

"WHERE TWO OR **THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER IN MY** NAME, THERE AM I IN THE MIDST OF **THEM."** (MT 18, 20)

Rev. Msgr. John A. Ecker

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of fraternal correction and about prayer. What is prayer? Why do we pray?

When do we pray? How often need we pray? How do we pray?

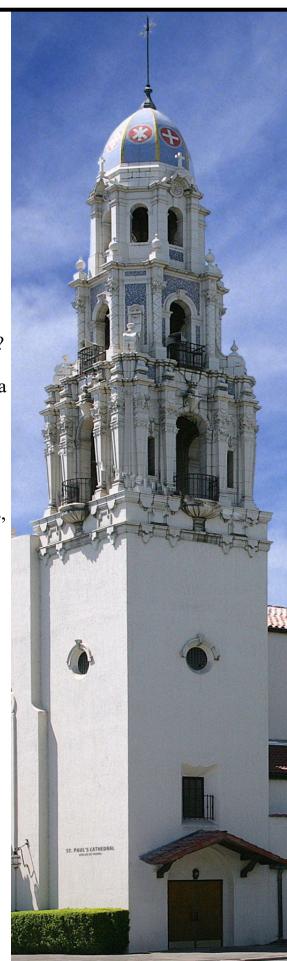
Prayer is communication with God, not just a lot of words on our part, but listening to God's response to our requests and adoration. Too often we crowd the airways or prayerways with a multitude of words, but as a two-way communication, we also have to be silent and listen.

Why do we pray? Not because God needs us, but because we need God. Conscious of our own needs and the needs of others, we receive affirmation, courage, and strength to continue on this life's journey. Life is not always pleasant or fulfilling and we stand in need of the help of God.

Prayer needs to be always! There's no particular time or place where we need to pray. There is no amount of time specified for our prayer. This relationship with God needs to be ongoing. Even a minute or few minutes of prayer keeps us in touch with an almighty and ever loving God.

Private prayer is integral to us but, often we gather with others, our prayer is even more acceptable to God. Prayer is a connection of our hearts with God.

May we not be too skimpy in the time we give to God, but rather cultivate a continual giving of our minds and hearts to Him.





LITURGY FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS 1175

Processional Hymn How can I keep from Singing? No. 684

Gloria No. 322

Responsorial Psalm 95

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts

Gospel Acclamation 2 Corinthians 5:19

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ And entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

How Great Thou Art Offertory

Refrain; Only this I want but to know the world and to bear his cross, so to wear the crown he wore

Holy, Holy, Holy No. 365

Memorial Acclamation

Amen

from Mass of Creation Reconciliation Lamb of God

No. 937 Communion Hymn Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

> No. 942 Weddings Many and Grace

No. 742 Adoration O Blest Are You Recessional Hymn

SEPTEMBER

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Parish Office Hours

No. 578 Monday-Friday 9:00AM-4:30PM (Closed 12:00 Noon-1:00PM)

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:30PM & 7PM (Spanish) Sunday: 7, 9, 11AM, 1PM (Spanish) &

7:00PM Life Teen

No. 366 Daily Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday Friday: 7AM

No. 367 Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8AM

Spanish Mass Tuesday: 7:00PM

Saturday: 4:00PM or by Appointment

Baptisms

Please call Parish Office

Four months preparation required

Fridays 7:30AM-6:00PM Benediction

Monday Evening Prayer Weekly 5:30PM-Chapel

Complete Staff listing inside.

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

M Sept. 11 Weekday

T Sept. 12 The Most Holy Name of Mary

W Sept. 13 St. John Chrysostom

TH Sept. 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

F Sept. 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

S Sept. 16 St. Cornelius and Cyprian, Martyrs

LAST WEEK'S SACRIFICIAL GIVING TOTAL: \$11,618.77

FEASTS OF THIS WEEK

Among these feasts of this week are:

9/14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Thursday when we commemorate the discovery of the Holy Cross by St. Helena in the year 320 and the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher marking the site of the crucifixion and resurrection of the Lord.

9/15 - Our Lady of Sorrows on Friday when we remember and meditate on her Seven Sorrows: the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple; the flight to Egypt; Jesus being 'lost' in Jerusalem, the meeting with Jesus in the road to Calvary, the Crucifixion, the taking down of His body from the cross and His burial.



EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

All are invited to a special bilingual Mass to celebrate the feast this Thursday at 6:30pm in the Cathedral with a reception/fiesta in the Assembly Place. PLEASE JOIN US! (Special 5:30pm dances and music)

PARISH COUNCIL

Our parish advisory board meets this Monday at 6:00pm in the office meeting room. Concerns or questions? Contact Sandi Hays, President or one of the members.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF PRIESTS

Wednesday at 1:00pm both our priests will join the meeting: Fr. Jesus as Secretary and Msgr. Ecker as Vicar General of the Diocese. Please pray for all our priests, living and deceased.



Are looking for Catholic men who may be interested in following Blessed Michael McGivney's mission to protect Catholic families in our area as Insurance Program Field Agents. This is full time work. It is not necessary to be a Knight of Columbus to apply. Training will be provided. If interested contact Daniel O'Keefe, Assistant General Agent 360-808-2052 daniel.okeefe@kofc.org

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ONLINE Sunday Offering FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING

COLLECTION FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS

These priests, brothers and sisters who served the Church so faithfully for decades who are now in need in their retirement—TODAY AT ALL MASSES. Thank you!!

9/11

Monday is the twenty second anniversary of the horrendous attack on our country in New York City, the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania. May we prayerfully remember the thousands who died on that day and honor all firefighters, police, and emergency responders and those innocent individuals who died on that day and increase our concern and prayers for peace in our nation and world.



LIFETEEN

Following a week of team training and development, our Core Team together with Shawn, will begin the new school year on **Sunday the 17th** of September following the 7:00pm LifeTeen Mass in the school cafeteria: games, pizza and fun. All high school students and their friends are encouraged to join us!



SPYEDGE KICKOFF!

Our Middle School program group (St. Paul Spy Edge) will gather on Thursday September 21st at 7:00pm in the School Cafeteria. An invitation to all 6th, 7th & 8th graders for fun and growth in faith — to really enjoy being Catholic!! Contact Shawn for details. FUN KICKOFF (Pizza & prizes!!)

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE/ITALY

October 13-24, 2023. Contact Father Richard Sedlacek, Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church (1107 W. Fremont Ave. Selah, WA 98942) at 509-539-0037 or Adameks@msn.com



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ABUSE HOTLINE

Our Diocese has this private line for those wishing to report incidents of sexual abuse regarding clergy, diocesan, or church employees or volunteers. 1-888-276-4490



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Twenty Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time Sir 27:30-28:7; Prom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35



ST. VINCENT CENTERS

Support St. Vincent Center Food Bank by helping with daily operations. Volunteers are needed Monday and Thursday from 9AM-12PM and Thursday from 3-5PM to help prepare donations, re-stock shelves, assemble boxes and perform light janitorial tasks. We would love to have you join our team! Go to https:// catholiccharitiescw.org/services/involvement/

volunteer-opportunities to begin the process of becoming a volunteer.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Rehearsals and in-place singing resume the first part of September. All our choirs are searching for new members. If you are interested, please contact the music director or choir leader after Mass this week. Thank you! We are still looking for children to form a new Childrens' Choir and for bell ringers!

"WHOLEHEARTED"

On Saturday, September 30, St. Patrick's in Pasco will host a Wholehearted Women's Gathering. Wholehearted is a one day retreat offering inspirational talks, Adoration, Reconciliation, moving music, and much more. Limited tickets go on sale at Eventbrite on August 15 at 7am. For more information email wholeheartedpasco@gmail.com or call April Burris at 509-987-6279.

PARISH PRAYER GROUPS

We are privileged to be home and site of the 'Grupo de Oración a Spanish language prayer group, which joins in prayer each Friday at 7:00pm in the Chapel.

NOW WE PRESENT to our English speaking community this same opportunity—to join in prayer each Wednesday in our Chapel 5:30-6:30pm beginning this week! IGNITE!! Please join with others seeking to deepen their relationship with Christ. CHAPEL 5:30PM WEDNESDAY.



IGNITE Adoration & Praise will kick off THIS Wednesday SEPT. 13th, 5:30-6:30pm in the Chapel. Come and

IGNITE A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP! For all the latest details follow us on Facebook page at **IGNITE** Yakima or email IGNITEYAKIMA@GMAIL.COM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

TO: Lorrie Apperson, Ashlee Burch, Lauren DeGooyer, Cheryl Nonnenmachen, Abel Castilleja, Kale Cobar, Debbie Gregorich, Debbie Gregorich, Debra Holbrook, Rosa Huitron, Lynn Massong, Steve Royce, Carol Smith, Sarah Wauzynski, Patrick Forrest, Kathleen Hilbert, Michael Hoon, Elena Holbrook, Laura Valencia, Cassandra Wingerter, James Benoit, Jr., Evan Gibbons, Drew Gundersen, Karen Vetsch, Douglas Weber, and to all who celebrate this week!