

## **Parenting Pointers** by Susan Vogt

Mary's "Yes" of the Magnificat was the vehicle for God's entry into human history. Her Assumption into heaven brings closure to her role on earth -- or does it? Just as the birth of your child is not the end of a mother's labor so when your child moves out of your home, it is not the end of your parenting.

### *~ Gospel Reflections ~*

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus meets up with a very determined Canaanite woman, who begs him to help her troubled daughter. Since the woman was a Gentile, the apostles wanted to send her away, but Jesus continued to speak with her. Besides her great faith and courage, the woman also showed tremendous love for her child. She was willing to risk rejection for breaking through the barriers of convention to ask for help. She truly believed that Jesus could help her daughter, and despite what seemed like his initial reluctance, she simply was not going to give up. She persisted, even begging Him. Eventually Jesus praised her undaunting faith and healed her daughter. Jesus' reply is one we would all love to hear: "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done as you wish."

*Selah:* The Canaanite woman was a marginalized person in the society of Jesus' time because of her gender, her race, and her religious practice. Have you ever experienced rejection because of your gender, race, or religion? How did you deal with it? Have you ever been asked for help by someone of another race or culture? How have you responded? How are women in particular treated in today's society?

Jesus' attitude towards the Canaanite woman is one that all should imitate ~ His acceptance of her, as both a woman and a foreigner.

## **Walton Food Bank**

Please remember school children are home a couple weeks more, which means an increased demand on the Food Bank. If possible, please bring an item or two to Mass: spaghetti & sauces, tuna fish, egg noodles, pasta; soups: vegetable, tomato, chicken noodle, cream of mushroom, Ramen noodle etc.; saltines, canned fruit (peaches, fruit cocktail, applesauce); macaroni 'n cheese; peanut butter; cold & hot cereal; canned vegetables: corn, peas, green beans, pork 'n beans; Jell-O, pudding; Knorr rice/ noodles; cake and cookie mixes; tea, cocoa, coffee. Thank you for your continued help.

## **Marriage Moments** by Susan Vogt

Just as Elijah recognized the Lord in a "tiny whispering sound" <sup>1 Kings 19:13</sup> so we must attune ourselves to the sometimes subtle signals our spouse gives of distress, warmth, concern, etc. Learn to read between the lines.

## **Alpha Course Continues**

The Alpha course will be offered again at the Red Brick Church at 58 East Street, Walton beginning Thursday, September 11. There are two opportunities: 11 am with lunch served, **OR** 6 pm with dinner offered. Begin with sharing a meal, watch a dvd, and then explore life's questions, and discuss the meaning of life each Thursday. Please call Charlie at 865.5024 with your questions or to make your reservation. A number of our parishioners have enjoyed Alpha.

## **Family Perspective** by Bud Ozar

The mother in the Gospel persisted, even when she was ignored and insulted. She would do whatever was necessary to bring relief to her child. Parenting is more than bringing life into the world; it is also about sacrificing daily for your children.

## **Religious Education Registration 2014-15:**

Please stop in the office -- cost: \$15.