

St. Christopher's

2016 – 2017 Confirmation Class

Jan. 08th 2017

Opening Prayer

Lord, give us the ability to listen, the desire to learn and the understanding when to apply this knowledge that comes to us today. Help us to always be faithful to our vocation and desire all that is good, while rejecting all that can harm and confuse us. Lord give us Your Love and help us to Love You, above all things in our lives. In Jesus name we pray, Amen

Prayer

What is prayer?

- Communication, talking with God
 - Aligned with His Will
 - Prayer changes, us not God
 - Do not babble like the pagans

Prayer

Types of Prayer?

- Praise
 - Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
- Offertory
 - Offering up you day
- Thanksgiving
 - Thanking God for all He has done and provided for us.
- Petition
 - Asking God for help.
 - In accordance with God's Will.
 - Brings us to understand and conform to God's will.
- Intercessory
 - Praying for other
 - Having others pray for us
 - Mary & the Saints
 - Friends

Prayer

Jesus taught us how to prayer!

- Jesus Said: Matthew 6: 5-9
 - And when you pray, do not imitate the hypocrites: they love to say their prayers standing up in the synagogues and at the street corners for people to see them. In truth I tell you, they have had their reward. But when you pray, go to your private room, shut yourself in, and so pray to your Father who is in that secret place, and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you. 'In your prayers do not babble as the gentiles do, for they think that by using many words they will make themselves heard. Do not be like them; your Father knows what you need before you ask him. So you should pray like this:
- Taught us The Lord's Prayer
 - Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4

Prayer

Jesus taught us how to prayer continued:

- The prayer of the church
 - Prayed at each Mass
 - Prayed in the Rosary
 - Prayed in the Divine Mercy Chaplet
 - Prayed in various offertory's
- Most popular Prayer among all Christians

Our Father

Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4

Our Father, Who art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy Name;
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Video: Bishop Barron on the Our Father

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-mmPI-SYBE>

The Seven Petition

The Seven Petition of the Lord's Prayer (Our Father) CCC Part 4, Article 3 2803-2854 (page 738)

1. Hallowed be Thy Name
2. Thy kingdom come
3. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven
4. Give us this day our daily bread
5. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us
6. Lead us not into temptation
7. Deliver us from evil

Mary in our Prayers

- **Full of Grace:** Luke 1: 28
 - And the angel being come in, said unto her: Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.
- **Magnificat (Song of Mary):** Luke 1: 46-55
 - Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. **From now on all generations will call me blessed**, for the Mighty One has done great things for me — Holy is His name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.”
- **Mary directs us to Jesus:** John 2: 5
 - His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy **Mary**, Mother of God, **pray** for us sinners, now and at the hour of death. Amen

Praying to the Angels and Saint

Why do we pray to the Saints;

- Intercessory Pray: Asking them to intercede for us to God
 - Asking them for help in the form of their prayers to God
- We do not pray in the sense we are worshipping them
 - Misunderstood among other Christian denominations
 - Why do you worship or pray to Mary
 - You should go straight to God
 - Jesus is the only Intercessor, Romans 8:34
 - Who is there to condemn us? For Christ Jesus, who died, and more than that was raised to life, is at the right hand of God — and He is interceding for us.

Challenge of the Week

- Continue Praying nightly
 - Our Father
 - Hail Mary
 - Glory Be
- Read the Bible: Read (1) bible verse each night before bed
 - Food for the soul
- Passport Challenge: Complete one passport stamp!
- Community Service Hours
- Saint Report (due Feb. 26th, 2017)
- Sponsor Choice

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Closing Prayer

Loving and Merciful Lord, You taught us to pray and in doing so You asked us to be attentive to Your will and to forgive. Now we ask You to put into our hearts the love for others, so that we may spread Your mercy to all mankind. Give us the grace to never turn our backs on our fellow man but to embrace the challenge of showing Mercy to all. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.



Have a Mercy Filled Week!