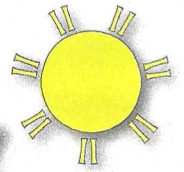




Our Parish Community



July 27, 2025

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Whatever is interrupting communication between your heart and the One who crafted it, it can be overcome. There is no door thick enough, no night dark enough, no sleep strong enough.

Ask and You Shall Receive

It's easy to look at today's Gospel reading and come away with a view of God as disinterested and irritated, reluctant to give us what we need unless we bang down his door, hound him to the furthest reaches of heaven, wrench him from his reverie and force him to answer just so we'll finally go away.

Well, that's not what Jesus means by the parable of the friend at midnight — but it's also not surprising that we would think that it is. The whole point of this Gospel is that communication between God and man has been broken. It's not as easy as it once was, as it should be, as it could be.

In this parable, there exists many barriers between the supplicant and his friend. The time of day is not ideal. The door is locked. Their dispositions are opposite — one is in the middle of a REM cycle and the other is deeply agitated. They appear to be two people who are not primed to communicate well. Everything is working against them.

The same could well be said of God and the human race. Here we are in a fallen world, surrounded by sin and pain and sickness and death to the extent that it infiltrates not just our bodies but our souls, our minds, our attitudes.

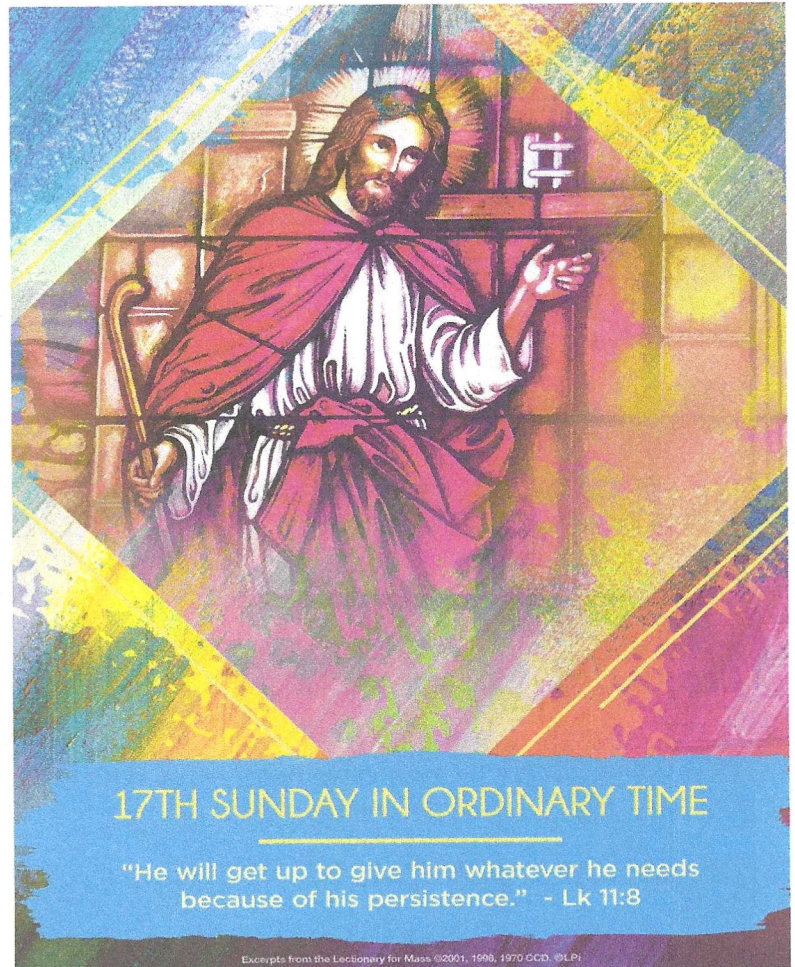
We are the friend caught unprepared in the dead of night. We don't always know how to talk to God (*That door is thick! Will he hear us if we knock?*). We don't always know if we should (*It's all my fault that I ran out of loaves, after all*). We don't even know if we want to (*It's nighttime! He might be angry!*).

Everything is working against us.

It doesn't matter, Jesus tells us. Whatever is interrupting communication between your heart and the One who crafted it, the One who desires its full and irrevocable attention, it can be overcome. There is no door thick enough, no night dark enough, no sleep strong enough.

So knock.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



Inspiration of the Week

"Lord, teach us to pray." The disciples are asking how to approach God, how to communicate with Him. Jesus' answer? Have no fear, and have no embarrassment. God waits at the door. Knock. The conversation is yours to start.

Observances for the week of July 27, 2025

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| Sunday: | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Tuesday: | Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus |
| Wednesday: | St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church |
| Thursday: | St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest |
| Friday: | St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church |
| Saturday: | St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest |
| Next Sunday: | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time |



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Monday-Thursday:

9:00am-5:00pm

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Mass Schedule

Saturday:

4:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM

1:00 PM (Spanish)

Daily Masses

Mon-5:30pm

Tues-5:30pm

Wed - 9:00 AM Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 2:30PM-3:30PM,

Mon -Tuesday 5pm, Wednesday 8:30 AM or
by appointment.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 26- AUGUST 03

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 4:00 PM: +MANUEL LOZANO, +MANUELA LOZANO, +RUBEN LOZANO, +ROSA LOZANO, FOR THE HEALING OF EDITH MASKEY

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 11:00AM: +SANTOS PINEDO, JR., +JESUS GUIA, FOR THE HEALING OF EDITH MASKEY.

1:00PM: +ANITA ROQUE DE SANTIAGO, +JOSE EDUARDO ALBA, +ANTONIO ROBLED, +JULIAN GARCIA, ALMAS DEL PURGATORIO, POR LA CONVERSION DE LA FAMILIA ROMERO ANGEL, CUMPLEANOS DE EVA HERNANDEZ

MONDAY, JULY 28, 5:30 PM: +SANTOS PINEDO, JR., +JESUS GUIA, +KENT BURGESS, FOR THE HEALING OF EDITH MASKEY.

TUESDAY, JULY 29, 5:30 PM: LAURA AYCOCK, TAMARON VALLEY, ODULIA GUERRERO, IN THANKSGIVING FOR BIRTHDAY WISHES, FOR THE HEALING OF EDITH MASKEY.

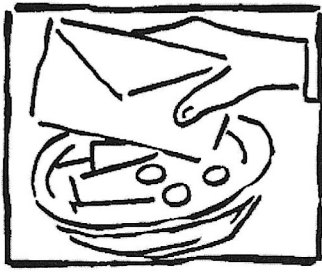
WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 9:00AM: FOR THE HEALING OF EDITH MASKEY.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 02, 4:00PM: +KENT BURGESS, +DOLORES MORALES, MARY O'SHEA SMITH, FOR THE HEALING OF EDITH MASKEY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 03, 11:00AM: +KENT BURGESS, IN THANKSGIVING FOR STEVE FROST, FOR THE HEALING OF EDITH MASKEY

1:00PM: +JOSE EDUARDO ALBA, +ANTONIO ROBLED, +JULIAN GARCIA, ALMAS DEL PURGATORIO, POR LA CONVERSION DE LA FAMILIA ROMERO ANGEL, CUMPLEANOS DE KEVIN ZUNIGA.

Mass Intentions—Offering Mass for a special Intention is a long standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons, for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birthday. Please call the Church Office at **(830) 995-3708** to offer a Mass Intention or for more information. Deadline is every **Tuesday by 12pm.**



Offering Totals

July 19 & July 20

General Offerings: \$7,102.16

Second Collections :

Online Giving : \$855.00

Children's offerings: \$110.00

Thank you for your support!

¡Gracias por su apoyo!

July 27, 2025

Stewards Follow

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

LUKE 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually want so much more! **Stewardship** is simply being grateful for all that we are and all that we have been given, and generously sharing all of our God-given gifts with others. Gratitude and generosity are gifts that opens doors to new relationships with others and with God.



ATTENDANCE

Mass

Saturday, July 19

4:00 pm

146

Sunday, July 20

11:00 am

180

1:00 p.m.

233



Before we hear Jesus teach his disciples to pray, we see Abraham persistently petition God to show mercy toward the people of the city of Sodom. In the Gospel, Jesus confirms how important it is to show this kind of persistence. Our Father in heaven, Jesus teaches us, is generous beyond human generosity, having given the Holy Spirit to be with us always, and so we should freely ask for our needs, assured that we will be heard.

Antes de escuchar a Jesús enseñarles a sus discípulos a orar, vemos a Abraham suplicándole persistentemente a Dios para que muestre su misericordia hacia la gente de la ciudad de Sodoma. En el Evangelio, Jesús confirma cuán importante es ser así de persistente. Jesús nos enseña que nuestro Padre celestial es generoso más allá de lo que puede percibir la generosidad humana; por eso nos ha dado el Espíritu Santo para que permanezca siempre con nosotros y de esa manera nos sintamos libres de suplicar por nuestras necesidades con la certeza de que seremos escuchados.



Please pray for/Rezamos por:

Edith Maskey

Elodia Garcia
Manuel Lozano
Santos Pinedo
Antonia Rosales
Javier Rosales
Caleb Allen
Ed Melcher
Angelica Arreola
Manuela Garcia
Rogelio Castro



(If you would like to add a name on the list, please email shc.ofc@outlook.com/ Si usted quiere añadir un nombre, favor de mandar un email at: shc.ofc@outlook.com)

Announcements/Anuncios

Next Sunday we will be administering the sacrament of the anointing of the sick after both masses.

We need fundraisers for our Capital Campaign. If you can do one after Sunday mass, please contact the office.

We need ushers and altar servers for our English masses. If you can help, please contact Gaby Hernandez or Fr. Rudy.

The next festival meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 29th, immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass.

The Guadalupanas will be having a meeting on Monday July 28th at 7pm in the Old Church Building.

El próximo domingo administraremos el sacramento de la unción de los enfermos después de ambas misas.

Necesitamos ventas para nuestra Campaña Capital. Si puedes hacer uno después de la misa del domingo, por favor contacta a la oficina.

Necesitamos ujieres y monaguillos para nuestras misas en inglés. Si puedes ayudar, por favor contacta a Gaby Hernández o al P. Rudy.

La próxima reunión del festival está programada para el martes 29 de julio, inmediatamente después de la misa de las 5:30 p.m.

El Grupo Guadalupano tendrá una junta el lunes 28 de julio a las 7pm en la Iglesia Antigua.

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| Baptism/ Bautizos | Baptisms will only be celebrated for registered members of the parish. Children over the age of 6 are required to attend catechism classes in order to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. | Solo se celebran bautizos para los hijos de los miembros registrados de la parroquia. Mayores a 6 años deberán de asistir a clases de catecismo antes de recibir el sacramento. |
| Communion/ Primera Communion | Children: Are required to attend a 2 year program. Youth and Adults: must attend 1 year of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). | Niños: Deberán de asistir a programa de preparación para la primera comunión por 2 años. (Jóvenes y adultos: Deberán de asistir a un programa de RICA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos) por 1 año. |
| Confirmation/ Confir- macion | Youth: attend a 2-year Catechism program, usually begins in grade 9. Adults: attend RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) for 1 year. | Jóvenes: Deberán de asistir a un programa de preparación por 2 años. Adultos: Deberán de asistir a un programa de RICA por 1 año. |
| Marriage/ Matrimonio | You must contact the office 6 months prior to the desired date of marriage and schedule a meeting. | Deberá de iniciar el trámite al menos 6 meses antes de la fecha deseada llamando a la oficina de la iglesia para agendar una entrevista inicial. |
| Anointing of the Sick/ Uncion de los enfer- mos | Please call the office to schedule an appointment with the Priest. | Favor de llamar a la oficina de la iglesia para agendar una visita de un sacerdote. |

Quinceaneras-Must be attending catechism classes 1year prior to celebration. Call the office 1 year in advance for availability . 830 995-3708.

Readings for the week of July 27, 2025

Sunday:

Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/
Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Monday:

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22,
23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday:

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9,
10-11, 12-13/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and
8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday:

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4,
5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday:

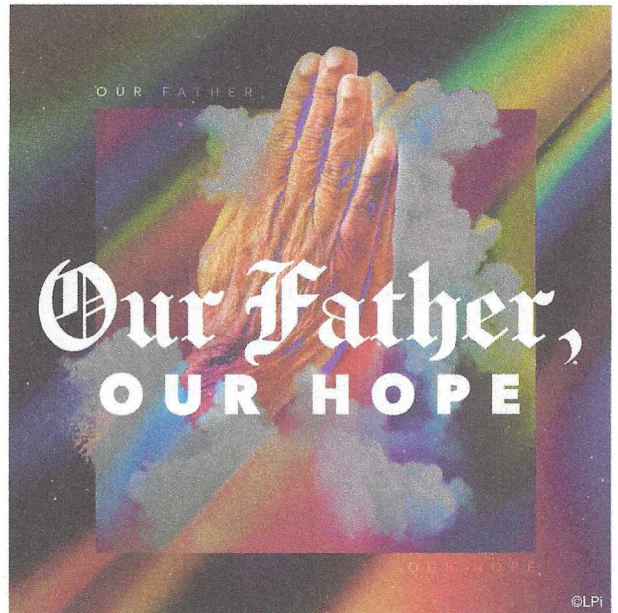
Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday:

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14,
17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Once I went to a hospice facility to celebrate Last Rites for an elderly dying man. His family had told me that he had been uncommunicative for days. At the conclusion of the ritual, we began to recite the Our Father prayer. To everyone's surprise, his lips moved, clearly mouthing the words to the Lord's prayer. Stripped of most of his faculties, the man could still pray those precious God-given petitions. A lifetime of prayer had planted the words even deeper than his failing consciousness.

Do we want the Lord's prayer to be as deeply embedded in us? If we want to be people of hope, we should. Recall that our Lord immediately follows the prayer by saying: **"Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9).** We only ask, search and knock because we hope that the request is not in vain. Everything we could possibly hope for is contained in the prayer. Praying the Our Father deepens our hope.

We should consciously pour all our hopes into the Lord's prayer; we should allow it to be an expression of hope, not simply rote words. Then, over time, it builds up our hope in God. It sinks deep into our souls and bodies. How blessed we are when these words of hope are on our lips, even when everything else seems to fail.

— Father John Muir