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Catholic prayer for the United States on Independence Day



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A short Catholic prayer for the United States as its citizens celebrate the 4th of July.

While the United States celebrates its independence on the **4th of July**, it is important to pause for a moment and ask God to blessed and protect this nation.

Here is a short prayer from the *Roman Missal* to pray for the **United States on Independence Day**.

Father of all nations and ages,

We recall the day when our country claimed its place among the family of nations;

for what has been achieved we give you thanks, for the work that still remains we ask your help,

and as you have called us from many peoples to be one nation, grant that, under your providence, our country may share your blessings with all the peoples of the earth.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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Gospel Meditation

I still remember the first homily I ever preached as a new deacon. It was at the seminary, and the Gospel was this one: **“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.”** ~Matthew 10:37-38 Standing before more than 200 classmates and professors, I stumbled awkwardly through my words and realized how strange — almost insane — this teaching sounded. If anyone else said it, we would call it narcissistic or cultish.

And that is the point. I felt the weight of those words in my own heart then, as I still do today. Am I willing to live as though Christ's claim on my love is absolute? Are you?

Over the years, I've learned that the more I do, the more everything else makes sense. Family, friendships, vocation, even my very self: all of it falls into place when my love for Jesus comes first.

That is why He dares to speak this way. Our Lord is not a cult leader hungry for control. He is the Son of God, the source of life and love itself. To put Him before everything else is not to lose, but to find...everything, and everyone, in Him.

This week, name one thing or one person you are tempted to place before the Lord. Then consciously offer it back to him in prayer.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 27, Vigil for the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Deacon Lionel Roberts (dec)

Sunday, June 28, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Ann Marchese (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (dec)

Monday, June 29, Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

8:00 a.m. Judith Maginot (dec)

Tuesday, June 30, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Robert Wilson (dec)

Wednesday, July 1, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, July 2, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Robert Wilson (dec)

Friday, July 3, Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle

8:00 a.m. Stephanie Stephen Roberts (dec)

Saturday, July 4, Vigil for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. All religious (liv & dec)

Sunday, July 5, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Sarah Tabor Hosford (dec) and

Joan M. Ayers (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Viola Romani (dec)





June 28, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a | Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 | Mt 10:37-42

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

In today's Gospel, Christ tells the Apostles of the rewards given to those who welcome his disciples. He reminds us that God sees and values any support offered to those whom he sends to proclaim his word. While we're accustomed to receiving a reward that is proportional to the effort required for that task, God provides a generous reward for even the simplest acts (showing hospitality, offering a cup of cold water). The reward offered is not based on the grandeur of our action, but on the goodness of God who generously blesses our small acts of faithfulness. Christ preaches of this same concept when he describes the poor widow's offering of two coins in the Gospels of Mark and Luke (Mk 12:41-44, Lk 21:1-4). Jesus did not judge the monetary value of the two coins; he saw only the sacrifice and generosity that was communicated by the gesture. We can trust in the overwhelming grace of the Father that even the smallest gift we offer to him is worthy of a great reward.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In the first reading, a woman generously offers lodging for the prophet Elisha. She saw Elisha's need, knew that he was a holy man, and used the gifts and resources she had to support him in his sacred work. We are also called to generously support and encourage the ways in which our brothers and sisters are leading others to Christ. In other words, we are called to accompany our fellow disciples, whether they need a listening ear or a simple acknowledgment of their efforts. Because each baptized person shares in the mission of spreading the faith, every action we do to support one another is also supportive of this essential task of discipleship. As we begin to walk alongside other disciples, we pray that our witness manifests God's love at work in the world and brings many closer to him.

PRAY

Our Scriptures today invite us to consider how we can support and accompany our fellow disciples: "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple ... will surely not lose his reward." One of the simplest ways we can offer support is to pray for one another, asking for the grace to be faithful to the Lord and to our efforts to share our faith with others. Even a simple, heartfelt prayer for one another will not go unnoticed by the Lord.



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

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 to schedule an appointment.

Prayer for Protection during Hurricane Season

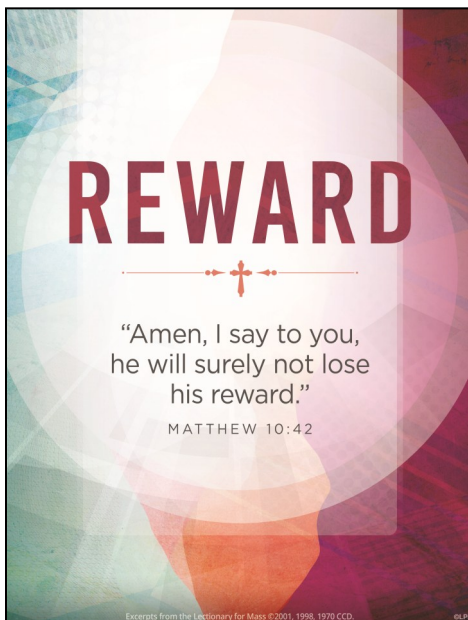
O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude.

You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us.

Amen.



The second collection is for Peter's Pence



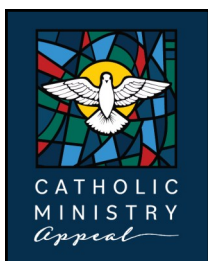
Weekly Offering

Weekly Giving 06/21/26

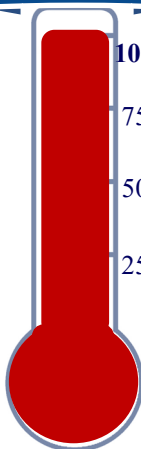
Offertory	\$ 6,195
Other Donations	\$ 10
Restoring the Sacred	\$
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 452
Catholic Ministry Appeal	\$ 245

Thank you for your generosity!

Catholic Ministry Appeal



2026 GOAL



100% - \$79,863

75%

50%

25%

Collected to date: \$62,447
which is 78%

Amounts pledged or expected:
100.4%

Thank you for your generosity!
Keep up the good work!

The Social Group will be hosting a:

COOKIE EXCHANGE

Bring your favorite batch to share! Take home some new favorites!

Sunday, July 12
12:30-2:00 pm
Courtyard Hall

Bring your recipe and pre-bagged cookies!

Everyday Stewardship

God Is Love

I was recently at a Catholic conference and had a conversation with someone living in the thick of Hollywood culture. He was Catholic and spoke of how hard it was to live out his faith amid tremendous temptation and negativity toward religion. He spoke about how going to daily Mass helped to keep him centered and stay strong in his faith. He was a great witness to living out one's faith in the face of disbelief.

One thing that he told me stood out above all the rest. He spoke of his engagement to his fiancé and how important it was to him that God was a major part of their relationship and their lives as individuals as well. He told me he said something to her like, "If you don't love Jesus more than you love me, this is never going to work." What an amazing and truly moving witness!

Songs and books are written about the intense longing one human being can have for another. We can describe another as meaning everything to us. We speak of wanting to offer our complete selves to our beloved. However, true love is about more than wanting to be with that person. It is about wanting that person to know a love even greater than theirs: the love of God. No love can last without God. My Hollywood friend knew this to be the case. He showed his true love for his wife-to-be by sharing more than himself — he shared the very One who created love.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 27

2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions CR

Sunday, June 28

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses CYH
and Faith Community Nurses doing BP Screenings

Monday, June 29

6:30 pm "Life in the Spirit" Prayer Meeting CYH

Wednesday, July 1

Adoration

5:30 pm Rosary CH

6:00 pm- 7:00 pm Holy Hour CH

Friday, July 3

Office Closed for Independence Day

Saturday, July 4

2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions CR

Sunday, July 5

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am Mass only CYH

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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Fr. Eric Peters

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

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

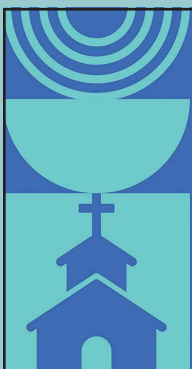


To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

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.

If you or a close family member would like to be added or removed from our prayer list, please contact the parish office at 727-867-3663.



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