



**Wednesday, August 9, 2023**  
**Wednesday of the Eighteenth**  
**Week in Ordinary Time**



*Good morning!*

We celebrate Saint Teresa Benedicta. We read Numbers 13:1-2, 25 -14:1, 26-29, 34-35, Psalm 106, and Matthew 15:21-28. Forty more years? We think four years is a long time. The Israelites wailed and grumbled upon hearing the fearful response of the scouts. The land of milk and honey was flourishing, except it was inhabited by fierce, fortified, and very strong people. Because of this, God condemns Israel to forty years of wandering in the desert. Jesus claims to have come only for the lost sheep of the house of Israel when the Canaanite woman seeks help for her daughter. She challenges Jesus with her faith and the daughter is healed. We can have limited vision at times and not see the hope or blessings that lie before us. We can be closed-minded to the goodness in others and their needs, especially those whom we see as different from us. Challenges are always before us, yet blessings come to those who persist. Whether we ask or are asked, may we see the faith and needs around us and bring to Jesus our own needs and know that God gives us what we will need to live another day. May we never forget God's work.

*Peace,*

*RevKev*

*"Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people."*

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