

September 11 2022 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Catholic Parish

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION. SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AN MASS SCHEDULES

SATURDAY 3:15PM **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSION** 3:30 PM - HOLY ROSARY 4:00 PM - HOLY MASS

SUNDAY 8:00 AM - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 8:30AM-HOLY MASS 10:30 AM - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 11:00AM- HOLY MASS

REGULAR **WEEKDAYS MONDAY- COMMUNION SERVICE TUESDAY-FRIDAY** 8:00 AM - HOLY MASS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Benefit Night committee is asking for donations of red, white or rose (blush) wine to help defray the cost of Benefit Night. Please drop off bottles at the rectory during regular business hours. Thank you all in advance.

September 9/15/2022 Parish Finance council meeting at 6:00pm

MAGI MARKET

December 4, 2022 Craft items and donations needed If interested in contributing please contact Anna Scott 251-605-2966

Tomorrow after 8:30am mass: we have benefit night meeting you're welcomed to attend the meeting

Today's special collection is for Burse Club or Seminarians of the Archdiocese of Mobile

Tour on Compendium of the Catechism of the **Catholic Church**

GUIDES FOR PRAYER

564. How are the saints guides for prayer?

The saints are our models of prayer. We also ask them to intercede before the Holy Trinity for us and for the whole world. Their intercession is their most exalted service to God's plan. In the communion of saints, throughout the history of the Church, there have developed different types of spiritualities that teach us how to live and to practice the way of prayer.

565. Who can educate us in prayer?

The Christian family is the first place of education in prayer. Daily family prayer is particularly recommended because it is the first witness to the life of prayer in the Church. Catechesis, prayer groups, and "spiritual direction" constitute a school of and a help to prayer.

566. What places are conducive to prayer?

One can pray anywhere but the choice of an appropriate place is not a matter of indifference when it comes to prayer. The church is the proper place for liturgical prayer and Eucharistic adoration. Other places also help one to pray, such as a "prayer corner" at home, a monastery or a shrine.

CHAPTER THREE

The Life of Prayer

567. What times are more suitable for prayer?

Any time is suitable for prayer but the Church proposes to the faithful certain rhythms of praying intended to nourish continual prayer: morning and evening prayer, prayer before and after meals, the Liturgy of the Hours, Sunday Eucharist, the Rosary, and feasts of the liturgical year.

"We must remember God more often than we draw breath." (Saint Gregory of Nazianzus)

568. What are the expressions of the life of prayer?

Christian tradition has preserved three forms for expressing and living prayer: vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplative prayer. The feature common to all of them is the recollection of the heart.

EXPRESSIONS OF PRAYER

569. How can vocal prayer be described?

Vocal prayer associates the body with the interior prayer of the heart. Even the most interior prayer, however, cannot dispense with vocal prayer. In any case it must always spring from a personal faith. With the Our Father Jesus has taught us a perfect form of vocal prayer.

570. What is meditation?

Meditation is a prayerful reflection that begins above all in the Word of God in the Bible. Meditation engages thought. imagination, emotion and desire in order to deepen our faith, convert our heart and fortify our will to follow Christ. It is a first step toward the union of love with our Lord.

571. What is contemplative prayer?

Contemplative prayer is a simple gaze upon God in silence and love. It is a gift of God, a moment of pure faith during which the one praying seeks Christ, surrenders himself to the loving will of the Father, and places his being under the action of the Holy Spirit. Saint Teresa of Avila defines contemplative prayer as the intimate sharing of friendship, "in which time is frequently taken to be alone with God who we know loves us."

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK

ANNOUNCEMENT

My brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, I have an announcement to make.. I am asking that you keep me in your prayers...

On Tuesday, September 13, I will be having surgery. The doctors have found a mass in my upper chest and they plan to remove the lump and follow up with tests... During my recovery, I will not be able to offer Mass but we will have communion service so, no mass on September <u>13, 14, 15 & 16</u>

Please pray that I will have a healthy and speedy recovery so that I will be able to return to you, my parish family.

Gospel Reflection

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, In chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells three parables about losing, finding, and rejoicing. The outcasts of society, the taxpayers, and the sinners approach Jesus eager to hear what he has to say. In Luke's Gospel, hearing is a sign of conversion. The Pharisees and scribes, still suspicious of Jesus, complain about him associating with sinners. So he tells them these three parables.

In the first story, the parable of The Lost Sheep, the shepherd leaves behind the 99 sheep to search for the 1 lost sheep. When he finds it, the shepherd rejoices not alone as in Matthew's version, but with friends and neighbors. In the same way, God rejoices more over 1 sinner who repents—like the outcasts who have come to hear Jesusthan over the 99 righteous like the Pharisees and scribes. The second story, about a poor woman who will not stop searching until she finds her lost coin, makes the same point. Why are the Pharisees complaining? They should rejoice when the lost are found.

Finally we come to what is probably the most memorable parable in the Gospels, the story we know as The Prodigal Son. Just as in The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin, this story (found only in Luke) is really about the seeker. The loving father is at the center of this parable. Even though his son runs off with his father's inheritance and squanders the money, the father waits for him, hoping for his return. Upon his son's return, the father, "full of compassion," runs out to embrace and forgive him before the son can utter one word of repentance. At this point the rejoicing begins.

The parable does not end there. Rather, it makes one more point about the older son's reaction. This son who never left, just like the Pharisees and scribes who feel they are righteous, refuses to enter his father's house to join in the rejoicing. He has served his father. He has obeyed him.

Perhaps it was not out of love. The father's response teaches us that God's care and compassion extend to the righteous and sinner alike. When we are lost, God doesn't wait for our return. He actively seeks us out. And when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and reioice?

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit-Amen

PRAYER LIST

Anita Barclay, Campbell Berger, Katherine Berger, Bethany Ann Boltz, Roy Williams, .,Logan Bowers, Jerry Boyes, Patrick Webb Brownlie-Carey, Noli Causay, Teresa Coleman, Lee Cooley, Peter Cooley, Anita Cowart, Anne Davidson, Daniel Dorriety, Marquitta Dukes, John Dumas, Dodie Dumas, Louise Frontz, Janet Gafford, Tony Golemon, Mary Ann Keith, Dennis Keith, Liz Kilborn, Edward Kimbrough, Debora Klaus, Steven Kuszynski, Shirley Lacy, Michael Langan, Alfred Leonard, Margie Lord, Rodney Lundy, Mary McKeough, Patricia McRoy, Craig Miley, Archie Moore, Elaine Moore, Wally Neese, Kenny Nixon, Tiffany Neese, Darlene O'Rourke, James M. O'Rourke, Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Scott Peck, Glenda Pose, Ursula Ouintana, Kaitlyn Reynolds, Dorothy Sanchez, Simon Schum, Cindy Snow, Mandy Spotswood, Curtis Steiner, Rita Steiner, Todd Stringfellow, Barbara Thomas, Katelyn Tillman, Tyler Upton, Norma Villanueva, Anna Visperas, Rudy Visperas, Melanie Wacker, Albert Washington, Heather Washington, Darlene Watson, Lou Watt, Brad Wells, Bubba Williams, Bobby Zarate, Diane Little, Joyce Ladnier, Roy Still, William Patrick A, Fred L. lorge, Joan A. Lorge, Barbara Smith, Frank Seltzer, Dennis Cottrell, Pete, Sam Barksdale, Joey Murphy, Chuck Simmons, Damian Turk, John O'Conner, Fr. Francis J. Sofie Jr, Megan, Stephen Wiese, Matthew wiese, Raymond Floyes, Kay K Shaw, Lloyd J. Thompson, Ruby P Thompson, George E. Merren, Jr, Flora Decker, Mary Ann Fletchery, Pat McKeough, Mathew Wilson, Eddie Booth Jr, Helen Bender, Paige Ellis, Eunice Miles, Gloria Leslie, Diana Holifield, Bea Burton, Janet & John Frazier, Henry Hoven. Mark Westbrook, Ronnie Hudson, Jewanda Taylor Jowe, Nicholas Balch, Jean Stanley, Colleen O'Rourke

MASS OPENINGS

- 22 September 2022– Opening
- 24 September 2022– Opening
- 27 September 2022– Opening
- 28 September 2022– Opening
- 30 September 2022– Opening
 - 1 October 2022– Opening
 - 2 October 2022– Opening
 - 4 October 2022– Opening
 - 5 October 2022– Opening
 - 6 October 2022– Opening
 - 8 October 2022– Opening