

Thy Will be Done

**“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you...”**

**“How much more will your heavenly Father give
good things to those who ask him.” Matthew 7:7, 11**

Jesus is very clear that when we ask, we will receive, when we seek, we will find, and when we knock, the door will be opened to you. But is that your experience? Sometimes we can ask, and ask, and beg, and it appears that our prayer goes unanswered, at least in the way we want it to be answered. So what does Jesus mean when He says to “ask...seek...knock” and you will receive?

The key to understanding this exhortation from our Lord is that, as the Scripture above states, through our prayer, God will give “good things to those who ask.” He doesn’t promise us whatever we ask for; rather, He promises that which is truly good and good, in particular, for our eternal salvation.

This begs the question, “Then how do I pray and what do I pray for?” Ideally, every prayer of intercession we utter should be for the Lord’s will to be done, nothing more, and nothing less. Only His perfect will.

That can be harder to pray for than one might first expect. Too often we tend to pray that “my will be done” rather than that “Thy will be done.” But if we can trust, and trust on a profound level, that God’s will is perfect and provides us with all “good things,” then seeking His will, asking for it and knocking at the door of His heart will produce an abundance of grace as God desires to bestow it.

Reflect, today, upon the way you pray. Try to change your prayer so that it seeks the good things God wants to bestow rather than the many things you want God to bestow. It may be hard at first to detach from your own ideas and your own will, but in the end, you will be blessed with many good things from God. *catholic-daily-reflections.com*



Monday July 25th

St. James

7:00 am Ellen Leiser

12:00 pm Dennis Wayne Richard

Tuesday July 26th

Ss. Joachim & Anne

7:00 am Veronica Haley

12:00 pm Paolo and Ninfa Saia

Wednesday July 27th

7:00 am Elina Baldaserini

12:00 pm Intentions of Susan and Pat Martin

Thursday July 28th

7:00 am Anne Doty

12:00 pm Matthew and Katherine Charney

Friday July 29th

St. Martha

7:00 am Vivienne Dalton

12:00 pm Bill Brown

Saturday July 30th

St. Peter Chrysologus

Mem. of Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am Deceased Members of the Regan Family

4:30 pm Parishioners of the Parish

Sunday July 31st

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

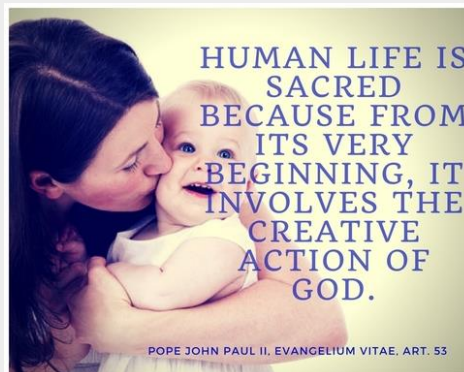
7:30 am John Tappan

9:00 am Edna Weber

10:30 am Fernanda Fronzi

12:00 pm Mary Jane Reddington

5:00 pm Mary McRedmond



BAPTISMS



We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish **Luke Edward Coulter** and **Mackenzie Ann Greges** who were baptized in our Church last weekend.



ST. MARY PARISH MEN'S MINISTRY

Community is so important, especially during these isolating times. Consider trying the St. Mary Men's Ministry, a group of joy-filled men who gather at 6:30AM every Saturday for breakfast and faith discussions about the everyday lives of men. Zoom is an option as well, although it's better in person! Experience a more rewarding prayer life and support of faith-filled brothers.

Why do we get up so early each Saturday? We enjoy each other's company and strongly benefit from the time together and time with God in prayer. Come and see how it can energize you for the week ahead. More info @ STMMM.ORG.

Rosary Walk

Last Saturday of each month @ 8:45 AM, after the 8 AM Mass

Walk begins at the Parish Office parking lot across from the front of the Church

Next walk: July 30



Online Giving

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR

PARISH. Sign up for Online Giving. Call the Parish Office if you would like assistance. ☎



Saint Mary School

RIDGEFIELD

Work Hard. Be Kind. Smile. This is the student version of the Saint Mary School mission statement, and is heard every day at the end of morning prayers and announcements. It is visible on the walls of our classrooms and in the behaviors of our students and staff. It is what makes SMS such a special community.

To register, for more information about SMS, or to set up a tour, please contact principal Rachel Ambrosio at rambrosio@smcr.org or visit www.smsridgefield.org.

ALTAR FLOWER MINISTRY



We are looking for a few people to work on the Church altar flowers each week. Contact Anita Barrios if you are interested or would like more info, 203-431-6705.



MARQUETTE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We offer Catholic men and their families an opportunity to explore their faith and share God's love through service to our priests, parish and community. Join 2 million Knights around the world as you share your time & talents. Learn more at www.KOFC.org or contact Phil Del Giudice, Grand Knight, at Compass_grp@yahoo.com.

PILGRIM VIRGIN

Our Lady's message to the world:
Pray the Rosary daily, a wonderful Marian devotion, for world peace and the conversion of sinners. To arrange for a visit call Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341 or email jstoveken@comcast.net.



FAITH FORMATION CORNER

A Few Points on the Our Father & Prayer

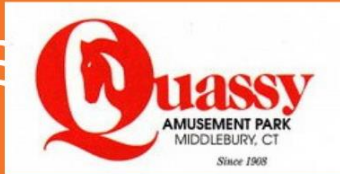
--"Lord, teach us to pray." Many people do not know how to pray and even those who are already prayerful sometimes are lost for words to use. The "Our Father" comes in handy.

--The Our Father is a complete prayer. The first part gives glory to the Father while the second part is a supplication for daily needs, forgiveness of sins and guidance against temptation. Jesus is inviting us to come to God and to consider Him as our own Father.

--While the Our Father Prayer can be memorized, it should not just be spoken. When used in prayer, we must pray it from the heart taking the meaning of every word seriously and with understanding. While we can pray using our own words, Jesus gave us a pattern on how to pray.

--We must pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17). In every endeavor, persistence is an important value. Of course, we know God is not deaf and unconcerned. On the contrary, He listens to every prayer. Yet He also wants to see our determination and sincerity. He wants us to make prayer our lifestyle, meaning, to be prayerful at all times that we are awake.

--We need to constantly ask God for our needs and seek answers to our problems. God is good and generous. When we come to Him in prayer, He will not refuse anyone who asks anything in faith. Yet we often experience some sorts of disappointment when our petitions are not granted. We need to go back to the first part of the Our Father where we let the will of God prevail in heaven and on earth. So the next time our prayer request is not granted, maybe it is not in accordance with God's will or perhaps it is not the right time. *Excerpt from peeplaid.com*



ST. MARY'S *Family* DAY

Friday
July 29
11 AM- 8 PM



Adults \$58
Children \$49



**Great food,
all-day fun
and even some
prayer!**

**Meet more parish
families-- and
celebrate the
church's 125th
Anniversary together**

**INCLUDED... Pulled
Pork, Buffalo Wings,
BBQ Chicken & Ribs,
veggies, sides and
drinks plus full-day
access to both rides
and water park!**

**We'll gather for prayer at the start of the day and wrap it up again with an
afternoon devotion. REGISTER at WWW@SMCR.ORG**

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SACRAMENTS

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

8:00 AM, 4:30 PM Vigil Mass
(Church)

Sunday

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, Noon, 5 PM
(Church)
10:30 AM
(Hall)

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 AM & Noon
Monday - Friday
(Church)

Holy Days of Obligation

Check website

*Easter and Christmas have
special schedules

ADORATION

Open 6 am-10 PM Daily
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OTHER SACRAMENTS

Confessions

Monday - Friday
11:30 AM
Wednesday
6:00 - 7:00 PM
Saturday
3:00 - 4:00 PM
(Church)

Baptism

Celebrated each Sunday
(except holiday weekends)

*New parents must attend a
pre-baptism class. Call
Parish office to schedule both*

Marriage

Call Parish Office at least
9 months prior to wedding

Anointing of Sick

Call Parish Office to make
arrangements
*In case of serious illness or
death in the family, call
Parish Office immediately.*

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