

Dear Padre,

Who wrote the Lord's Prayer? I know the Lord's Prayer comes from Scripture, but who composed it as we say it today?

When the disciples asked the Lord to teach them to pray, he taught them the prayer we know as the Our Father. Two versions of that prayer appear in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. The version used in the Church's liturgies is derived from Matthew 6:9-13. In fact, citing St. Thomas Aquinas' *Summa Theologiae*, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* calls the Lord's Prayer the "most perfect of prayers" (2774), teaching us not only what things to pray for in our prayer but also in what order, or priority, we should desire them. It is at the heart of every individual and communal prayer.

We pray the Our Father, bearing in mind and heart the intimate relationship we have with our God as sons and daughters by adoption through our baptism. The specific wording of our prayers is a work in progress. What we think of as the final wording is that which the Church has approved and makes the most sense for prayer as a community. What is most important is that the substance of the prayer reflects the same matter the Lord used in the prayer. ●

Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Herein lies the novelty of Christian prayer! It is a dialogue between people who love each other, a dialogue based on trust, sustained by listening and open to a commitment to solidarity. It is the dialogue of a Son with his Father, a dialogue between children and their Father. This is Christian prayer.

ANGELUS, ROME,
JULY 28, 2019



PAUL HARRIS



RENATA SEMMACKA / SHUTTERSTOCK

Monday

July 28
Weekday
Ex 32:15-24, 30-34
Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday

July 29
Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

July 30
Weekday
Ex 34:29-35
Mt 13:44-46

Thursday

July 31
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Ex 40:16-21, 34-38
Mt 13:47-53

Friday

August 1
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37

Saturday

August 2
Weekday
Lv 25:1, 8-17
Mt 14:1-12

Sunday

August 3
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23
Col 3:1-5, 9-11
Lk 12:13-21

Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 27, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Genesis 18:20-32 / Colossians 2:12-14 / Luke 11:1-13



The Ways of Praying

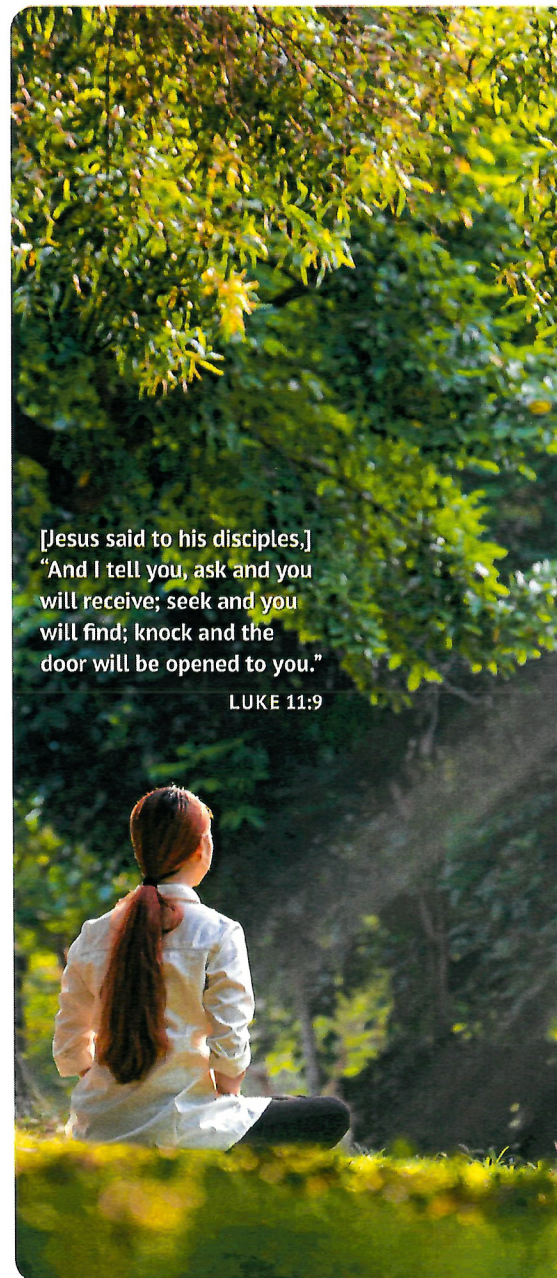
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Consider how there are five levels of communication, each level taking us deeper into a relationship and what it means to be human. *One*, the greetings we offer as we pass: Good morning! How's it going? *Two*, a sharing of activities: what we did, what someone said. *Three*, an expression of ideas, as in what we think about raising children or our political opinions or why we believe there may be conflicts in the world. *Four*, revealing our feelings both positive and negative: feelings of love or gratitude or contentment as well as of being hurt or rejected or disappointed. *Five*, a sense of intense closeness and *being with*, perhaps even without speaking or using any words. Each level, then, takes us deeper into a shared relationship.

Consider, then, how ever-deepening prayer may follow that same pattern. *One*, memorized or rote prayer. *Two*, telling God what is on our mind, even though it is a one-sided conversation. *Three*, commonly called "meditation" but, more simply, thinking about God and life and our faith response, as in the musing that may follow spiritual reading. *Four*, often referred to as "praying our feelings," such as reflecting on our human emotions and what they might say about us, our faith, and how the journey of our faith life is unfolding. *Five*, a sense of simply *being with* God, even without words, and simply resting in that holy presence. Each level of prayer, then, leads us ever more into a shared relationship with our God. ●

Reflect

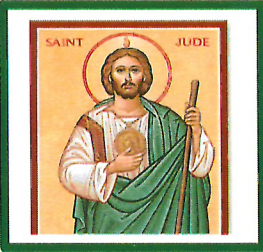
How do I pray? Should I ask for the grace to grow in my prayer life?



[Jesus said to his disciples.]
"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

LUKE 11:9

July 27, 2025 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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WEEKLY MASS CALENDAR: Confession: Thursday Mornings after Mass CELEBRANT:

Sunday	July 27, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Mass	Fr. Fabio
Thursday	July 31, 2025	9:00/10:30 a.m.	Adoration/Mass	Fr. Schmidt
Sunday	Aug. 3, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Mass	Fr. Cregan
Thursday	Aug. 7, 2025	9:00/10:30 a.m.	Adoration/Mass	Fr. Schmidt

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday	July 27, 2025	Fran Sage	By: Laura Woods
Thursday	July 31, 2025	Deborah Doolin	By: Claire Miller
Sunday	Aug. 3, 2025	Frances Parsons	By: Rick & Beth Beam
Thursday	Aug. 7, 2025	Betty Peebles	By: Sadie Payne

TODAY: SUNDAY: 7-27-2025 NEXT SUNDAY: 8-3-2025

Reader	Luke Sage	Reader	Marcus Secondi
EO Ministers	D. Herschleb & D. Hanchak	EO Mins	Tony & Jenny Karsen
Servers	Alexa, Lydia, Emma, Bella	Servers	Bo, Daisy, Carlena

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday	July 20, 2025	Target	\$ 2,200	Offered	\$ 1,651.00	\$ 581.00
Year to Date		Target	\$ 6,600		\$ 5,365.50	\$ 1,234.50
Attendance		116	Year-To-Date Attendance			380

To The One Who Knocks, The Door Will Be Opened

Many of us have probably struggled to understand how God answers prayers. We have asked for something – healing for a loved one, freedom from a particular vice, or maybe clarity in discernment – and perhaps God’s answer appeared to be no ... or even worse, nothing.

This is a common experience, and the good news today is that our Sacred Scriptures show us that this is a deeply human experience throughout all of time. From the outcries of prophets, kings, Job, the psalmists, and other ancestors in faith, those who have trusted in God over the centuries have repeatedly felt this longing, frustration, or confusion. We are not alone in this struggle.

Fortunately, that's only half of the good news. The Bible isn't the story of those who reached out to God, felt frustrated by the lack of response, and then walked away to live forever in this longing.

No, all of Scripture witnesses to another, much more fundamental truth: God is faithful, God is merciful, God hears our prayers.

In the Old Testament, we see repeatedly how God’s people fall short and even complain against Him, **yet God remains faithful; He responds to our cries when we turn back to Him and seek Him.** Abraham consistently intercedes for the innocent, and God responds with mercy each time. The God of Abraham was radically merciful, and this abundant mercy distinguished Him from the other deities worshipped by pagan nations at that time.

As Christ teaches us how to pray, he likewise exhorts us to be persistent as we ask for the Holy Spirit who guides us. The Father, He assures us, knows how to give good gifts.

And so, we can continue to pray with deep trust. Scripture tells us that we may have to keep asking, but something powerful happens in that repetition. **As we ask and return to the source of mercy and love, we are transformed. We encounter God himself, and this is the greatest gift he could give us. Lord, when I called you, you answered me; you strengthened me, says today’s psalm.**

May this Eucharist inspire us to be persistent, trusting that Christ, who offers himself completely in the Blessed Sacrament, will provide us with everything we need.

Bishop Lohse Opens Applications for Deacon Candidates for The Diocese of Kalamazoo

Effective immediately, the Diocese of Kalamazoo will begin receiving applications for candidates to enroll in the inquiry phase of diaconal formation. Shortly after his ordination in 2023, Bishop Lohse appointed a deacon formation task force to work on developing an articulated vision for diaconal ministry in the Diocese of Kalamazoo in response to diocesan and parish needs and priorities. The task force's recommended revised formation process along with requirements and application procedures was accepted by Bishop Lohse and presented to the Presbyteral Council and the Deacon Community.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Sonny Laughlin, Julie Haley, Joan Rumery, Margie Burris, Lillian B. Wheeler, Donna Murphy, Jack Secondi, Mary Heinz, Vicki Clark, and those on our prayer chain.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES – For the Special Collection for CRS, we collected \$503.00! Thank you for your generous donations to this cause.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE – Today’s gospel guarantees that if we “ask,” we will “receive,” perhaps not what we wanted but what our Heavenly Father knows is best for us, His children. All the love we have for our children, God has for us, and more. As our children trust us, we must trust “Our Father.”

ST JUDE FAMILY FUN DAY: Join us for an afternoon of fun at Revel & Roll West on Sunday, August 17th from 12 PM to 3 PM. All-you-can-eat pizza buffet, bowling, and laser tag included. The Parish will cover the cost for all the youth in our parish. Adult Cost is \$35.00. If a family cannot afford the price for the adults in your family, please reach out to the Deacon. We do not want the cost of a parish-sponsored activity to prohibit the participation of all the family members.

PLAY GOLF FOR A CAUSE Raising Green for Haiti Golf Scramble

Excitement is in the air! Get ready to be part of something extraordinary at St. Margaret Catholic Church's Haiti Golf Outing. Every registration to this event will bring us closer to achieving our mission to help those in great need. Together, we can create a brighter, more compassionate world for all.

WHEN: Saturday, August 16, 2025.

WHERE: **Shamrock Hills Golf Course, 31071 CR 390, Gobles.**

START TIME: Shotgun start at 9 a.m.

FORMAT: Four-person team scramble

COST: \$75 per player

INCLUDED: 18 holes with cart, lunch, general drawing and door prizes, games and more.

REGISTRATION: You can scan the QR code from the flyer on our bulletin board in the hallway or e-mail HAITIGOLFOUTING@GMAIL.COM

ROSARY – Just a reminder that we recite the Rosary on the first and third Sundays of the month at 9 a.m. All are welcome!

TELL MICHIGAN LAWMAKERS to support students in all schools: Lawmakers are currently working to finalize the state budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The budget allocates funding for services that benefit all Michiganders, including education for children.

Regardless of the type of school, all students benefit from essential support services that include safe and secure buildings, access to healthy meals and mental health assistance, and learning from quality teachers.

Michigan lawmakers should support all students in all schools, including nonpublic, when it comes to funding needs for these universal support services.

FROM THE DIOCESE

USCCB issues statement on recent interpretation of Johnson Amendment

Last week, in response to the recent interpretation of the Johnson Amendment publicized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) offered a statement from its spokesperson, Chieko Noguchi, executive director of public affairs. The Johnson Amendment defines guidelines for the tax-exempt status of a church or other nonprofit regarding political activities and endorsing or opposing candidates for public office.

“The IRS was addressing a specific case, and it doesn’t change how the Catholic Church engages in public debate. The Church seeks to help Catholics form their conscience in the Gospel so they might discern which candidates and policies would advance the common good.”

Catholic Dioceses in the United States continue to maintain their stance of not endorsing or opposing political candidates.

Within our diocese, Bishop Edward M. Lohse instructed clergy to maintain the policy of non-endorsement or non-opposition of political candidates.

"The current policy of not endorsing or opposing any candidate or political party remains fully in force," said Bishop Lohse

Bishop Lohse has committed to providing professional counseling or therapy to victims of clergy sex abuse in the Diocese. Victims can access 24-hour support through the crisis hotline established by Catholic Charities at 800-873-8336.