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## The Our Father describes the Kingdom: It's Eden



Tom Hoopes - published on 04/26/26

Jesus gave us the Lord's Prayer so we would memorize the goal he has set for us.

I have been discovering this year how much the Kingdom of heaven is the central focus of the Christian life.

God is a loving Father, and he wants us to live in the kingdom he made for us, the Paradise of the Garden of Eden. In Eden, God was king, and he made Adam and Eve in his "image and likeness" and gave us "dominion." But we used our dominion in a terrible way: We rejected God and handed Eden over to his enemy. He has

been undoing our action and re-Edenizing the world ever since.

Jesus gave us the Lord's Prayer so we would memorize the goal he has set for us.

**It begins: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

The Lord's prayer starts by telling us everything we need to know about God, theologically. God is the Father-creator, the noncontingent cause of everything. His dwelling place is in heaven – which means he is outside time and space, omnipresent and omniscient. As for his name, when Moses asked him what it was, he said, "I am." He is not a being, but being itself, the ground of all being.

In other words, God is the all-powerful, all-consuming fire, the source of all life. And yet we call him Our Father. That means we are royalty: sons and daughters of the very source of all power.

**Next comes: Thy Kingdom Come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

We pray for his kingdom to come, and then we describe what that would look like. It would be a place where "his will is done on earth as in heaven," in other words, Eden.

God's covenants have been rebuilding Eden for years, and they were fulfilled when two people came along who truly did his will on earth as it is in heaven. The Blessed Mother said, "Let it be done to me according to thy word," becoming the Second Eve who freely brought Jesus into the world, and Jesus said, "Not my will but yours be done," as the Second Adam.

When we pray the Our Father, we are praying that we can join Mary and Jesus in doing his will on earth as it is in heaven.

**Then the prayer says: "Give us this day, our daily bread."**

This is a prayer to live once again in a garden of plenty where we always have enough to eat. But notice, Jesus doesn't say for each of us to pray for my daily bread, but our daily bread. The lesson is that the world has plenty of food – it becomes Christ's kingdom when we make the food ours, when we share it.

But notice that the wording is strange. "Give us this day our daily bread" is like saying "Give us today our bread

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today.” That’s because what the Greek original says in both Matthew and Luke, is “Give us this day our epiousios bread.”

This means “Give us this day our super-essential bread,” says the Catechism – and that means we are praying for the Eucharist, the bread of the kingdom. Shortly after instituting the Eucharist, Jesus said, “I confer my kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.”

So when we pray “Give us this day our daily bread,” we are praying that we can share the food of the earth with each other the way God shares the food of heaven with us in his kingdom.

**Next is: Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

This is a petition to overturn the Fall, and be returned to the innocence of Adam and Eve before they sinned in the Garden of Eden. This is exactly what Jesus did on the cross. The repentant thief said, “Remember me when you come into your kingdom,” and Jesus answered, “Today you will be with me in paradise.”

**Last is “Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.”**

The last petition speaks directly about returning us to what Eden was like before the temptation and the Fall. If you have ever messed up really badly in life, you probably wished you could go back and re-live it and do the right thing. This is God giving us that chance to skip temptation and reject the serpent. And we pray for it every day.

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, May 2, Vigil for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00 p.m. Connie Gueli (dec)

### Sunday, May 3, Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Eugene Donohoe (liv)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Georgian Braun (dec)

### Monday, May 4, Monday of the Fifth Week of Easter

8:00 a.m. Benjamin DeMartino (dec)

### Tuesday, May 5, Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter

8:00 a.m. Connie Gueli (dec)

### Wednesday, May 6, Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

### Thursday, May 7, Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter

8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Donohoe (dec)

### Friday, May 8, Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter

8:00 a.m. Celeste Donohoe (dec)

### Saturday, May 9, Vigil for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00 p.m. Jon White (liv)

### Sunday, May 10, Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Glen Davis (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. William Murray (dec)

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## New Beginning at Blessed Trinity: Faith, Healing, and Health Outreach

Carol Davis, volunteer FCN, is grateful to serve at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church. After the 2024 hurricanes closed St. John Vianney Catholic Church (SJVCC) and following the loss of her husband, Blessed Trinity warmly welcomed Carol with compassion and support.

In January, Carol and Trish Gonzalez, far right, volunteer FCN from SJVCC, hosted their first blood pressure screening event with 15 congregants participating. Carol looks forward to expanding the ministry through CPR training, additional wellness events, and monthly health screenings. Adding a special family touch, Carol’s 12 year old grandson, Dalen, pictured right with Carol, designed the educational trifolds and spinning wheel at the event.



*From St. Anthony’s Hospital Newsletter, March 2026*



May 3, 2026

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7 | 1 Pt 2:4-9 | Jn 14:1-12

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

When the needs of ministry became overwhelming, the Apostles did not say they would sleep less or pray less in order to have more time to serve others. Instead, they appointed leaders from the community to help so they could continue to devote themselves to prayer and preaching. This reminds me of a story I read about Saint Teresa of Calcutta, in which the sisters of the Missionaries of Charity asked to be excused from the mandatory daily Holy Hour because the needs of the poor were so overwhelming. Saint Teresa is said to have responded that the sisters should then spend not one, but two hours in prayer each day. She knew that the foundation of a life of service was a life of prayer. We are asked in all that we do to rely not on our own abilities, but to humbly recognize that all we have to give comes from God.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

#### **PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

The cornerstone of our lives - the piece that gives strength to everything else that grows within us - is our relationship with God. The works of our vocation are meant to flow from that relationship. And so coming to know Jesus through prayer is at the core of serving others. In my vocation as a wife and mother, I sometimes get consumed in completing tasks and only realize at the end of the day that I have not prayed. But even Christ, the Son of God, tells us in the Gospel that "the Father who dwells in me is doing his works." Life in the Trinity means that the love of the Father flows through the Son. If Jesus does not rely on his own being to preach and serve, I certainly cannot respond to God's call to love my family apart from him. As we complete the daily tasks of our vocations, we must remember that the ultimate call of a life of holiness is to allow God's love to flow forth through us.

### **PRAY**

This week, consider how you can develop or strengthen a habit of prayer as the first act of your day. You might be able to pray in silence, or you might choose to incorporate prayer into the activity of your morning. However you are able to establish this routine, be intentional about how you recognize prayer as the cornerstone of all that you do.



**Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Following 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**

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MAY  
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RECITING THE ROSARY, CARRYING  
MARION BANNERS AND ENDING WITH  
SONG AS WE CROWN HER.

**Virtues, Explained!  
Diligence**

Christians are called to diligence in prayer, in self-scrutiny, in exercising virtue, in seeking God's will, in detachment from the world and in reflecting on God's word in Scripture: "If we are diligent in observing all of these commandments before the Lord, our God, as he commanded of us, then this will be our righteousness." (Deuteronomy 6:25)

Diligence is made possible by the freedom of will that we have been granted by God, and it is the virtue by which man can secure for himself true happiness. (*Gaudium et spes*, 17)

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### Weekly Giving 04/26/26

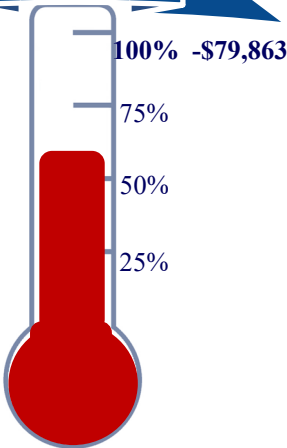
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| Offertory            | \$ 10,456 |
| Other Donations      | \$ 15     |
| St. Vincent de Paul  | \$ 160    |
| Restoring the Sacred | \$ 85     |

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## Catholic Ministry Appeal



2026 GOAL



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Reservations—\$18.00, Check payable to *Magnificat*  
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Join us for St. Jude's Parish Mass at 8:15 am



**Speaker:** Christina Georgianni and her daughter, Francesca Bauer  
You may recognize Francesca as the host of *Evenings and Sunday Praise* on 90.5 Spirit FM

Enjoy a hot breakfast followed by prayer, the rosary, and praise and worship, along with spiritual wisdom from our guest advisor. Your morning will culminate with the witness of Christina, and her daughter, Francesca, our Praise and Worship leader, as they share their stories of living authentic Catholic lives and demonstrating the love of our Lord. You won't want to miss this holy spirit morning.

Please mail your check, to our treasurer, Linda Barron, 6069 Second Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33710. **Checks must be received by May 4, 2026.** Your ticket will be at the door. **Seating is limited.** Questions or Need More Information? E-mail [magnificatofstpetersburg@gmail.com](mailto:magnificatofstpetersburg@gmail.com) or text Jane at 727-452-7404 or Linda at 727-415-2693. <https://magnificatstp.org/>

## Upcoming Events

|   |                                     |     |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----|
| <b>Saturday, May 2</b>                          |                                     |     |
| 2:30 pm-3:30 pm                                 | Confessions                         | CR  |
| <b>Sunday, May 3</b>                            |                                     |     |
| Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am | Masses                              | CYH |
| <b>Monday, May 4</b>                            |                                     |     |
| 6:30 pm   | "Life in the Spirit" Prayer Meeting | CYH |
| <b>Tuesday, May 5</b>                           |                                     |     |
| 10:00 am  | Scripture Class                     | CYH |
| 7:00 pm   | Knights of Columbus Meeting         | FF  |
| <b>Wednesday, May 6</b>                         |                                     |     |
| Adoration                                       |                                     |     |
| 5:30 pm   | Rosary                              | CH  |
| 6:00 pm- 7:00 pm                                | Holy Hour                           | CH  |
| <b>Thursday, May 7</b>                          |                                     |     |
| 6:30 pm   | Choir Practice                      | MR  |
| <b>Saturday, May 9</b>                          |                                     |     |
| 2:30 pm-3:30 pm                                 | Confessions                         | CR  |
| <b>Sunday, May 10 ~ Mother's Day</b>            |                                     |     |
| Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am | Masses                              | CYH |
| May Crowning on The Green after the 9:30 am     | Mass                                |     |
| <b>Monday, May 11</b>                           |                                     |     |
| 6:30 pm   | "Life in the Spirit" Prayer Meeting | CYH |
| <b>Tuesday, May 12</b>                          |                                     |     |
| 10:00 am  | Scripture Class                     | CYH |
| <b>Wednesday, May 13</b>                        |                                     |     |
| Adoration                                       |                                     |     |
| 5:30 pm   | Rosary                              | CH  |
| 6:00 pm- 7:00 pm                                | Holy Hour                           | CH  |
| <b>Thursday, May 14</b>                         |                                     |     |
| 10:00 am  | Book Club                           | FF  |
| 4:00 pm   | St. Vincent de Paul Meeting         | FF  |
| 6:30 pm   | Choir Practice                      | MR  |

### Key for Events

PC= Parish Center, MR=Music Room, CYH= Courtyard Hall, CR=Cry Room  
 CYH-1= Courtyard Hall Classroom #1, CH=Church, FF= Faith Formation Room  
 PL= Parking Lot



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Rev. Wayne C. Genereux

### Clergy Assistance

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### Mass Schedule

#### Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:00 am

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 pm

#### Sunday

8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am

Follow the Sunday Mass on our website, [btsp.org](http://btsp.org)

### Confessions

Saturdays 2:30-3:30 pm

### Parish Office

Monday-Friday

9:00 am-12:00 pm and 1-4 pm

Closed for Lunch Noon to 1:00 pm

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### Anointing of the Sick



To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

### Grief Support

At this time, individual/one-on-one *Grief Support* is available by calling Rachel at the church office. Group support meetings will take place when a group is formed. For more information call 867-3663.

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