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Weekend Magazine

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July 30, 2023 ▪ The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Following is prayer and life is something we learn

Fr. Peter John Cameron, OP



Prayer as a following is an asking for the Good Shepherd to pass on his own vitality and excellence to us.

Of all the apt images Jesus could have chosen to symbolize himself as Savior, he opts for the Good Shepherd. For a good shepherd is all about dedicating himself to the welfare of his sheep, even to the point of radical sacrifice and extreme personal risk. The greatest respect and “esteem” a sheep can show a shepherd is *to follow him*.

There is something distinctive and attractive about the shepherd — unique. Jesus speaks about the shepherd’s voice (Jn 10:3-5). Following is our response to the attractiveness, the singularity of the Good Shepherd. It is an outward act that expresses our desire to share in the life of the Good Shepherd so as to make our own the truths and values that set him apart. The closer we stay to him, following as his flock, the more we become our true selves.

Life is something we learn by following Someone who is fully alive. The following of prayer is an asking for

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Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

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the Good Shepherd to pass on his own vitality and excellence to us. Following means committing our whole self to the exceptional Shepherd, offering to him our personality, our intelligence, our freedom. Following changes us. Following is a way of acknowledging that things in our life *need* to change.

Cardinal Ratzinger wrote:

“Following” is something interior: a new direction for one’s life — surrendered to the will of another, so that being with this other and being at his disposal are now the really important content of a human existence. “To follow” means to entrust oneself to the Word of God, to rate it higher than the laws of money and bread, and to live by it. Only in losing themselves can human beings find themselves. To follow Christ, then, means to enter into the self-surrender that is the real heart of love. To follow Christ means to become one who loves as God has loved. In the last analysis, to follow Christ is simply for people to become human by integration into the humanity of God.

We can begin to follow by joining in this beautiful prayer of a 14th-century abbot, Venerable Raymond Jourdain:

O good Lord Jesus Christ, my sweet Shepherd, what return shall I make to you for all that you have given me? What shall I give you in exchange for your gift of yourself to me? Even if I could give myself to you a thousand times, it would still be nothing, since I am nothing in comparison with you. Although I cannot love you as much as I should, you accept my weak love. Give me your most ardent love by which, with your grace, I shall love you, please you, serve you, and fulfill your commands. May I never be separated from you, either in time or in eternity, but abide, united to you in love, forever and ever. Amen

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Prayer for Protection from Hurricanes

*God, Our Father, Creator and Lord of the universe,
you have set the earth on its foundation
and all the elements of nature obey your command.
We humbly beseech you to keep us safe from all dangers
and calm the storm that threatens us.
May we be secure in your loving protection
and serve you always with grateful hearts.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
Amen.*

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

July 30, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 | Rom 8:28-30 | Mt 13:44-52

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

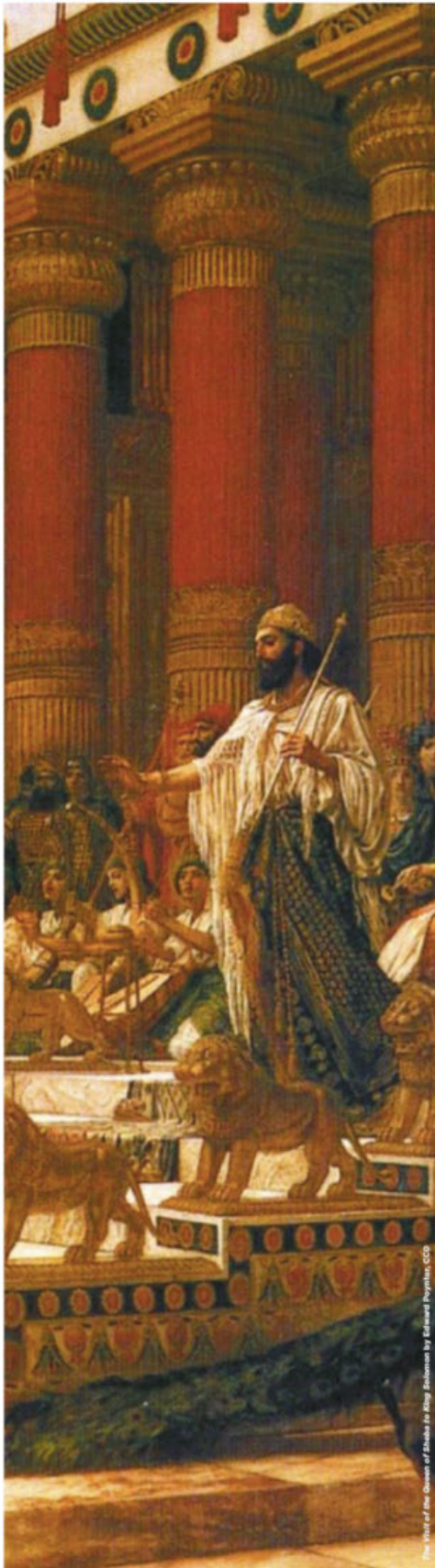
It is no secret that Jesus often taught using parables; last Sunday we heard three, and today there are more. Today's parables seemed obscure until I focused on the repeating phrase "kingdom of heaven," which is likened to treasure, a pearl of great value, and then a fish net. What a contrast! But when I thought about it longer, it made perfect sense: The kingdom of heaven is the greatest treasure, one that should compel us to give up everything like the person who finds treasure buried in a field or the merchant who buys the pearl, just to make sure we have it in our possession. The kingdom is also something that requires hard work, hence the analogy with fishermen throwing nets into the sea to capture fish and then sort the good from the bad. Think of that net as the predestination St. Paul mentions in today's epistle. God predestined mankind to be called to him, to be justified and glorified in his name, yet we all maintain free will to choose otherwise. So, at the end of the age, when the angels "separate the wicked from the righteous," each of us will learn how precious the treasure of heaven is according to the way we chose to pursue it during our lifetime.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In the midst of the daily grind, heaven can seem so far removed from our lives until it's Sunday and we're standing in pews during Mass. But the kingdom of heaven isn't contained within the single act of attending Mass on Sundays. Jesus didn't say "attend church for one hour each week and you're all set" – the parables he speaks today show people who put in work, searching for treasure until they found it and did everything they could to ensure they kept it. Jesus taught in parables in order to extend his invitation to the kingdom of heaven to everyone who would listen. With these parables, the kingdom is more of an encounter than an end goal. When we are in a loving, prayerful relationship with God, we are able to recognize and know the joy and the infinite value of the kingdom. We are able to experience God's kingdom in the day-to-day experiences of our lives. We know that the kingdom can be found in Jesus, who is the way. And we know that Jesus is here with us now.

INVITATION In the first reading Solomon said to God: "Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart." Take a few minutes and read Solomon's Prayer of Dedication for the temple that occurs a few verses later in 1 Kings (8:22-61). In it, he asks God to be with his people always – a prayer for us today as well.



The Visit of the Queen of Sheba to King Solomon by Edward Poynter, CDP



Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

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Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4
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The beautiful altar flowers were given in honor of Carole and Walter Huff's 64th wedding anniversary.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 29, Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus
8:00 a.m. Robert B. Murray (Dec)

Saturday, July 29, Vigil for Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Alice Coston (Liv)

Sunday, July 30, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Carole Huff (Dec)
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Armida Noguez (Dec)

Monday, July 31, Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

8:00 a.m. Joy and Verna Beddoe (Dec)

Tuesday, August 1, Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Carole & Walter Huff 64th Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday, August 2, Memorials of Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop, and Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, August 3, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Linda Mays (Dec)

Friday, August 4, Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest

8:00 a.m. Gertrude B. Murray (Dec)

Saturday, August 5, Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome

8:00 a.m. Nino Sangiore (Dec)

Saturday, August 5, Vigil for Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. James Lawler & Pat Sullivan (Dec)

Sunday, August 6, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. John Marchese (Dec)
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners
11:30 a.m. John Gray & Bill Isaac (Dec)



Journeying Through Grief

"Grief is not a sign of weakness. It is a tribute to the loved one who died, and a healthy response to our heart ache."

If you would like to be part of a Grief-Support "group" or you would prefer "one on one" support, please call Rachel between 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the parish office, 727-867-3663

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

07/30 • Msgr. Aiden Foynes

07/31 • Rev. Timothy Williford

08/01 • Rev. Leonard Piotrowski

08/02 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

08/03 • Rev. Donald Amodeo

08/04 • Rev. Curtis Carro

08/05 • Rev. Kazimierz Domek

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Vocations

Are you called to serve the family of the Lord and share the Father's love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?

Call Father Chuck Dornquast 727-345-3452 or write: scd@dosp.org

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

What Is God Asking of You?

What are you willing to give for the sake of the kingdom of God? Often, we begin a discussion like this with a story or a few leading thoughts. However, if we are to be serious about who we claim to be as Christians, there should be no beating around the bush. The question is not only important for each of us and our relationship with our God, but it should be important for the relationship each of us has with the entire Body of Christ. Like any good team or family, I need you to have my back, and I need to have yours. If one of us is going to lay it on the line and be all in for our faith, then we *all* need to be as well.

If only all the Christians of the world felt the same way. In some parts of the world, Christians are still being martyred for their faith. Others must worship underground and avoid the government-led police. Then there are those who seem to take faith for granted, and because little is asked by their friends or parish, they give nothing. It is quite a contrast of situations.

On this day, it may seem like little is being asked of you and I by God. Is that because we aren't being asked or because we aren't listening? If you are counting on me and I am on you, we should figure this out sooner than later. Of course, I suspect we actually do know the answer, don't we?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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Stewardship Prayer

O Divine Giver of all gifts, grant us the daily graces we need to follow closely in the footsteps of Jesus in the way we live out our lives and make use of our gifts.

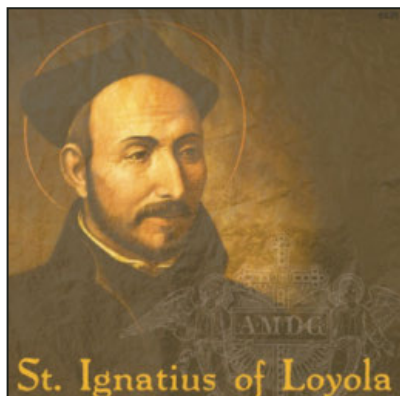
Daily, may we renew with You our small part of the world by allowing Your will to be accomplished in and through us.

Help us to trust in Your love for us and to grow in our fidelity and relationship with You.

We thank You for the trust You place in us as stewards of our personal gifts. May the Holy Spirit guide us in placing our time, talent and treasure at the service of each other so that together we may faithfully witness the Christian message and thus become Your holy people.

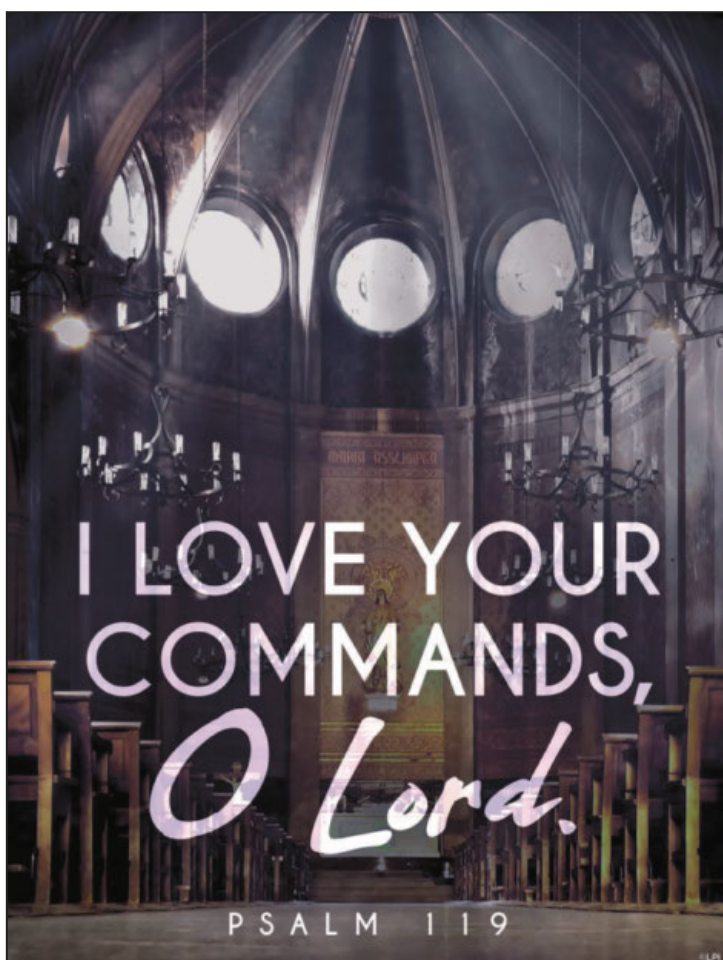
Amen

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA



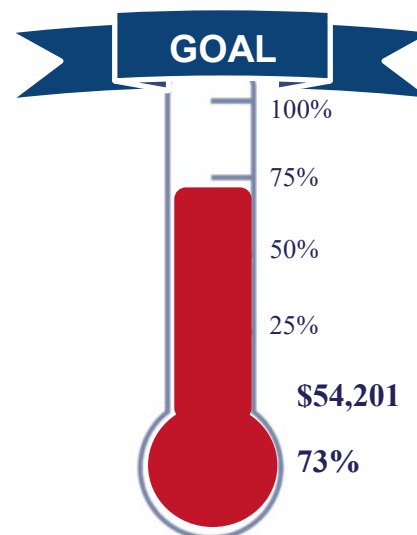
This week we celebrate a spiritual master! Not only is St. Ignatius Loyola the founder of the Jesuits, but the legacy of his life of prayer -- now called Ignatian spirituality -- inspired believers the world over. Injured as a young soldier, Ignatius spent his time in recovery reading the lives of the saints. They inspired his soul to holy heroism, changing his life forever. Ignatius gathered a group of friends who also desired to be "contemplatives in action," finding God in all circumstances. This became the Jesuits -- a great missionary and teaching order. Ignatius himself was constantly attuned to his own inner promptings. This self-knowledge -- open to the movements of the Holy Spirit -- led him to be an incredibly astute spiritual director.

For Ignatius, recognizing God as the first principle of one's life determined everything. How has God changed you?



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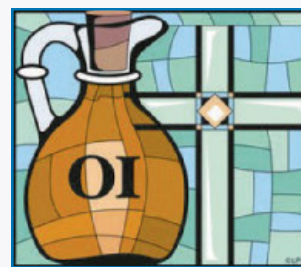
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