

St Vincent Ferrer Catholic Community

Madison Heights, Michigan www.stvincentferrer.net

JULY 24, 2022 † SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From The Pastor

Who taught you to pray? Most likely it was a parent who tucked you into bed encouraging you to thank God for the blessings you received that day. You may have thanked God for your parents, the good food you ate that day, or maybe prayed for a favorite relative who was ill. Maybe it was grandma or grandpa who taught you the prayers that were taught to them. Maybe you saw them praying and asked what they were doing, and like the disciples you asked them to teach you how to pray. You may not have understood much at the time, but you were glad to share in something important to the adults. In time, you learned the meaning of prayer and began to feel the presence and listening ear of the Lord. Faith grew and developed in you, and prayer became a time of refuge and peace that calmed and secured you in times of trouble and the stresses of life.

To this day, you may still pray those early prayers you learned as a child. You cherish them and hold them tight. They are a bridge or connection that holds you to God giving a sense of security and confidence with the Lord. You may feel guilty when you forget to say your prayers wondering if God is mad or disappointed. God is less concerned that you missed your prayers, and more pleased that you remembered to think of Him and seek his blessing and presence.

Who do you suppose taught Abraham to pray? It is not likely he learned religious prayers. The scriptures imply that God himself initiated the relationship with Abraham face to face. Scripture implies that Abraham perceived the Lord speaking to his heart. Somehow, he knew it was the Lord. He listened and obeyed the inclinations of his heart that led him to a real and personal relationship with the Lord. More than prayers, Abraham came to trust the word he perceived God speaking in his heart. To Abraham it seemed natural to talk with God heart to heart, person to person as if in conversation.

Today's first reading confirms this implication. Walking with God and the three visitors from last Sunday's reading, Abraham is privy to listen in on the conversation God is having with these three. As the three go on toward Sodom and Gomorrah, Abraham is alone standing with the Lord. Abraham questions God about the plans to remedy the sin and injustice in these wayward towns. Abraham shows great concern for the innocent in these cities as well as the reputation of God who appears to have plans to destroy the place. 'Will you sweep away the innocent to die with the guilty,' he asks. As the great intercessor, Abraham solicits the justice and mercy of God on behalf of the innocent. The point is that God will be merciful to any, even if only one righteous person was found in the city. In

persisting, Abraham teaches us to converse with God frankly and personally regarding the concerns and tensions of our heart. Abraham does not treat God as a divine boss, or address God out of fear, but as one in whom he trusts with the greatest concerns of life.

The human heart is drawn toward God. This inclination is the initiative of God drawing us to himself. Seeing Jesus at prayer and knowing the power and authority he has in God, the disciples naturally want to know how to pray as Jesus prays. The result was the great gift of the Our Father. We know it as a prayer to say; yet Jesus taught it as a relationship between the Father and all believers in the image of his own prayer. The prayer expresses our honor and adoration of God as it acknowledges our dependence on God for daily bread, forgiveness of sins, and defense against evil. Daily bread is for both body and soul. Forgiveness for any offenses we have caused, or those done to us opens the heart to the mercy of God and a path to prayer. Defense against evil admits our weakness and seeks protection from all that would threaten our easy openness before God.

All should know this and other prayers as a basic minimum to establish a relationship with God. Yet, this should be only the beginning. Mature human friendships do not stay on a rote or acquaintance type of level. They mature in depth and trust, growing in comfort and intimacy that allows any topic or tension to be addressed with confidence. Our relationship with God can and ought to be the same. As with any long friendship, it is natural to change the style or rhythm of interaction as different aspects of personality mature. It is the same with God. Moving beyond saying prayers to speaking from the heart is an essential step in maturing faith.

As an example, you may share with Jesus what you most love about him. Perhaps you value the kindness or mercy, the tenderness or faithfulness Jesus shows you. You may find great comfort in the way you read the scriptures and see Jesus interacting with others in need. Personal expression in this a way deepens the bonds of love between Jesus and yourself.

You may ask Jesus what he most admires about you. This type of question means you would then be still and listen from your heart for a response. How do you know God answers? What do you hear? Perhaps you heard or intuited that God values your inner peace, your patience with others, your kind service, or your simple way of loving. How do you know it's God? Would you say those things to yourself? Not likely. Much more likely it is the Lord. Try a new form of prayer and enjoy a new aspect of yourself in relationship with Jesus and the friendship he seeks with you. Father John Esper

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

8:00am Monday thru Thursday

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday - 4:00pm

Sunday - 9:00am

Church doors open 1/2 hour before Mass begins

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45pm
in Adoration Chapel

Only one person allowed in chapel at a time. Persons seeking Sacrament of Reconciliation will be allowed in church to line up at 3:00pm



Live Streaming of Mass
Monday thru Thursday
8:00am and Sunday 9:00am

One hour of Adoration on
Tuesday following
8am Mass

Livestream of Rosary on Thursday following Mass

Search for St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church (in Madison Heights) on youtube to find our channel or connect via our APP or website

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

ST VINCENT FERRER PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
9am to Noon - 1:00pm to 4:30pm
Closed Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Parish Staff

Reverend John C. Esper, Priest in Solidum
Deborah Tourville, Business Manager/Spiritual Direction
Sheryl Brown, Parish Secretary/Bulletin
Jim Balistreri, Music Coordinator
Mary Ann Przybysz, Evangelical Charity Coordinator/RCIA
Carl Copen, Facilities Supervisor
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FAITH FORMATION

For information on our Faith Formation Program contact the Parish office at 248-542-8720

For information on Baptisms, RCIA and Funerals contact the Parish Office 248-542-8720



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MONDAY, July 25, 2022

8:00am Mass: Joel Brown (Birthday Blessings) req. by Mom

TUESDAY, July 26, 2022

8:00am Mass: Christopher Hudy (Special Intention) req. by Mom

WEDNESDAY, July 27, 2022

8:00am Mass: Virginia Esper† req. by Family

THURSDAY, July 28, 2022

8:00am Mass: Joseph Pantano (3rd R.A.) req. by Family

SATURDAY, July 30, 2022

4:00pm Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer Peter Conway req. by Mom

Jeanne Shepley† req. by Camille Keyes

SUNDAY, July 31, 2022

9:00am Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer Joseph & Dolores Robichaud† req. by Family




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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF July 24, 2022



- Sunday: Gen 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13
- Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
- Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
- Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
- Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21



Anointing of the Sick

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NEXT SATURDAY

HEALING MASS - July 30th - 4:00pm

Fr John will administer the Sacrament of the Sick after Mass. Prayer teams will be available for individual prayer.

Be Careful What You Ask For

Jesus talks about praying for whatever we need with faith and confidence, but he ends by asking, "How much more will the Father . . . give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" (Luke 1:13). Is he saying there are limits to what we can ask for?

"Be careful what you ask for," the saying warns. Just because we want something doesn't mean it will be good for us. Remember the Indiana Jones movies? The artifact that the bad guys were seeking usually turned out to be lethal. But if we have enough faith to pray for something, we probably would not pray for anything evil. So what is Jesus really saying? He is giving us two lessons about prayer.

First, he assures us that God does hear our prayers and answers them. Many people take "ask and you shall receive" so literally that they expect God to do their bidding no matter what they want. Prayers, however, are not a magical ritual that somehow forces God to do our will. God is free to do what is best for us, free to answer some prayers with a no when what we seek is against God's will. So maybe our first prayer should be to ask God to show us what we really need.

That leads us to the second lesson: prayer changes us, not God. If we truly pray as Jesus prayed, we would ask for what we need, adding, "Not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39). If we pray humbly and are open to what God wills for us, we will begin to see that what we really need most is actually God. It's not easy to change our minds about what we want or need. To change our desires from selfish to holy takes a lot of power, the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was raised from the dead by that power and we will be, too (Romans 8:11). Mary conceived by the power of the Spirit (Matthew 1:18). The bread and wine of the Eucharist become the Body and Blood of Christ by the Spirit's power. So when Jesus promises that the Father will give the Spirit to us for the asking, the Spirit is both the source of and the answer to our prayers. Let us ask the Spirit to empower us to desire and pray for what we really need.

Tom Schmidt,

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Excerpt from Pope Francis' Message for World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Dear Friends,

"In old age they will still bear fruit" (Ps 92:15). These words of the Psalmist are glad tidings, a true "gospel" that we can proclaim to all on this second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. They run counter to what the world thinks about this stage of life, but also to the attitude of grim resignation shown by some of us elderly people, who harbour few expectations for the future.

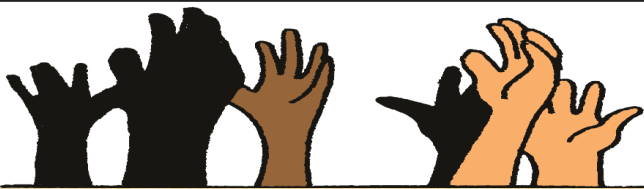
Many people are afraid of old age. They consider it a sort of disease with which any contact is best avoided. The elderly, they think, are none of their concern and should be set apart, perhaps in homes or places where they can be cared for, lest we have to deal with their problems. This is the mindset of the "throw-away culture", which leads us to think that we are somehow different from the poor and vulnerable in our midst, untouched by their frailties and separated from "them" and their troubles. The Scriptures see things differently. A long life – so the Bible teaches – is a blessing, and the elderly are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance. Blessed is the house where an older person lives! Blessed is the family that honours the elderly!

Old age is not a time of life easily understood even by those of us who are already experiencing it. Even though it eventually comes with the passage of time, no one prepares us for old age, and at times it seems to take us by surprise. The more developed societies expend large sums on this stage of life without really helping people to understand and appreciate it; they offer healthcare plans to the elderly but not plans for living this age to the full.[1] This makes it hard to look to the future and discern what direction to take. On the one hand, we are tempted to ward off old age by hiding our wrinkles and pretending to be forever young, while on the other, we imagine that the only thing we can do is bide our time, thinking glumly that we cannot "still bring forth fruit".

Retirement and grown children make many of the things that used to occupy our time and energy no longer so pressing. The recognition that our strength is ebbing or the onset of sickness can undermine our certainties. The fast pace of the world – with which we struggle to keep up – seems to leave us no alternative but to implicitly accept the idea that we are useless. We can resonate with the heartfelt prayer of the Psalmist: "Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent" (71:9).

Yet that same psalm – which meditates on how the Lord has been present at every stage of our lives – urges us to persevere in hope. Along with old age and white hairs, God continues to give us the gift of life and to keep us from being overcome by evil. If we trust in him, we will find the strength to praise him still (cf. vv. 14-20). We will come to see that growing old is more than the natural decline of the body or the inevitable passage of time, but the gift of a long life. Aging is not a condemnation, but a blessing!

For the entire message visit: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/20220503-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html>



EVANGELICAL SERVICE CORNER

FOOD PANTRY

Parishioners in need of food at this time can contact Doris at St. Mary Magdalen Parish (248-542-8060)

EYEGLASSES & HEARING AID COLLECTION

We continue to collect hearing aids and eyeglasses for the Lions Club. Donation boxes are at the church entrances. Please do not leave eyeglass cases.

JOM SPECIFIC SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION ENDS JULY 31ST

We continue collecting specific school supply items for children served through the Jail Outreach Ministry. Donations can be placed on the table in the rear of church or brought to the parish office during regular office hours.

Only Specific School Supplies requested

See List Below

5-subject Trapper Keeper	Glue sticks
3 ring binders	Colored Markers
Washable Markers	2 pocket folders
Wide ruled paper	

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

The SVF St. Vincent de Paul Conference will meet this Tuesday, July 26th at 6:30pm in Church.



Please pray for...

...all government leaders to seek wisdom in finding a peaceful resolution to the Ukraine crisis.

...medical and humanitarian aid for the wounded in Ukraine and the refugees fleeing the country.

...the safety of men and women dedicated to protecting lives and freedom.

...the homeless and all who are suffering physically and emotionally due to economic conditions.

...all who are sick, homebound, undergoing or recovering from surgery, medical procedures, treatments or testing, and those who have made specific prayer requests.

Lord Jesus,

You are the Divine Physician and Healer. To You, we lift up in prayer all who are lonely, homeless, sick or addicted; all who are unemployed or underemployed; all who are anxious or depressed and all who are suffering in any way spiritually, physically or emotionally especially during this crisis. In their pain and brokenness, we ask that you bring them the comfort of your loving presence. In You, may they find strength for the day and hope for the journey. Amen

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have you ever watched a master chef at work or a professional musician or athlete and wondered “How do they do that? They make it look so easy.” We are naturally attracted to someone who excels at something, a person whose heart is obviously in their work, and we can’t help but wonder if we are capable of anything like that. This was likely true for the disciples as well. They had seen Jesus at prayer on many occasions (this is especially true in Luke’s Gospel) and it was obvious that someone, somehow was shaping/transforming the life of their teacher. Abraham, too, gives us an example of a conversation with God that goes beyond the ordinary approach to divine petitioning. Meanwhile, Psalm 138 assures us that when we cry for help God will answer—for Christ has become our mediator and we are one with him in baptism.

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SAVE THE DATE



Pilgrim Icon Rosary Prayer Service in Honor of St. Joseph Tuesday, August 9th 7:00pm

All are Welcome!

An icon of St. Joseph will be the centerpiece of a special rosary prayer service on August 9th, at 7pm, at St. Vincent Ferrer.

The prayer service, flowing from the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis in 2021, and inspired by his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*, is sponsored by the Fr. James B. Heary Knights of Columbus council to honor St. Joseph and pray for his intercession in preserving, cultivating and passing on the Catholic faith to future generations.

The original icon, painted by Sister Elizabeth Bergeron and based on a drawing from iconographer Alexandre Sobolev is housed at St. Joseph’s Oratory in Montréal. What the symbols in the icon represent:

“The two fingers of Christ blessing us : the double nature of Christ, human and divine

The three fingers of Christ bent inward : the Trinity

The golden rays on the clothing of Christ: the Christ in Glory.

Saint Joseph’s left hand covered with a cloth : respect towards Christ

The lily : the purity of Joseph

The colors all have one or more meanings. For example, red on the border of the icon represents the Holy Spirit.

The parchment held by Christ represents the Gospel.”

For more on Sister Elizabeth or the icon visit: <https://www.sjsh.org/life-elizabeth-bergeron.html>

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

In what ways can I use the good things of this world without clinging to them?

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Ministry Schedule

July 30/31

Mass	Sat. 4 pm	Sun 9 am
Sacristan	T Riley	L Yolkiewicz
Reader #1	M Simmons	D Gray
Reader #2	T Riley	L Yolkiewicz
EME	M Hochstetler	D Gray
	M Simmons	A Goll
	R Pasiak	C McCarthy
Greeters	R Pasiak	B Turchin
	T Pasiak	J Turchin
	M McLaughlin	R Juska-Svoba
	D McLaughlin	P Rarus

New from the Archdiocese of Detroit

THE I AM HERE CAMPAIGN

“The I AM HERE campaign, a partnership between the Archdiocese of Detroit and Hallow App was created to support the U.S. bishops’ three-year National Eucharistic Revival and to inspire people to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist and experience his transformative power.”

The campaign was launched in June. It “includes a website and social media channels featuring stories from individuals who have been transformed by their encounters with Christ in the Eucharist and a series of free audio meditations on Hallow, the #1 Catholic app, to help people pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament...”

The I AM HERE website (iamhere.org) hosts stories and accepts submissions from those wishing to share their own experiences. One story will be featured each week with a photo essay and in-depth, first-person account of the transformational power of Christ in the Eucharist. Featured stories will be highlighted on the website and through I AM HERE social media on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.

In partnership with Hallow App (<https://hallow.com/i-am-here-meditations>) I AM HERE is also offering eight audio meditations written and voiced by Julianne Stanz, a nationally known speaker, writer, and storyteller who serves as Director of Discipleship and Parish Life for the Diocese of Green Bay, a consultant to the USCCB Committee on Catechesis and Evangelization, and a member of the executive team for the National Eucharistic Revival. There is an additional meditation by Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens, chairman of the National Eucharistic Revival. The meditations are designed to guide the faithful in their prayers before the Blessed Sacrament and are available free of charge through the Hallow App.

Check it out today!



RCIA
A Journey In Faith

Come, follow Me

“Come, follow Me” was the invitation Jesus gave to those who would be in a new relationship with God through Him. We who are members of the St. Vincent Ferrer community have also heard and responded to this invitation. Our lives have been deeply touched by the Love of God celebrated here: through life-giving and healing sacraments, faith-sharing community, outreach to those in need and in many other ways. Is there someone whom you believe that God may be calling to share in this same life with us? If so, pray that they hear Jesus’ invitation to them. If the occasion arises, invite them to “Come and see” through our RCIA process facilitated by Mary Ann Przybysz. Call (248)542-8720 for further information.

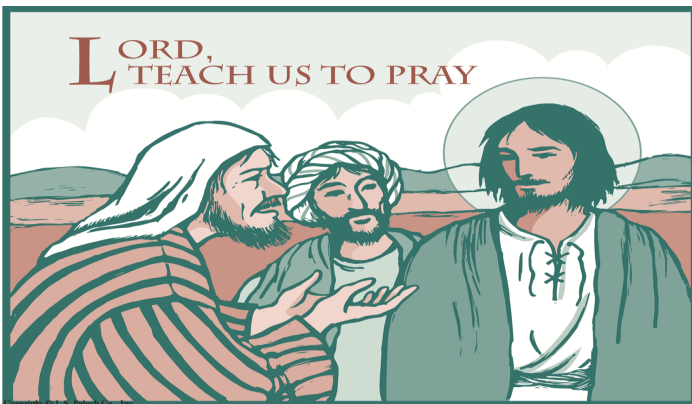


SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
- Monday: St. James
- Tuesday: Ss. Joachim and Anne
- Friday: Ss. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
- Saturday: St. Peter Chrysologus; Blessed Virgin Mary

SNAKES AND SCORPIONS AND PRAYERS? OH, MY!

How often do we hear about snakes and scorpions at Mass? Well, today we do! Jesus uses these frightful (to most of us!) images for their shock value in order to emphasize how graciously and unfailingly our Father in heaven cares for us. The first reading sets the stage for our reflection. Who can hear the story of Abraham negotiating with God in the first reading and not smile at his audacity? The middle Eastern custom of bartering likely honed Abraham’s skills in that arena. He even appeals to God’s sense of honor, saying, “Far be it from you to do such a thing” [as to wipe out the innocent with the guilty]. Have we not all bargained with God at one time or another when we were desperately in need?



YOU HAVE HEARD THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH

Notice that the very first words of today’s Gospel are “Jesus was praying.” Of course, the disciples would be curious about a practice that was so central to Jesus’ daily life. He was obviously good at it. Perhaps they wanted to know how they could more easily “influence” God themselves! They wanted to know what would work. Luke’s version of the beloved Lord’s Prayer (one of two found in the Gospels) is highlighted today in response to the disciples’ request.

The two parables following the Lord’s Prayer teach us about prayer both from the point of view of the one who prays and from God’s point of view. The parable of the friend who knocks on the door at midnight illustrates prayer from the point of view someone who urgently needs something. Persistence is the key. The last section of the Gospel offers us a glimpse of prayer from God’s point of view. If you seek, you will find; if you knock, the door will be opened. With Jesus as our mediator, we are assured of a hearing before our Father in heaven who is waiting to give good gifts to his children.



OUR FAMILY - MASS SCHEDULES

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica

2100 W. 12 Mile, Royal Oak, 48073

SATURDAY
8:30 am

4:30 pm (livestreamed) and 6:30 pm

SUNDAY

7:00 am, 9:00 am (livestreamed)

10:45 am, 12:30 pm,

4:00 pm (Spanish-livestreamed), and 6:00 pm

WEEKDAYS (Monday - Friday)
6:30 am (Livestreamed), 8:30 am

St. Justin, St. Mary Magdalen

1631 E. Elza Hazel Park, 48030 (St J)

50 E Annabelle Ave. Hazel Park, 48030 (St MM)

SATURDAY - 4 pm - St. Justin

SUNDAY - 9 am & 11 am - St. Mary Magdalen

MON-WED, FRI- 9am - St. Justin

No Mass on Thursday

St. Mary

730 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, 48067

SATURDAY - 4:30 pm

SUNDAY - 9 am, 11 am

MON, TUES, THURS, FRI - 7:30 am

WED - 12:10 pm

Weekly Offering	
Offertory Env. Distributed & e-fund participants	726
Offertory Env. Used & e-fund participants	122
Total Amount in Offertory Env. & e-funds rec'd	\$ 4,460.00
Loose Cash /Check Collection	175.00
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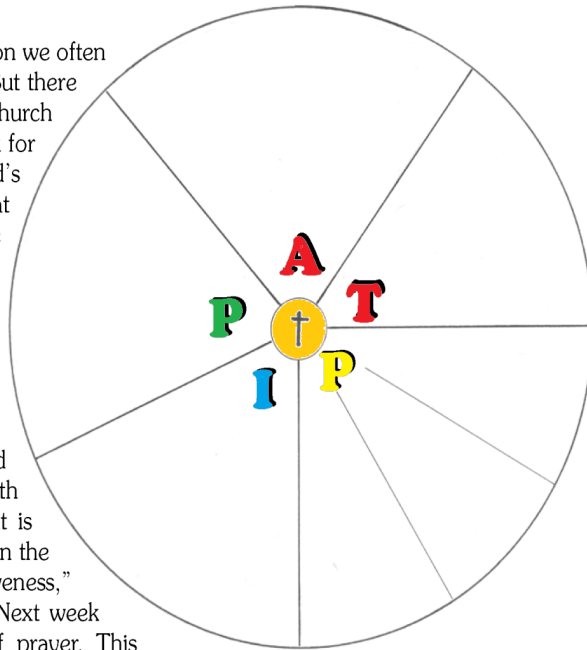
TEACH US TO PRAY

In this Sunday’s Gospel (Luke 11:1–13) one of Jesus’ disciples says, “Lord, teach us to pray.” The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (2626–2643) teaches us that there are several forms of prayer. Two might be most familiar to you, prayers of thanksgiving and prayers of petition.

We pray in thanksgiving because we know that God is the giver of all good things. We thank God for our lives, our families, the world we live in, the food we eat. For what are you thankful? Can you make a list of five things? Ten things? Fifty things? If you named them all, how big a number would you need? Ask everyone in your family to add something to your list.

When we say a prayer of petition we often just ask God for things we need. But there are differed types of petition. The Church reminds us that we should also ask for the grace of forgiveness, that God’s kingdom will come, and for all that we need. The Lord’s Prayer, the Our Father, includes all of these forms of petition: “forgive us our trespasses . . . thy kingdom come . . . give us this day our daily bread.”

This circle is divided into five sections, one for each different form of prayer. Write the word “Thanksgiving” in the section with a T. In the section marked P that is divided into parts write “Petition” in the first part, and below it write “Forgiveness,” “God’s reign,” and “My needs.” Next week we will add three other types of prayer. This week, use your list of things to be thankful for in your nightly prayer. Try to use all three types of petition in your daily prayer. End your prayers by saying the Our Father.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes.

Isn’t the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality.

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**Natural Family Planning Awareness Week
July 24 - 30, 2022**

“Called to the Joy of Love, Natural Family Planning, Supporting God’s gifts of love and life in marriage” is the theme of this year’s national Natural Family Planning Awareness Week (July 24–30, 2022), an educational campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) that celebrates God’s design for married love and the gift of life and raises awareness about Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods.

The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week are July 24–30, 2022. These dates highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae vitae* (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, marriage, conjugal love and responsible parenthood.

Plan to attend the NFP Week events listed below to learn more, enjoy time for fellowship, or pursue professional growth. To learn more about Natural Family Planning, register for a class, or find a teacher, visit www.aod.org/nfp.

EVENTS

The Female Cycle as the 5th Vital Sign

Tuesday, July 26, 2022 | 7:00 PM

Facts about Fertility Explained (Spanish)

Miércoles, 27 de julio de 2022 | 6:30 p.m.
(La presentación comienza a las 7 p.m.)

Called to the Joy of Love: Married Date Night

Friday, July 29, 2022

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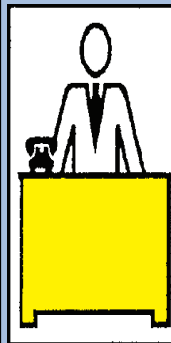
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