

St. Joseph Bulletin

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Established 1848)
1011 First Street, Patterson, LA 70392

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Lord's Prayer in Luke

This Sunday's Gospel presents the Lord's Prayer. Something is wrong, though. It's not the Our Father that we learned as children and that we pray during Mass. It doesn't sound quite right: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test."



Today's Gospel is the Lord's Prayer as it is found in the Gospel of Luke. The Our Father we learned and pray at Mass is the Lord's Prayer as it is found in the Gospel of Matthew.

So, why the difference? First of all, the Holy Spirit, the ultimate author of Sacred Scripture, used the evangelists, the writers of the Gospels, to present the teachings of Jesus to various groups of people and to incorporate into these presentations an inspired understanding of the Lord's words. Matthew was addressed to Christians of Jewish origin. Luke was addressed to Christians of Gentile origin. Matthew emphasized that Jesus was the fulfillment of the Scripture. Scripture was Jewish. The people Luke wrote to knew little to nothing of Jewish scripture. They may not have had a foundation in Jewish Scripture, but they did have a deep understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit. They believed that the Holy Spirit called them to faith and sustained them just as he called the people of all different nations to faith on Pentecost Sunday.

The Lord's Prayer in Luke is given during the journey narrative. It is the prayer for the journey. In its immediate context, the disciples ask for a prayer which would express their unique following of Christ. John the Baptist had taught his disciples to pray for the coming of the Kingdom. Did Jesus have a prayer for them? At the beginning of the Gospel they experienced Jesus at prayer. The disciples wanted to pray like He prayed. They wanted to have union with the Father, not just recite words.

After the Lord's prayer is presented, Luke records two parables of the Lord to demonstrate the goodness of God. The first one appears to be humorous. At least I am convinced it is meant to be humorous. A father wakes up in the middle of the night to hear a friend calling to him from outside asking him to borrow some bread. "What, are you crazy?" he calls back. "It's the middle of the night. My kids are sleeping. You wake up the baby, you put her back to sleep. My wife's sleeping, and I've got my PJ's on. Go away." "Well," Jesus says, "if the friend keeps demanding the bread, the father of the house will give it to him just to keep him quiet. If that is how a mundane father would react to a petition, how much more would Your Heavenly Father who really loves you listen to your prayers. So ask, seek, knock. God is listening." The second parable is similar. If earthly fathers know how to provide good things for their children, how much more will our Heavenly Father know what to provide for the children he loves. Then we have a phrase unique to Luke: Ask the Heavenly Father, and he will give you the Holy Spirit. The Lord's Prayer in Luke is a petition for all our needs, the greatest of which is the Holy Spirit.

Now let's go deeper into the Lord's Prayer in Luke. It begins by saying that God's name is hallowed. Hallow means holy. When we say Hallowed be thy name, we are saying, "May all people realized the holiness of your name." God's name was revealed to Moses from the burning bush. He said, "I am who am." The sacred name, Yahweh. The Gentiles that Luke wrote to may not have known about Moses, but they knew that a person's name was a unique expression of the whole of the person. To know a person's name is knowledge of whom the person is. May all people, may we, live in the knowledge of whom the Father is. May we recognize his uniqueness, his holiness. May his named be hallowed.

The Lord's Prayer in Luke next asks that the Father's kingdom may come. Rome had done its best to subject the entire world to its empire. It allowed the various people it conquered to keep a local government and continue local traditions, it even allowed them to continue worshiping their gods as long as they also worshiped the Roman gods, particularly the emperors. The glory that was Rome was really a materialistic and militaristic empire that kept others in place through trade and religion as well as force. When these Gentiles who had become Christians prayed, "Thy Kingdom come," they were praying that the world order be changed. They were praying for the defeat of all that Rome stood for. They were praying for a very different world which would value sacrificial love rather than the accumulation of material goods. We still need to pray for that world. We need to pray that we might take steps away from materialism and into love.

Luke goes right on to present the petition: Give us our daily bread. In the Gospel of Luke and in The Acts of the Apostles, the second book that Luke wrote, bread is always associated with prayer as a reference to the Eucharist. The prayer for daily bread in The Gospel of Luke is not merely a prayer for physical sustenance. It is a prayer for the Eucharist. We who come and receive communion every week can easily forget the tremendous gift we receive in our hands or on our tongues. This is Jesus, really present right here right now, nourishing us, sustaining us. We should not take this gift for granted. We pray for this gift. "Give us our daily bread."

And we ask for forgiveness as we have forgiven others. The Christian norm for forgiving is the compassion and forgiveness of the Father. The Gospel of Luke is often called the Gospel of God's compassion. In this Gospel Jesus instructs us to be compassionate as the Heavenly Father is compassionate. In this Gospel the Forgiving Father welcomes home the Prodigal Son. In this Gospel an Older Brother is told he must learn to overcome his resistance to forgive or this resistance itself will keep him from enjoying the Heavenly Father's banquet. In this Gospel a thief later named Dismis is told, "Today you will be with me in Paradise."

Finally the Lord's prayer in Luke concludes with, "Do not subject us to the trial." The Gospel of Luke often focuses in on the end of the world. It considers that as the world comes to a conclusion, many people throughout the world will have pseudo, phoney, answers to the problems of life. We continually experience this. The girl is pregnant and some say "Have an abortion." A marriage hits a rough point and some say "Get a divorce." A teenager becomes difficult and some say, "Get out of the house." A grandparent is terminally ill and some say, "Euthanasia is the answer. It will end his pain and save the inheritance for us." These and other so called solutions of our world are part of the test, the trial the Lord gives us to see if we really want to be standing for him when the end comes, whether it be the end of the world or the end of our own personal worlds.

The Lord's Prayer in the Gospel of Luke is the prayer of the gentile disciple of Jesus, you and I, who recognizes that true power is not to be found in an empire and that true happiness is not to be found in possessions. The Lord's Prayer in Luke is ultimately a prayer to the Holy Spirit to empower us to live in the holiness of God's name, to receive worthily the Eucharist, to forgive those who hurt us and to choose God before any other solution to the problems of life

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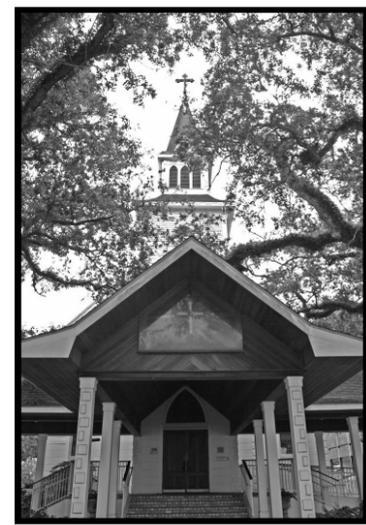
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Celebration of Holy Mass

Weekday

Monday & Thursday 11:00am
 Tuesday 9:30 at Nursing Home
 Wednesday 6:30am

Weekend

Saturday 4:30pm
 Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

Reconciliation

20 minutes before Masses or
 anytime by appointment.

Rectory Office Hours

Mon. thru Thur. 9:am to 3pm
 Fri. 9am to 12 noon

Education Office Hour.

Mon. thru Thur. 9:am to 3pm
 Fri. 9am to 12 noon

New Parishioners

We welcome you with great joy and
 invite you to register and worship with
 us regularly. Forms are available in the
 rectory.

SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Baptism - Instructions are offered for
 both parents and godparents during
 the months of February, May, August,
 and November. Plan accordingly
 when expecting a child or choosing
 godparents and call 395-3881 to
 register for the class or to schedule a
 baptism.

Confirmation - Young people are
 prepared for Confirmation through
 the Confirmation Program. Adults are
 prepared for Confirmation through
 the R.C.I.A.

Matrimony - Diocesan Policy
 requires that a couple make
 arrangements with the pastor at least
 6 months prior to desired date.

Sacrament of The Sick - Call the
 rectory to make arrangements for
 Communion and Anointing.

Rite of Christian Burial -
 Arrangements to be made with a
 priest by the family.

**Sacrament of Holy Orders or
 calling to religious life** - please
 contact the priest in order to discern
 God's will.

**R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian
 Initiation of Adults)** - This process
 is structured to provide information
 for the formation of those who are
 seeking a fuller life as Christians in the
 Catholic Tradition. For information,
 please call the Office of Religious
 Education.

Religious Education For Children
 Call the Office of Religious Education
 for information about registering your
 child.

Knights of Columbus - Meet the
 second Thurs. of the month at 7pm.

Come Lord Jesus Groups -
 Seeking to become closer to God,
 learning more about scripture and
 being spiritually prepared for Sunday
 liturgy....consider joining a CLJ Group
 Call Marguerite Sumrall
 395-5304 for more information.

Fr. Joseph Pellegrino

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JULY 25

11:00 A.M.: Jackie & BL Como,

TUESDAY, JULY 26

9:30 A.M.: **NURSING HOME-** Edith Grezaffi

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

6:30A.M.: Darlene Hamm

THURSDAY, JULY 28

11:00A.M.: Lou Landry

FRIDAY, JULY 29

11:00 A.M.: NO MASS

SATURDAY, JULY 30

4:30 PM: Pat Vidos, Frank Guarisco, Alfred LaCoste, Donald & Leona Smith, Max Griffin, Graci Andrews, Hal Thomas, Curtis Gautreaux Jr, Luke & Virginia Lipari, Nadine Montgomery, Gulley & Anna Taylor, Butch & Sylvia Felterman, Jackie & BL Como, Russell Cardinale Jr., AJ & Josie Moncada,

SUNDAY, JULY 31

8:00 A.M.: Elsa Y. Parchmont, Randy & Beth Verret, Charpentier & Costa Fly (Living & Deceased), Curtis Gautreaux Jr, Gertrude & Wilson Bailey, Ernest & Beverly Felterman, Melba & Murray Trahan, Ray Vidos Sr.,
10:30 A.M.: For the People of our Parish

Sanctuary Light
 Randy & Beth Verret

Note: If a name is not printed above, due to human error, be assured that God has accepted your intention in heaven. Canon Law 94

Sick Relatives & Friends
Please pray for the sick of our parish & their caregivers: Stella Saleme, Angelle Hebert, Iris Roy, Celeste Jumonville, Rachel Caprito, Rose & Robert Johnson, Daisy LeBlanc, Linda Thomas, Austin Gabourel, Ruth Blocker, Gwen Trahan, Troy Broussard, Agatha Wiggins, Ricky & Brenda Lamartiniere, Bud & Debbie Lange, Joseph Gomez, Mary Ann Trosclair, Lee Felterman, Alanna Sloane, Wineva Acosta, Mary Sehon, Kerry Montet Jr, Bryce Solar, Dolores Verret, Barbara Guarisco, Kenny Leger, Joann Landry, Diane Singleton, Garnet Acosta, Geraldine Dilly, Jamie Credeur, Heather Bourque, Samantha McGill, Doug Perry, Kirsten McGill, Jessica Fariar, Donald Sloan, Susan Murray, Brooke Rhodes, Melanie Lipari, Ronald Berry, Randy Ledet, Jan Fabre, Ray Rentrop, Jacqueline Hebert, Kim Hanks, Rip & Cheryl Verdin, Jason Percle, Judy Leray, Florence Bebe Viator, Justin Fabre, Karen Bertrand, Nanette Landry, Anthony Richard, Valerie Simon, James Carinhas, Liz Clement, Ann Heard, Jimmy Russo, Rick Tabor, Bennie Collins, Averi Andrews, Sandra Bradford, Sheena Robertson, Kelly Dalton, Stephen McReynolds, Kay Olds, Frank Hernandez, Jason & Theresa Babin, Noel Verdin, Michele Harrell, Lonnie Garza, Ryan Domingue, Micheal Darnell, Woody Carlin, Penelope Meadows, Ray Primeaux, Elish Allen, Warren Soudelier, Keely Price, Carla LaSalle, Janice Boudier, Jerry Butch Robicheaux, Elizabeth Swan, Alex Lewis, Kate Hicks, Troy Landry, Barbara Vinning, Jane & Cursey Gordon, Joy Broussard, Lyman Wilson, Blaine St. Romain, Ray LaHoste Layla Joseph, Veronica St. Romain, Mildred Trujillo
Please call the rectory to add or delete a name on the list.

Stewardship Area
“Give to the Most High as He has given to you, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold.” Sirach 35:10

Last Weekend Offerings \$2139.00

Office of Religious Education & Formation
 Mamie Perry 395-3881 stjodre@teche.net

We are preparing for the upcoming year and need your help. We are in need of volunteers to assist with our family catechesis program. If interested please contact Mamie 985-395-3881. Registration will begin soon! Check Facebook, our parish website, and the bulletin for updates.



We are still in the process of disassembling camp. Once everything is taken down, items will be ready for pickup. **Please check Facebook, the bulletin, and website for updates.**

This year's **2022 Men's Retreat at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau**—a silent retreat that follows the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius—will be held from Thursday evening, August 4 and will conclude with lunch on Sunday, August 7. If you are 18 or older and would like to join us please contact Larry Callais at lncallais@att.net or by phone at 255-9897. If you would like to reserve a room, please mail your \$50.00 deposit check (made payable to Our Lady of the Oaks) to me at 605 Riverside Drive, Berwick, LA 70342. Rooms will be reserved on a first come, first served basis.

Why Is That? At a recent funeral a parishioner asks: *“We’ve been requested when our family member dies to see that he’s cremated and then to scatter his ashes in a body of water. Are we allowed as practicing Catholics, to do that?”* A very good question is this one, and one that is vexing more and more Catholics as time passes and long-standing traditions and practices go by the boards. The simple answer, of course, is yes and no. Let’s take a closer look. As many Catholics are aware, for most of the 2000 year history of our Church cremation was not an acceptable means of disposing of human bodies after death. The human person, unlike animals or other living entities, was created in God’s image and likeness, only humanity possessed an immortal soul, and only baptized human beings were temples of the Holy Spirit, with the third person of God actually residing within them. Therefore, the Church held that an appropriate burial of the body, preferably in a consecrated Catholic cemetery, was needed. However, beginning in 1963 cremation was allowed for other than mass deaths (as in a natural disaster) or the threat of disease (as a plague). The Church began permitting creation in cases of necessity, but continued to prohibit the procedure for anyone who sought to use it as making a stand against Catholic teachings and beliefs. This new possibility was given in the instruction issued by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, “Piam et Constantem.” The current Code of Canon Law promulgated in 1983 reinforces this: “The Church earnestly recommends that the pious custom of burying the bodies of the dead be observed; it does not, however, forbid cremation unless it has been chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching.” (section 1176). When a cremation is to occur, the Church recommends that it occur after the funeral liturgy has been conducted, thus allowing the body of the deceased to be present. This better expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites. As to the disposition of the ashes of the cremated one, the USCCB issued the following directive in 1997, section 417: “The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or a friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires.” This would hold as well for using cremated remains in jewelry to wear parts(?) of a loved one on you. Thus, the answers to the original question, yes, one can now be cremated; no, one cannot scatter the ashes.

* **Anyone interested in learning about the sacristan position and/or interested in becoming a sacristan are asked to contact Fr. B within the next two weeks.**

Father’s Adult Discussion Group
 Monday, 6:30pm will meet in the parish hall

Eucharistic Adoration First Tuesday of each month from 12 noon to 7:00 pm. Begins with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at noon, and ends with the Benediction at 7:00 P.M. All are welcomed and encouraged to come spend some time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Contact Angie Stelly @ 985-759-3154 for more information. **Next one Aug. 2**

Catholic Daughters will meet the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 P.M. in the parish hall. If you are interested in joining please call the rectory.

First Saturday Rosary: The Holy Rosary will be prayed before the Vigil Mass in church beginning at 4:00 P.M. the first Saturday of each month. Please join us. **Choir Practice** Wednesday at 5:00pm in the church.

KC’s Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month @7pm .

St. Joseph is now accepting Bulletin ads. You may purchase an Ad for your business or in memory of someone. Ads are \$20.00 a month or \$240.00 a yr. If you would like to place an Ad in the Bulletin

<p><i>Mausoleum Crypts</i> Are still available here at St. Joseph. If interested please call the rectory. 395-3616</p>	<p>JEFF PRESIDENT CARDINALE  CARDINAL LUMBER & SUPPLY, INC. 985-395-9580 800 HWY. 90 WEST PATTERSON, LA</p>	<p>Frank’s Agency, Inc. Complete insurance Services 985-395-9351 glynnuarisco@bellsouth.net</p>	<p>ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY The food pantry is in need of these items: peanut butter, canned milk, canned meat, rice, mac & cheese, spaghetti sauce, crackers, cereal, instant grits, oatmeal, soup, cleaning supplies, and snacks for kids.</p>
<p>TOWN & COUNTRY FLORIST & GIFTS, Owner: Glynda Lasseigne 3515 Hwy 182, Berwick 985/385-6929 www.tandcflorist.com</p>	<p>MORGAN CITY SUPPLY of Louisiana  985/384-3650 6911 Hwy 182 E Morgan City, LA</p>	<p>Knights of Columbus #1710 Protecting Catholic Families for Generations</p>	<p>Fr. Joseph Wolfe from EWTN will be speaking about different aspects on Eucharistic Evangelization @ St. Bernadette on Aug. 21 thru 23. at 6:30pm to 8:00pm.</p>
<p>Member FDIC  PATTERSON STATE BANK</p>	<p><i>C. Whitten</i> Photography cwhittenphotography.com</p>	<p>HOMEBOUND If you know of anyone needing someone to bring Holy Communion to their home, please call the office 395-3616.</p>	<p><i>Mausoleum Crypts</i> Are still available here at St. Joseph. If interested please call the rectory. 395-3616</p>

July 30 & 31	Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:	Lectors:	Altar Servers:
Sat. 4:30pm	Mike Brocato	Bo LaGrange	Lainey Taylor
Sun. 8:00am	Sandra Marshall	Angie Stelly	Parker Brocato, Lex Chamberlain
Sun. 10:30am	Shannon Freeman	Shannon Freeman	Zachary Landry