

Do This in Remembrance of Me, A Step by Step walk through the Mass
Part 61: Embolisms

If you have ever prayed together with Christians from different backgrounds, one prayer you might have prayed together is the Our Father. As Charles Belmonte says, “Jesus Christ himself deigned to compose this prayer to indicate how we should address God. It is our Savior’s own prayer and, therefore, the prayer of the Christian. In the early Church, the Lord’s Prayer was taught to the catechumens [those preparing to enter the Church through baptism] only a few weeks before baptism. Outside the Mass, it was always said in a low voice. It seemed that the faithful recited it before Communion...” (Understanding the Mass, p. 169). The Our Father is the prayer of the Christian, the follower of Jesus. However, as we know, different groups of Christians have developed some different traditions over time. Among those traditions is what we say next after the Our Father.

A Prayer between Prayers

As the Diocese of Peoria teaches, in the Mass, after the Our Father, the priest prays some special words called the Embolism, “asking the Lord to deliver us from evil, keep us free from sin and [distress] until the day when we see the Lord Jesus Christ face to face” (A Study of the Mass, p. 17). Most of us will probably recognize these words: “Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, and graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.” As the Missal says, “The people conclude the prayer, acclaiming: ‘For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever’.”

At the end of the Our Father, we pray for forgiveness and acknowledge our need to forgive. As we approach Jesus in the Eucharist, we anticipate a strengthening in peace that he brings. However, as Fr. Guy Oury notes, “But before the people are invited to show that they are at peace with one another, there is a sort of commentary that lingers on the final words in the Our Father (‘deliver us from every evil’). Almost all Christian liturgies have this. It is called an embolism (a development placed between two prayers, from the Greek em-bal-lein, [meaning] to put in or between). The Church develops the final petition of the Lord’s Prayer to ask that we be delivered from the power of evil” (The Mass, p. 109–10). As Oury continues, “The people’s acclamation in response existed in almost all liturgies of the Mass. That is why the Roman liturgy adopted it in turn. It comes from the Didache or the Teaching of the Twelve Apostles, a document of the Apostolic Age (first century) that gives it as a conclusion to the Our Father. Its liturgical use is very old...” (The Mass, p. 110).

An “Extra Ending” to the Lord’s Prayer?

Regarding the people’s acclamation, Edward Sri writes, “This prayer is sometimes known as the Protestant ending of the Lord’s Prayer. Though it is not part of the prayer that Jesus actually taught us (and fittingly is not included in the Our Father recited in the Catholic liturgy) (see Mt 6:9–13; Lk 11:1–4), this prayer does have biblical roots and finds its appropriate home at this moment in the Mass. On a basic level, the prayer reflects similar acclamations found in the heavenly liturgy (Rev 5:12; 19:1). And when we pray it, we come in contact with the Mass of some of the earliest Christians. For these words are taken from a prayer of thanksgiving used in the celebration of the Eucharist in the first generation of Christianity after the apostles” (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, p. 128).

Does that mean that the “extra ending” of the Our Father that many other Christians pray is actually a “Catholic” ending? Yes: it came from some of the earliest celebrations of the Mass! If you look up the Our Father in your Catholic Bible, you won’t find these additional words. (Some Protestant versions of the Bible may have it inserted in the text, although scholarly versions typically do not.) However, if you look in the living Tradition of Christian faith in the Catholic Church, you will find those words as part of the Mass as a commentary and response to the Our Father.

The Biblical Roots of the Acclamation

Continuing with Sri, “the words themselves reach 1,000 years further back into the Old Testament period. They are derived from King David’s climactic praise of God at the end of his reign, representing one of David’s last acts as king before he passed the throne on to his son Solomon: ‘Blessed are thou, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all’ (1 Chr 29:10–11).

At every Mass, we echo these words of King David. In doing so, we acknowledge God as the Lord of our lives and praise him for all the blessings he bestows upon us. Whatever good we might do, whatever success we might experience, ultimately comes from God: ‘For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever’” (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, p. 128–9).

For Reflection:

1. Meditate with the acclamations in the heavenly liturgy found in the context of Rev. 5 and 19 and in David’s prayer in the context of 1 Chr. 29. Reflect on how all your thoughts, words, and actions can give glory to God today.
 2. Next time you participate in Mass, be mindful of other Christians and offer the Embolism as a prayer for Christian unity.
- This article was written by Fr. Luke Spannagel and published on the National Eucharistic Revival Blog Webpage.*

Baptisms:	Reconciliation	Marriage	Quincerañeras	Anointing of the Sick	Communion to the Sick / Homebound
By Appointment only Contact Parish office for more information	Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4-5pm and on request	By appointment only: Contact parish office at least 6 months prior to proposed date.	Must be enrolled and actively participating in Religious Education Classes	Anytime: contact the parish office	<i>Pastoral Visit:</i> 1st Friday of the Month / Contact the parish office



Twenty-Ninth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time

October 20, 2024



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Roman Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi



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WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY (*Vigil*) **5:30PM**
SUNDAY (*en Español*) **8:00AM**
10:00AM & 12:00PM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday (*en Español*) **5:30PM**
Wednesday –Friday **8:30AM**
First Friday of the Month
Eucharistic Adoration 5:30PM
Friday Daily Mass 6:30PM

WEEKLY PARISH
ACTIVITIES

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
Daily 3:00 pm Chapel

ST. JUDE NOVENA
Tuesdays 6:00 pm

BIBLE STUDY
Tuesdays 7:00PM (Español)
Thursdays 7:00PM (English)
R.E. building

**LA HORA DE DIOS
PRAYER GROUP**
Fridays 6:00 pm Church

NEW TO THE PARISH?
Interested in registering with us?
Ask the ushers for a registration
form, welcome to the parish.
If you would like to become
involved with one of the
ministries or organizations here,
you can find contact numbers on
this bulletin

MASS INTENTIONS
*ALL Mass intention requests should
be submitted to the parish office.*
For Intentions to appear in the
Bulletin they must be submitted
by 4:00pm Tuesday.

Donation of \$5 per intention is suggested.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
CHAPEL

The Chapel is available to anyone 24/7
if you would like to spend time to visit
with Jesus in the Eucharist. To get the
door code contact the parish office or
Fr. Andrew.

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“For the Son of Man did not come to be served
but to serve and to give his life as
a ransom for many.”
Mark 10:45

Mass Intentions

For The Week



SATURDAY

October 19, 2024

5:30PM:

Souls in Purgatory

†Guadalupe V Moreno (Rudy Moreno & Family)

†Eva Corona (M/M Manuel Menchaca)

†George Seeley (Rose De La Cruz)

†Diana Schicker (Family)

†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez

†Jesse Guerrero, †Leonor Martinez (Family)

†Esteban & †Candelaria Ortiz (Esteban & Lydia)

Health of Maddie Moreno (Flores Family)

SUNDAY

October 20, 2024

8:00AM:

†Richard Ortiz (Family)

†Juan Maunel Lozano [1 yr ann.] (Family)

†Estefana Menchaca (M/M Manuel Menchaca)

†Delia Gonzales (Jesse Gonzales)

†Odilia Elizardo Martinez (Family)

†Gerald Sohn (Family)

†Rogelio Cruz (Friends)

10:00AM:

†Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)

†Santos Garcia (Family)

†Eddie Perez (Family)

†Eugenio & †Esperanza Esparza, †Rachel Hinojosa (Family)

12:00PM:

†Janie Galvan (Family)

†Lelia Guzman (Family)

†Adrian G Flores (Family)

†Juan C Flores Jr. (Family)

†Emilio Pena Sr. (Family)

TUESDAY

October 22, 2024

5:30PM:

†John Goode (Christine Maxwell)

WEDNESDAY

October 23, 2024

8:30AM:

Thanksgiving to Ss. Rita & Charbel (Torres Family)

THURSDAY

October 24, 2024

8:30AM:

†John Goode (Christine Maxwell)

FRIDAY

October 25, 2024

8:30AM:

†John Goode (Christine Maxwell)

SATURDAY

October 26, 2024

5:30PM:

Souls in Purgatory

†Guadalupe V Moreno (Rudy Moreno & Family)

†Estefana Menchaca (M/M Manuel Menchaca)

†Dorn Dover (Rose De La Cruz)

†David Solis Sr (Pat, David, Gabby)

†Margarito, †Alejandra Guerrero, †David Sanchez

†Alejandro & †Johnny Lopez (Esteban & Lydia)

SUNDAY

October 27, 2024

8:00AM:

†Richard Ortiz (Family)

†Eva Corona (M/M Manuel Menchaca)

10:00AM:

†Estefana Menchaca (Menchaca Family)

†Santos Garcia (Family)

†Eddie Perez (Family)

12:00PM:

†Janie Galvan (Family)

†Lelia Guzman (Family)

†Adrian G Flores (Family)

†Juan C Flores Jr. (Family)

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Envelope Collection

\$1,673.00

Loose Collection

\$830.00

Building Maintenance Fund

\$716.00

Online Giving

\$280.00

Collection Total - Oct. 12/13

\$3,499.00

Thank you for your faithfulness, your generous support, and sharing of your gifts with Immaculate Conception Church.

May God bless you now and forever.

Special Collections for the Month of October

19/20 - World Mission Sunday



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† Belief - Trust - Faith †

Prayer is the most powerful against trials, the most effective medicine against sickness and the most valuable gift to someone we care for.

Please pray for the sick of the parish, especially:

Names remain on the prayer list for two (2) months; after which they are removed, to add/remove a name contact the parish office.

Valerie Aleman,	Juanita Flores,	Sergio Rodriguez,
Victoria Arredondo,	Luis Flores,	Yolanda G. Rodriguez,
Paula Avila,	Esmeralda Hernandez,	San Juanita Saenz,
Rafael Baez	Jorge Hernandez,	Bernice Sanchez,
Rosa Barrera,	San Juanita Hinojosa,	Adan Salazar,
Elisa Claudio,	Jaime Jimenez,	Gracie Salazar,
Johnny Cruz,	Adolfo Menchaca Jr.,	Raymond Smith,
Sandra Davila,	Alejandro Mora,	B Solis,
Adela Escobedo,	Anastacio Mora,	Dora Tagle,
Aurora Flores,	Noemilio Mora,	Gloria Treviño,
Chris Flores,	Angie Ochoa,	Joe Treviño,
Eudelia Flores,	Anita Peña,	Sara Treviño,
Guadalupe Flores,	Jerry Rivera Sr.,	Gerri Zambrano
	Julia Rodriguez,	

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Oct. 26 Sun. Oct. 27	Lector 	Extra Ordinary Ministers 
5:30PM	Chelo	Juan
8:00AM	Armando	Carmen
10:00AM	Gabriel	Cindy
12:00PM	Jesse C	Lucy

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS WEEKEND

THE HUMANITY OF JESUS CHRIST

All three readings today support—each in its own way, of course—a reflection on the humanity of Jesus Christ and how that humanity played a key role in the drama of our salvation. Although not chosen specifically to coordinate with the other two readings, today’s second reading does in fact carry forward the theme of Christ’s humanity in a remarkable way. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews highlights the solidarity that exists between Jesus and us, precisely because in his human nature Jesus has known the same sufferings and testing that are our own experience. Because he can “sympathize with our weaknesses,” we can “approach the throne of grace to receive mercy.” For the author of Hebrews, the humanity of Jesus was an essential requirement for his redemptive death, as well as an invitation to us to find in Jesus someone with whom we can identify in our daily struggles.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:

Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: St. John Paul II

Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-14; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: St. John of Capistrano

Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: St. Anthony Mary Claret

Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53

Friday:

Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday:

Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, help me to be humble. When I begin to act for my own glory, remind me of my call to glorify you and not myself. With Jesus as my example, help me become the servant leader I was created to be. When I see others in need, fill me with compassion and move me to action. Amen.

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Spend time journaling on the areas in your life where you are facing the greatest temptation to turn away from God and toward sin. As part of your journaling, brainstorm concrete ways you can resist the temptation and remain steadfast in your commitment to the Lord. When you are feeling tempted, pray for God’s mercy and grace to protect you in your time of need.

Special Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for October

For a shared mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.



LA HUMANIDAD DE JESUCRISTO

Las tres lecturas de hoy apoyan –cada una a su manera, por supuesto– una reflexión sobre la humanidad de Jesucristo y la forma en que la humanidad tuvo un papel clave en el drama de nuestra salvación. Aunque no fue seleccionada específicamente para coordinar con las otras dos lecturas, la segunda lectura de hoy, de hecho, continúa el tema de la humanidad de Cristo de una manera notable. El autor de la Carta a los Hebreos pone de relieve la solidaridad que existe entre Jesús y nosotros, precisamente porque en su naturaleza humana Jesús ha conocido los mismos sufrimientos y las pruebas que son parte de nuestra experiencia. Debido a que puede “compadecerse de nuestros sufrimientos” podemos “acercarnos al trono de la gracia para recibir misericordia”. Para el autor de Hebreos, la humanidad de Jesús era un requisito esencial para su muerte redentora, así como una invitación a que veamos en Jesús a alguien con el que podemos identificarnos en nuestras luchas diarias.

TRAVELING IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY

In preparation for our centennial celebration in 2026, we have a image of Divine Mercy that will be traveling from home to home over the next several years. The mission of this is to pray for all our parish families. If you would like to have this image visit your home, see the sign-up book in the entry of the church. You are welcomed to sign up for it more than once. The sign-up sheet is currently listed through December. Currently the image is scheduled to be picked up at the church on Saturday or Sunday and dropped off back at the church by Saturday (around the time of confessions).
Pray for the following family that will be hosting the Traveling Divine Image this week
Esteban & Lydia Ortiz

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAYS

The Feast days of All Saint’s & All Souls’ are approaching, below you will find the Mass times for both days. Please take the time to mark these days in your calendar.

All Saint’s Day - Friday, November 1st

8:30AM & 6:30PM

All Souls’ Day - Saturday, November 2nd

9:30AM Rosary at Gregory Cemetery

Followed by

10:00AM Mass at Gregory Cemetery

The All Souls Novena will be from November 2nd - 10th (Mass will be celebrated on Mondays also)

Envelopes for the Novena are in your offering envelope mail-out and in the entry of the church.

LAS POSADAS

We have begun our search for “Yes” homes for our “Las Posadas” held on Monday, December 16th thru Monday, December 23rd. If you would like to host one of these nights please contact the parish office. So we can make arrangements.

