

PARISH CALENDAR

Seventeenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

July 28, 2019

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Saturday, July 27	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, July 28	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, July 29	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, July 30	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Wednesday, July 31	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, Aug 1	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, Aug 2	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, Aug 3	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

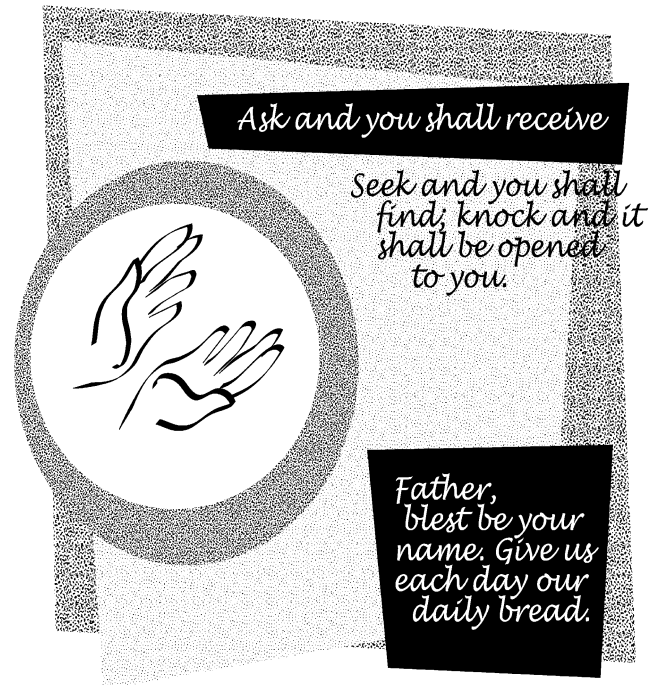
Ecc:1:2; 2:21-23: "All things are vanity!" Some people have labored skillfully a whole lifetime.

Col:3:1-5, 9-11: Since you now belong to Christ, set your heart on things above rather than on things of earth.

Luke:12 :13-21: Jesus told a parable about the rich man who stored up all his wealth in order to eat, drink and be merry

Reflection

This need for immediate and daily help is also present in Jesus' words about and images of prayer. Jesus assumes a familiarity with God that we saw in Abraham. He compares God to a human father who may be fallible and inconstant, but whose will for his children's health and safety is firm. So much more is the heavenly Father generous and willing to respond to our needs—however we make them known. Jesus urges us to be a nuisance, the way a night visitor would, the way Abraham did. The verbs "ask," "seek," "knock" are used. They are aggressive, door-banging expressions. We are surely not cautioned to be timid! This brand of easy familiarity with God has a good chance of opening out to a deeper relationship. To knock on the door is a good place to start. We are not inconveniences to God, after all. The God to whom we address our prayer is willing to give up everything for our sake. God is willing to talk with Abraham and play the loser in an astounding bargain for the two cities filled, it appears, with sinners. Today, there is one just man in the city—Jesus Christ. And in company with him we all will live. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: The Food Pantry needs you help! Our supplies are low, we are in need of the following non-perishable canned goods items, **Corn Beef, Spam, Vienna Sausages. Pork & Beans, any type of canned vegetables, soups, rice or pasta.** If you are able to assist with any of the above items, please bring it to Mass with you and place in our basket! Mahalo, for helping us feed the needy in our community!

ORDER OF MALTA PRESENTATION: Please join us after the **9 am Mass on Sunday, August 4th**. There will be a slide show presentation by the Order of Malta regarding their annual pilgrimage to visit Our Lady of Lourdes in France. Every year they bring the terminally ill on this journey. Aunty Fran Duhaylonsod will also share her thoughts and prayers about her pilgrimage with the Order this past year. We will have Holy Water from Lourdes that we will be giving out to parishioners as well. Mahalo!

WORD OF LIFE: "O God, you are faithful, and you never abandon those who hope in you. I know that my redemption from sin and death has been purchased at the cost of your Son's blood. In return for this priceless gift, I resolve today to renew my trust in your unfailing mercy." **"USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life 'Trust in God's Mercy' Prayer"**

WEEKLY READINGS

Jul 28 Sun: 17TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gen:18:20-32 ; Ps:138; Col:2:12-14; Lk:11:1-13

Jul 29 Mon: Saint Martha

Exo:32:15-24, 30-34; Ps:106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn:11:19-27

Jul 30 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Exo:33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps:103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13;

Mt:13:36-43

Jul 31 Wed: Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Exo:34:29-35; Ps:99: 5, 6, 7, 9; Mt:13:44-46

Aug 1 Thur: Saint Alphonsus, Bishop and Doctor

Exo:40:16-21, 34-38; Ps:84:3, 4, 5-6a & 8a, 11; Mt:13:23-24

Aug 2 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Lv:23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps:81: 3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab;

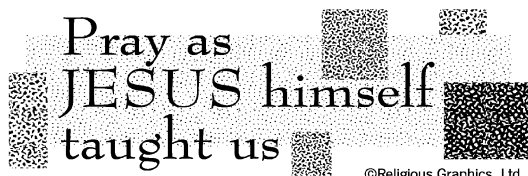
Mt:13:54-58

Aug 3 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Lev:25:1, 8-17; Ps:67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt:14:1-12

Attention

The Aramaic word for "prayer" is related to the word "trap." Aramaic was Jesus' native language. He grew up knowing about the quiet, almost breathless attention required of the trapper, who hid himself and waited and waited. Prayer asks of us a single-minded attention, a kind of tending and intending and attending that will snare God, who wants to be snared, of course. Once God is drawn in or we are drawn in, it's amazing the direction the conversation takes. Today we learn from Abraham, and then Jesus. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

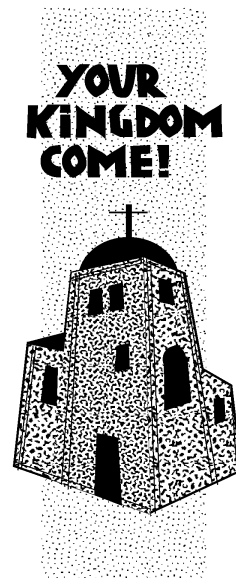


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NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

A prominent theme in today's Gospel parable is generosity. Late at night, a sleepy friend responds to his neighbor's request for food for an unexpected guest. Jesus suggest that it would be unthinkable for a friend to deny a friend in need. A friend would most certainly give what is asked and more. Through this story, Jesus illustrates God's generosity. Good stewards realize the extraordinary love and graciousness with which God showers us. We need never convince God to be generous. God is already that generous friend. His abundant love bathes us in goodness. This week, prayerfully reflect on god's generosity to us. What should our response be to that generosity? (**International Catholic Stewardship Council**)

Abraham, who was so respectful in the company of the visitors from God we read about last Sunday, is surprisingly bold and casual in today's first reading. The story begins with God in heaven deciding to come to earth and walk with Abraham for a bit. God feels a need to check out the situation in Sodom and Gomorrah personally. Abraham doesn't seem the slightest bit thrown off by the fact that God, no less, walks with him on the road. Nor does Abraham seem intimidated as he drives a hard bargain and wheedles out of God the promise that would spare the two cities if ten just people were found there. The whole first reading is a long story of Abraham wheeling and dealing with God. It is a specific, bold, amazing example of the kind of prayer Jesus urges in the Gospel reading for this day. After the disciples see Jesus pray, they ask that he teach them, in the manner that John the Baptizer did with his disciples. The Lucan version of the Lord's Prayer has an immediacy that is lacking in the corresponding versions of Matthew. Luke's prayer asks for the sufficiency of bread we need to get through each and every day. In Luke, Jesus' prayer is for deliverance from everyday evil. Though Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer did not find its way into the standardized prayer of the Church, his awareness of the human need for help day by day did. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



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