

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 27, 2025

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

TEACH US TO PRAY
LUKE 11:1-13

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ABOUT OUR PARISH

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday
5:00 p.m.

Sunday
7:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon No Mass
Tue 8:00 a.m.
Wed 6:30 p.m.
Thu 8:00 a.m.
Fri 8:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

Vigil and Holy Day Mass times vary; please see bulletin or website

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: St. Jude Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Patriotic Rosary in Church 6:30 p.m.

First Friday: The Most Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adoration following 8:00 a.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m. closing with Benediction

First Saturday: Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Rosary and Confession

RECONCILIATION

Sat 4:00-4:45 p.m.
Wed 6:00-6:15 p.m.
Or by request

Rosary will begin 30 minutes Before each weekend Mass

YOUR CLERGY

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Parish Mission Statement

It is the mission of our Church Parish to follow the commands of Jesus to Saints Peter and Paul: "Feed My sheep" and "Carry My name among the nations."

REGISTER

If you are new to the parish, we invite you to register by filling out a form located in the holder at the Church entrances and place it in the collection basket or come by the office.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Usually the third Sunday of the month (except during Lent) following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call for registration forms at least **three weeks** in advance.

Matrimony

By appointment with the parish priest or deacon at least **six months** in advance. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the priest.

Anointing of the Sick

Upon request for the seriously ill, infirm and those undergoing major surgery. Please contact the Church Office when someone is homebound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

Communion for Ill/Shut-In

Please call the Church Office if you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry.

Funerals

Families should contact the priest (office) before making arrangements.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Jude Novena in Parish Hall

Legion of Mary—Thursday 2:30 p.m. Parish Hall

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday 6:30 p.m. in church

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—Friday beginning with Mass at 8:00 a.m. in Church

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary—Saturday 8:00 a.m. in Church

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Almighty God We give you our school. We give you all the teachers and staff who work here, We give you all the children who study here. We pray our school would be place of great discovery, adventure and creativity. May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love, A place where every one is respected and all are deeply valued. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



PRAY FOR THE SICK



Diana Bradshaw, Mary Salzer Brown, Elizabeth Kittel, Zachary Cresson, Patricia Cuccia, Ed Roszczynialski, Norris Ripp, Mary Ware, Ryan Ware, Lily Jorns, Dalin Davis, Israel & Joyce Landry, Steve Dunn, Joann Brewin, Joseph Decaro, Lois Leonard, Donald Paul & Larry Dickerson, Shirley Matthews, Jim Richmond, Ed & Carol Wallace, Sue Miller, Molly Hymel, Lucy Reese, Brenda Dehm, Landon Jeffrey, Glenn Bunting, Lucy D'Antoni, Judy Aleman, Isabella & Dylan Gornor, Vaughn Gay, Cathy Stanford, Herbert Landry, James White, Maria Kalcic, Dave Anderson, Lisa Wayne, Courtney Allen, Robert Lawtum, Bailey Battle

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 28

(Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, July 29

(Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42)

8:00 a.m. Margaret Laughlin†

Wednesday, July 30

(Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, July 31

(Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53)

8:00 a.m. Michael Wingerter, Sr.

Friday, August 1

(Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt 13:54-58)

8:00 a.m. Joyce Fritcher†

Saturday, August 2

(Lv 25: 1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12)

8:00 a.m. Jacques & Henrietta Ballay

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Danny Ragusa, Sr.†, Lawrence Otillio†, Lee Ann Scogin†, Judy Woods†, Patti & Vaughn Gay, Claude Yarborough†, Laurie Benson, Lester Coupel, Paulette O. Nelson, Robert J. Horne, Jr., Patricia Tenhundfeld†

Sunday, June

(Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21)

7:00 a.m. Margaret & Henry Jorns†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Neil Benson, Bunny Shiver, Dorothy Clouser†, Patrick & Tyler Brent, Mark Miller, Eydie Richmond†, May Caballero†, Nancy Pfeifer†, Pat Cuccia†, Pat Cuccia†, Laurie Howell, Robert & Jimmie Lou Fava

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM

Weekly Rosaries: 385

Year to Date: 9264

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

AROUND THE PARISH

Movie Night—August 9th at 6:30 p.m. the Parish Council will host a family movie night.

PSR Registration—August 23rd and 24th after all masses. You may also register online.

Fellowship Sunday—GASPP will host the August 31st Fellowship Sunday.



TABERNACLE LAMP

This week, the Tabernacle Lamp in the Sanctuary burns for

†*May Cabbalero*†



ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful flower arrangements adorning the altar this weekend were donated for

Matthew DeCarlo

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.

—James Field



GOD ANSWERS OUR CALL FOR HELP

Several months ago, our pastor asked my husband and I to mentor couples who are preparing for marriage. As I read through his email, I chuckled to myself, thinking what a coincidence it was. My parents had mentored engaged couples for years. In fact, as a permanent deacon, that was my dad's main ministry. Since his marriage to my mom was far from perfect, it gave me hope that maybe my husband and I could be of some help to the couples we are assigned to. In fact, perhaps we could be of *more* help due to our struggles, giving witness to our fidelity to each other despite the ups and downs of life.

Even as we met with our first engaged couple for the first time, my husband was just a couple weeks away from his second major back surgery. Although it would eventually relieve him of some pain, it would also *cause* him pain. His three month recovery process would have him using a walker, then a cane, all the while wearing a restrictive back brace. He would need help using the restroom and showering, getting out of bed and getting dressed. All the while, I, his partner "in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health" was called to care for him, encourage him and support him.

Jesus never promised it would be easy. He knew the reality of life on Earth. He lived through the hardship. And He promised to help us carry our burdens.

Perhaps one of the heaviest burdens we bear is our sins. We make resolutions, and then break them. We try to be better and then fail. We try harder and then fail again. Perhaps the reason this burden becomes so heavy is because we try to carry it on our own. We forget about the power of prayer and the grace poured out in the sacrament of Confession. God wants to make "our yoke easy and our burden light" but sometimes we fail to call out to Him for help.

We see God's loving mercy so clearly in today's readings. In the first reading, God promises to withhold destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah if He were to find only 10 just people therein. In the second reading, Paul reminds us, "even when you were dead in transgressions...he brought you to life along with him" through the forgiveness of sins. In the Gospel, Jesus assures us, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

Time and time again in the Scriptures, God tells us how much he wants to be there for us. Even though the actual weight of our burdens may not change, the fact that He is there by our side, makes them so much lighter. So whether we be living the ups and downs of married life or struggling through an illness or battling with a recurring sin, may we truly believe what we proclaim in today's Psalm Response: "Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me."

By Tami Urcia



SAINT MARTHA (FIRST CENTURY) JULY 29

Whether you find Martha Stewart admirable or annoying, she has the perfect patron saint. Luke describes Martha—saint, not Stewart—as "burdened with much serving" (Luke 10:40). About Mary, seated, listening to Jesus, Martha complained, "Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?" Jesus' response, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things . . . Mary has chosen the better part" (10:41, 42), suggests to some the superiority of the contemplative life, leaving the rest of us, supporting families, earning livings, (helping others?), as "second-class" Christians. But Luke introduces Martha and Mary immediately after Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan, whom Jesus recommends as a model of practical compassion, concluding, "Go and do likewise" (10:37). Go and do! Sit and listen! Discipleship is never *either/or* but *both/and*. Jesus ministered in prayerful silence *and* hospitable service. Monastic calendars add Martha's sister Mary and brother Lazarus, calling all three "hosts of the Lord," recalling their welcome of Jesus to their home in Bethany, reminding us Whom we welcome whenever we extend summertime hospitality!

—Peter Scagnelli

LITANY OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS

Antiphon:

Under thy title so dear to Saint Francis,
Our Blessed Lady of Angels, we hail thee!
Give us thine aid, that our lives, more seraphic,
Never may fail thee.

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:
And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.



Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.
Holy Mary, Our Lady of the Angels, pray for us.
Our Lady, to whom the Father sent His messenger, pray for us.
Our Lady, before whom knelt the Archangel Gabriel, pray for us.
Our Lady, consenting to become the Mother of God, pray for us.
Our Lady, whose Angel Michael defends the people of God, pray for us.
Our Lady, whose Angel Raphael guides us safely on our pilgrimage, pray for us.
Our Lady, whose angels serve as our Guardians, pray for us.
Our Lady, whose angels bore thy little house of Nazareth to Loreto, pray for us.
Our Lady, whose angels carried thy image to Genezzano, pray for us.
Our Lady, whose chapel of Portiuncula, the gift of holy Benedict, was the cradle of the Franciscan Order, pray for us.
Our Lady, for whose chapel of Saint Mary of the Angels thou didst obtain plenary favors from thy Son and from His Vicar, pray for us.
Our Lady, whose Little Poor Man is hailed as the Seraphic Father, pray for us.
Our Lady, who didst cause him to be given the vacated throne from which the rebellious angel Lucifer was cast down, pray for us.
Our Lady, at whose Assumption hosts of angels flew heavenward in thy company, pray for us.
Our Lady, Queen of Thrones and Dominations, Principalities and the whole angelic Court of Heaven, pray for us.
Our Lady, ever surrounded by myriad seraphs, pray for us.
Holy Mary, Our Lady of the Angels, pray for us.
Holy Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us.

Pray for us, Queen of the Angelic Hosts:
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

O God, Who dost permit us annually to celebrate anew the dedication day of the Little Portion of Our Lady of the Angels: graciously hear the prayers of Thy people and grant that all who enter that chapel or another as representing it, to ask mercy and graces, may rejoice in the plenary answer to their prayers. Through Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

O God Who through Thy most Holy Mother, exalted above the angel choirs, hast called all men of good will to receive Thy mercy: grant through the same to us, who memorialize the consecration of her chapel, that now we may be freed of our sins and may obtain the fullness of grace, until at last we attain the company of her blessed angels and the joy of her heavenly mansion. Who livest and reignest world without end.



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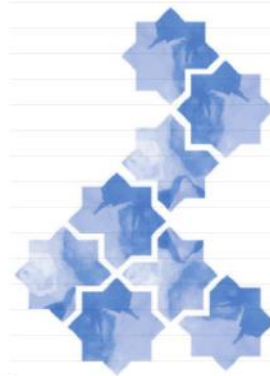
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