 2026	SFV Catholic Chapel Community
August 17, 2026	Intentions of Tom Kemp on his Birthday By Ruth Kemp
August 18, 2026	Repose of the Soul of John Patterson By Terry Pinachio
August 19, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Jennifer Kemp By Tom & Ruth Kemp
August 20, 2026	Intentions of Connie Carter on her Birthday By a Friend
August 21, 2026	Intentions of the Rivard Family By Miriam Gore
August 22, 2026	Intentions of Tom & Ruth Kemp on their Wedding Anniversary (5:00 Vigil Mass)