

Pray Always

By Paige Byrne Shortal

Pray always. That's the message of today's Gospel and the first reading from the Book of Exodus. When you think about it, it's kind of an amazing teaching. Prayer is where our little and limited selves meet the all-knowing, the all-powerful, the anything-but-little-and-limited Creator of all things, the Force behind all that is.

I would think the message would be more like, "What do you know? Hush up and let God be in charge!" But that's not what the Scriptures say. We are to pray *persistently*. Moses is to stand with his arms raised in prayer and if he falters, the Israelites begin to lose the battle. The community, in the form of Moses' brother, Aaron, and their friend, Hur, help Moses persist by holding his hands aloft. In the Gospel, Jesus says we should pray like the woman who won't stop nagging until she gets what she wants. (My children claim she is my patron saint.)

But how realistic is "pray always"? Consider that most of us have an inner prayer going on all the time, but too often it's more like an inner whine: "I want this. I want that. Give me. Help me. Please, please, please."

What would happen if we consciously directed our inner whine to God and called it prayer? We might become aware of all the prayers



directed to God from people all over the world who are sick or suffering or in danger, who are afraid of dying, who simply love their children and want what's best for them. Then we might realize that we are not alone. We might learn to attend to today's task and not borrow trouble for tomorrow. We might trust that for every loss, there is a gain; for every death, a resurrection. We might come to know how often our desire for something else is preventing us from noticing and relishing the good presented to us each and every moment.

Directing that inner whine to God

may help us identify our deepest desires. It is in these desires that we come to know our true self. And we may come to know the good God in whose image that true self—and the true self of every human being—was created. If, like Moses, we get tired, then we can lean on the community, as he leaned on Aaron and Hur. We can rely on our community of faith to stand beside us and lift us up in prayer.

Let us pray! +

What would happen if we consciously directed our inner whine to God and called it prayer?



Faithful God, forgive us our lack of constancy and inspire us in our prayer that we may come to know and love you and your people. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

October 17–22

Monday. St. Ignatius of Antioch:
Eph 2:1–10 / Lk 12:13–21

Tuesday. St. Luke:
2 Tm 4:10–17b / Lk 10:1–9

Wednesday. Sts. John de Brébeuf
and Isaac Jogues and Companions:
Eph 3:2–12 / Lk 12:39–48

Thursday. Weekday:
Eph 3:14–21 / Lk 12:49–53

Friday. Weekday:
Eph 4:1–6 / Lk 12:54–59

Saturday. Weekday:
Eph 4:7–16 / Lk 13:1–9

Bringing Home
the Word +
October 16, 2022

© 2022 Liguori Publications, a ministry of the Redemptorists. One Liguori Drive, Liguori, MO 63057. Scripture quotations in this publication are from the *New American Bible*, revised edition, © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Washington, DC. The Pope Francis quotation is used with permission and copyright © 2022 *Libreria Editrice Vaticana*. All rights reserved. 1-800-325-9521. Liguori.org.



Bringing Home the Word +

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
October 16, 2022

Prayer: A Powerful Battle

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Water cuts through rock, not because of its power, but because of its persistence. As believing Christians, persistence is one of the key virtues to our life of prayer. We will penetrate the solid rock of our faith, which is Christ, only through regular and relentless prayer. Saint Luke makes this clear when he reveals Jesus' intention in telling this parable "about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary" (Luke 18:1). Jesus wants us to keep at it in prayer. The *Catechism of the*

Catholic Church has an entire section devoted to prayer with the intriguing title "The Battle of Prayer." After 2,000 years of experience, the Church sums up the theme of prayer as a battle! Moses might have said the same thing, for his perseverance in prayer was reflected in the battle with Amalek.

The truth is, God doesn't entrust the treasures of his friendship to just anyone who says to him, "Lord, Lord." He knows the fickleness of the human heart but also knows that fidelity over time is the evidence of sincere love. He longs for the hearts of his children to seek him, but he also knows that for them to reach full maturity in him, growth in prayer must be steady. God is not at all like the unscrupulous judge of the Gospel. That is exactly Jesus' point. If God is literally dying to reconcile with us, then so much more will he respond to us if we are persistent in praying to him. +

As believing Christians, persistence is one of the key virtues to our life of prayer.

Sunday Readings

Exodus 17:8–13

Moses' hands, however, grew tired; so....Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other.

2 Timothy 3:14–4:2

Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it.

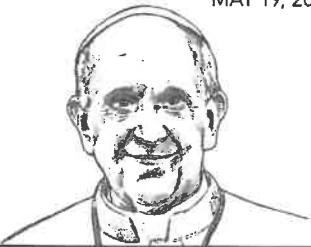
Luke 18:1–8

[Jesus] told them a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary.

A Word from Pope Francis

Do not forget the prayer that asks "why?". It is the prayer of children when they begin not to understand things,... because the child asks his father, "Daddy, why? Daddy, why? Daddy, why?" But let us be careful: the child does not listen to his father's answer. The father starts to reply, but the child interrupts with another "why?"

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME,
MAY 19, 2021



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Am I as persistent in prayer as I am in pursuing other life goals?
- What would help my prayer life?



Parish of St. Vincent De Paul

"We as a community rooted in the Catholic faith seek to imitate Christ's Examples of love and service to others and spread the light of our faith to others."

Parish phone: 509-234-2262 **Oct. 16, 2022 website: stvincentconnell.org**

Fr. Miguel A. Gustavo Ruiz Juárez 509-318-0295 gruiz@dioceseofspokane.org

Deacon Arturo Biebrich parish phone: 509-222-9223 after 5 pm only

<u>29th Sunday Ordinary Time</u>	<u>30th Sunday Ordinary Time</u>
Mass Oct. 16, 2022	Mass Oct. 23, 2022
Lector: Victoria Ocampo	Lector: Elida Fernández
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
Maria Garcia	Stacy Ferguson
Greeters & Presentation of Gift	Greeters & Presentation of Gift
Terry and Helen Tobin	Jeff & Andrea Shawver Family
Altar Servers:	Alter Servers:
Adrian & Emmett Kniveton	Giselle & Aubriel

Pope's Prayer intentions:

A Church Open to Everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. @ St. Paul's in Eltopia
10:30 a.m. @ St. Vincent's (English)
12:00 p.m. @ St. Vincent's (Spanish)

Saturday: 7:00 p.m. @ San Juan Diego (Spanish)

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Adoration @ St. Vincent's

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Vincent's

Confessions: Wednesdays 6:30 pm @ St. Vincent's

Saturday 4:30 pm @ San Juan Diego

Church Secretary: Elida Fernández - secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com

Tues, Weds, Thurs 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Elida can be reached at 509-318-0917 - 12 – 3:30 pm on Tues. Weds. Thurs.

Prayer Chain: Call Carolyn Nordhus @ 509-234-5972

Breezeway Calendar: If you have any parish events or meetings that you would like on the all parish calendar that is posted in the breezeway please contact Maria Goade @ 539-5354 wmgoade73@gmail.com

Weekly Bulletin: Please email Elida Fernández secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com by WEDNESDAY EVENINGS for information to be included in the upcoming Sunday bulletin.

Elida can be reached at 509-318-0917

Website: To add or send information, pictures or news to the website please email Jaeniffer Kaiser @ jaeniffer2002@hotmail.com

LIKE our Facebook page to get updated posts and information about our parish. You can also see photos of all the activities that have been happening. If you want to post church happenings on Facebook please email Onna Pollock at olpollock@yahoo.com

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Altar Flowers

Oct. – Guadalupanas

Nov. – Altar Society

NO CONFESSIONS

This Wednesday the 19th

@ St. Vincent Parish

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED

We meet every Wednesday
@ 5:30 pm. Dinner followed by
lesson of the day. Come and learn
about our Catholic faith.

COFFEE HOUR

Today after Mass

Come join us for some coffee and
calories of the favorite kind –
Sweet!

Request of Sacrament Certificates

Please be advised, there is a 10-day
minimum needed to search for
records. Please be timely in your
request of a new certificate.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM THE PASTORAL PATTERNS BY JS

PAULISH CO:

Whose needs might you be failing to listen to
right now? How often do you put off chores
until you are forced to do them? Who is hurt by
such a decision?

STEWARDSHIP

*"...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it
is convenient or inconvenient..." 2 Timothy 4:2*

It is not always convenient to be a good steward,
especially when all the temptations of our busy and
materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own
pride and ego into the equation and living a
stewardship lifestyle may be downright
uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be
comfortable. He never said that we would have an
easy life. Rather, He called us to be faithful!

Thank you for your generous Weekly contributions

<u>Oct. 2, 2022</u>	<u>Sept. 25, 2022</u>
10:30 am - \$131100	Bilingual - \$630.05
12:00 pm – \$472.11	12:00 pm No Mass
Basin City – \$817.00	Basin City – \$810.33

Annual Catholic Appeal

St. Vincent's Goal:

\$23,891.00

Donations as of Oct. 12th: \$2870.00

Connell Food Bank

Banco de Comida

Seniors: Tuesdays

3rd Edad- Tues. / Martes

25 of Oct.

10:00 am – 11:30 am

General Public:

El público en general:

Wednesdays / Miércoles

26 of Oct.

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

FR. GUS'S SCHEDULE FOR 2 WEEKS: Oct. 16, 2022 – Oct. 30, 2022

Monday Oct. 17:

Fr. Gus @ Spokane

Tues. Oct. 18:

4:00 pm Confessions @ Eltopia

5:00 pm Mass @ Eltopia

7:00 pm Parish Council @ Basin City

Wed. Oct. 19:

8:00 am Adoration @ Connell

8:30 am Mass @ Connell

5:30 pm Hi School Group @ Connell

No Confessions @ Connell

Thurs. Oct. 20:

10:00 am Adoration @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Eltopia

5:00 pm Guadalupanas

Fri. Oct. 21:

8:00 am Prison Ministry

4:30 – 6:00 pm Confessions @ Basin City

Sat Oct. 22:

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

Sun. Oct. 23: Mass

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell

Please keep Fr. Gus in your daily prayers.

Monday Oct. 24:

Fr. Gus' Day off

Tues. Oct. 25:

No Confessions @ Eltopia

No Mass @ Eltopia

7:00 pm Finance Council @ Connell

Wed. Oct. 26:

8:00 am Adoration @ Connell

8:30 am Mass @ Connell

5:30 pm Hi School Group @ Connell

No Confessions @ Connell

Thurs. Oct. 27:

10:00 am Adoration @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Eltopia

5:00 pm Baptism Teams meet @ Connell

Fri. Oct. 28:

8:00 am TriCities Prep

4:00 – Baptism @ Eltopia

Sat Oct. 29:

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

Sun. Oct. 30: Mass

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell