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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 24, 2022



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Sunday Readings

First Reading

Abraham pleads with God to save the innocent people of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, on the day I cried for help, you answered me.

Second Reading

You were buried with Christ in Baptism and also raised with him.

Gospel Reading

Jesus teaches the disciples about prayer.

Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm 138:1-3,6-8

Colossians 2:12-14

Luke 11:1-13

Background on the Gospel Reading

Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of Chapter 11 of his Gospel, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to His disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbor, and assurances that God hears our prayers. The disciples notice Jesus praying "in a certain place." They ask Him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught His disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Luke's version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that His rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Luke uses the more theological language of "sins" rather than "debts," which is used in Matthew's version.

Having taught His disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbor who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbor is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbor is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word Holy Spirit. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost.

The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in His model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and His rule over all things.



Mass Intentions—July 25—July 31, 2022

Monday	No Mass	
Tuesday	(Spanish) 6:00 pm	No Mass
Wednesday	6:00 pm	No Mass
Thursday	10:00 am	No Mass
Friday	10:00 am	No Mass
Saturday	5:00 pm	† Harry Hoag
Sunday	9:00 am	Parish Family
	(Spanish) 12:00 pm	† David Escalera

Sunday Mass Livestreaming at 9:00 am

Go to icc-sealy.org

Reconciliation Schedule

Tuesdays	Confessions 5:00—5:45 pm
Wednesdays	Confessions 5:00—5:45 pm
Saturdays	Confessions 4:00—4:45 pm

July Rosary Intention



July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. Let us pray for all who serve in public office that they will serve our country in pursuit of liberty, peace and justice for all.

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

Altar Flowers

Please call the office at 979-885-3868, if you would like to provide flowers on the altar for a special intention.

Please Note—No Daily Masses This Week

Daily Mass will not be celebrated this week. Fr. Jonathan will be on vacation, and new carpet will be installed in the church. Please remember Fr. Jonathan in your prayers—that he has a peaceful vacation and returns to us safely and well!

The carpeting replacement is possible due to donations made to the IGNITE Campaign. The existing carpet was installed in 2005 when the church was renovated. It has served us well for nearly 17 years! (The parish receives 33% back of all donations made each quarter. To date, we have received \$38,792 in IGNITE Rebates. Thank you for your giving spirit!)

Let us pray for our sick, homebound and those with special needs: (Newly added names are in bold text and marked with an asterisk.)

Brenda Alexander	Steve Gajewski	Janet Rapsilver
Nora Alvarez	Tambra Gomez	Mary Alice Ratliff
Alma Avalos	Joan Guidry	Monica Reznicek
Dolores Balusek	Clemencia Hernandez	Juan Salazar
George Berckenhoff	Willard Janczak	Cesar Salinas
Robin Bilski	Katherine Jones	Johnnie Sliva
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*Al Brown	Rufino Juárez	Susie Shupak
Diane Brown	Lauren Kainer	*Walter Snitkin
George Castro	Raymond Kasmiersky	*Vivian Snitkin
*David Cerny	Bobby Koym	Marie Stastny
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Cory Gagne	Larry Rapsilver	

Deepest parish sympathies & prayers to the family and friends of: Thomas Guzman (brother of Rita Gomez)

Prayer for the Faithful Departed:

Into your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our sisters and brothers. In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them from every evil and bid them eternal rest. The old order has passed away; welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your children and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

May their souls, all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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Simply aim the camera on your smart phone at this QR Code (Quick Response) to be quickly directed to our online giving site. The site is secure and a safe way to schedule donations throughout the year. Forms of payment are either by credit card or checking account.



Special Security Notice

The church and chapel doors will remain locked throughout the week except before regular Mass and Confession times while we review security procedures. Thank you for your patience.

Parish Bazaar—September 25, 2022 Raffle Ticket Ready for Printing!

The Bazaar of 2022 will be structured much like last year with:

- Dine-in and drive-thru BBQ Meal
- Live Auction and On-Line Auction
- Gift Card Raffle
- Desserts, Kolaches & Cheese Rolls
- Homemade Mexican Food & Snacks
- Cake Walk, Gift Card Booth, Country Store (Donations needed for booths!)

Thank you to everyone who donated prizes to the Raffle. We have a total of 42 prizes. Tickets have been submitted for printing and will be available for pick up in the next few weeks.

Auction prizes are now needed for the Live and Silent Auction. These may be dropped off at the parish office before September 1st or call the office and let us know what you will be donating. Blue auction slips are available in the Narthex and in the parish office.

The next meeting date is:

Wednesday, August 10 7:00 pm ICC Ct.

KJT Society #80 Meeting Tuesday, July 26 in the ICC Center

Officers meet at 6 p.m.
Regular meeting begins at 7 p.m.



Sealy Christian Pantry Drive-Thru Food Distribution Every First Saturday, 9am—11am

LifeBridge Church Parking Lot—2162 FM 2187

Assorted fresh produce will be distributed along with other items. For more information, please contact Sealy Christian Pantry, Located at LifeBridge Community Church, 979-885-3866.

The Pantry is open every Wednesday, 9:00 am—noon.

Sealy Christian Pantry in Need of Bags

Plastic grocery bags are needed for food distribution. These may be left in the donation box under the carport at 530 6th Street in Sealy. **Thank you!**

CCE Registration Begins Now!

Registration for the 2022-2023 CCE Year has begun! All registration will be done online and can be accessed using the QR code below. If you need help with registration, please call the CCE office at 979-885-0018 for further instructions.



Thank you from LifeTeen Leadership Participants

Because of your generous donations for our youth fundraiser and the generous sponsorship of the Catholic Daughters and the Knights of Columbus, Lifeteen was able to send 9 teens (Emersyn Cryan, Blair Kram, Jake Dickens, Collette Kelley, Angel Rebollar, Valerie Hahn, Josh Steffens, Eddie Gomez, Austin Moyle) to the Lifeteen leadership conference. These student were accompanied by 4 adult leaders Dcn. Robert and Debbie Kent, Gary Dickens and Kendell Young. Thanks again for your continued support for our youth. They are the future leaders of our Catholic faith!



EL MFCC-USA

(Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Católico)

...se complace en invitarlos a formar parte de este nuevo ciclo. El MFCC ofrece a los matrimonios y familias, comunicación y dialogo entre los esposos para desarrollar y fortalecer su matrimonio. Mejor comprensión del ambiente en que se encuentran para que puedan adaptar, escoger, y enriquecer ese ambiente con sus propios valores culturales. Vivimos en un tiempo donde el ataque principal es el las familias, si queremos dar pelea al enemigo necesitamos herramientas que nos ayuden a vencer. Es lo que el movimiento por medio de sus 4 etapas ofrece. Si ya has vivido las etapas y te gustaría dar de tu tiempo al servicio favor de contactarnos también, ya que la mies es mucha y pocos los servidores. Pedimos a Dios por ustedes y por sus familias. **Para más Información contactar a: Miguel y Hanka Sánchez al (979)732-4336**



IGNITE Report—July 19, 2022

Parish Goal	\$ 364,820
Pledged	\$ 227,142
Paid	\$ 131,358
Donors	106
Rebate Received to Date	\$ 38,792



DSF Report July 19, 2022

Parish Goal	\$ 46,900
Paid	\$ 26,530
Owed	\$ 20,370
Donors	119

SAFE HAVEN / SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING FOR ADULTS

All adult (ages 18+) volunteers in ministries and members of parish organizations are required to be Safe Haven trained. Before you start or continue participating in any volunteer position you **MUST** complete or renew your Safe Haven training. If you have any questions please contact the office - 979-885-0018. **This training is done online at your own convenience.**

Todos los voluntarios adultos (mayores de 18 años) deben estar capacitados en Safe Haven. Antes de comenzar o continuar participando en cualquier puesto de voluntario, **DEBE** haber completado o renovado su capacitación de Safe Haven. Esta capacitación se realiza en línea en su propio tiempo. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con la oficina - 979-885-0018.

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