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The prayer for when you're dreading going back to work

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The vacation is over, the inbox has multiplied and you've forgotten your password. A little divine assistance may be in order.

There comes a moment towards the end of every vacation when work starts creeping

back into your thoughts. You might be lying beside a pool, walking along a beach or finishing an extremely leisurely lunch when suddenly you remember: *your inbox exists*. And not only does it exist, it is starting to overflow in your absence.

Soon there will be alarms again. Shoes that require socks. Passwords you've completely forgotten. A colleague asking, "Good vacation?" approximately 14 seconds after you've walked through the door, when you're still trying to remember where to find your desk.

Even if you like your job, returning after a proper break can feel surprisingly daunting. The freedom of vacation disappears overnight and all those responsibilities we successfully forgot about come marching back into view. If work is already difficult — perhaps you're unhappy there, overwhelmed, worried about a colleague or simply exhausted by what your job asks of you — that last Sunday evening can feel heavier still. So this is exactly the sort of moment when a prayer can help.

Not just any regular prayer, or even a prayer asking God to make us *excited* about Monday morning -- that may be beyond even divine intervention at 6:30 a.m. Rather, you can ask for the grace to return well: to have patience with the people who immediately need things from you, energy for the work waiting on your desks, wisdom about the problems you left behind, and enough perspective not to let 643 unread emails convince you that civilization has collapsed.

A prayer before returning to work

Lord,

Thank you for the time I have had to rest, for the people I spent it with,
and for the moments when work felt wonderfully far away.

Now, as I return, help me not to carry tomorrow's worries before tomorrow arrives.

Give me energy for what needs doing, patience with the people I meet,
and wisdom to know what truly matters.

When the workload feels overwhelming, help me take one thing at a time.

When I am frustrated, guard my words.

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When I feel unnoticed, remind me that the value of my work is not measured only by who praises it. And when things go wrong, give me enough humor not to make every small disaster enormous. Help me remember that my work is part of my life, but it is not the whole of my life.

May I do it honestly, generously and well, while keeping space in my heart for the people and things that matter beyond it.

Walk through the door with me on that first morning back.

And, if possible, Lord, let me remember my password.

Amen.

Finally, there's a temptation after vacation to believe we need to return transformed: more organized, more productive, finally on top of everything. By Tuesday afternoon, reality generally intervenes. A gentler goal might be simply to return present.

St. Joseph, who spent so much of his life doing ordinary work without applause or recognition, is a particularly good companion here. His work mattered because of the love and responsibility with which he did it, not because every day in the workshop was thrilling. Most of us could probably say the same.

Work will still be work. The commute won't get any shorter, those emails will eventually need answering, and as for the flurry of *essential* meetings waiting to be scheduled, well, that's a whole other article!

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 22, Vigil for Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Gertrude B. Murray (dec)

Sunday, August 23, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Joseph Marchese, Sr. (dec)
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Nick Calandra (dec)

Monday, August 24, Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle
8:00 a.m. Robert Wilson (dec)

Tuesday, August 25, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Ronald Bento (dec)

Wednesday, August 26, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, August 27, Memorial of Saint Monica
8:00 a.m. Laura Zaweski (liv)

Friday, August 28, Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:00 a.m. Glen Davis (dec)

Saturday, August 29, Vigil for Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. John Omlor (dec)

Sunday, August 30, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Michael Kehoe (dec)
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners
11:30 a.m. James and Jean Bischoff (dec)

August 23, 2026

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23 | Rom 11:33-36 | Mt 16:13-20

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

In today's second reading, St. Paul reflects in awe over the "depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God." God's judgments are inscrutable, his ways unsearchable, he goes on to say. While on our own, we cannot know the depth of who God is and the beauty of his plan for us, we have been given access to this knowledge by the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, Peter is able to grasp that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God," not by "flesh and blood," but by a revelation from our heavenly Father. The Church that is still led by Peter's successor continues to be guided by the Spirit into the fullness of truth. (Jn 16:13) As individual believers, we, too, have received the Spirit in our hearts. By living in communion with our Holy Father and by seeking to listen to the Spirit who also speaks into the depths of our hearts, we can rest assured that we are in a "sure spot" where we can receive all that the Lord wishes to reveal to us about what it means to live in him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's Gospel demonstrates that Christ desired to place Peter – and his successors – as the visible head of his Church. Yes, God willed from the beginning to leave his Church with a leader who could safeguard the quintessential confession of Christ as the "Son of the living God," but there's more to it than this. Peter is given *keys to the kingdom of heaven*. And what are keys for if not to open doors? In a very real way, the mission of our Holy Father is to open up access to God's kingdom, and there are many examples of this. On World Mission Sunday in 2011, Pope Benedict said, "The proclamation of the Gospel is intended for all peoples." And Pope Francis, speaking at World Youth Day in 2023, emphasized that the Gospel is for todos, todos, todos – everyone, everyone, everyone, without exception. As we pray for our Holy Father and the immense task with which he has been entrusted, let us work in our own way to ensure that the doors of our churches, the way to the kingdom of heaven, remain open for all.

PRAY

As we reflect on the gift that Jesus left us by making Peter and his successors the visible head of his Church on earth, take some time to pray for our Holy Father and his intentions. You can pray along with the Pope at the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (a site which contains a short video of the Pope's monthly prayer intention and other prayer resources) at www.popesprayer.va.



Small text on the right side of the image: Saint Peter depicted (by Peter Paul Rubens) holding the Keys of Heaven while vested in the pallium - Museo del Prado, Public domain



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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.

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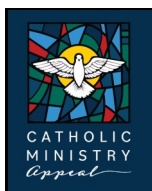
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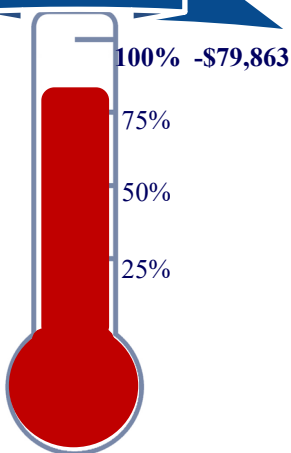
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2026 GOAL



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

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

Come open yourself to the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit at our **MAGNIFICAT MEAL**

Saturday, September 12, 2026 – 9:15 am – 12:15 pm
St. Patrick Catholic Church, 1507 Trotter Road, Largo, Florida



Our Speaker: Sue Tassanari

On September 12, join us for breakfast followed by spiritual direction, prayer, and praise and worship at our Magnificat Meal, at the Parish Center at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 1507 Trotter Road, Largo. Start your day at St. Patrick's parish Mass held in the Church at 8:00 am.

Your morning will culminate with meeting St. Patrick's parishioner, Sue Tassanari, and hearing her fascinating journey of how the Holy Spirit has guided her from Judaism to joyfully live her Catholic faith.

Reservations are \$18.00 each; tickets are on sale until September 5, 2026. No tickets are sold at the door, and seating is limited. Please respond early to allow time for the USPS to process your request. Your ticket/name tag will be at the door. Please make your check payable to "Magnificat" and mail to: Linda Barron, Treasurer, 6069 Second Ave N St. Petersburg, FL 33710

For more information: Email: magnificatofstpetersburg@gmail.com, or text to Linda at 727 415-2693, or Jane 727 452-7404.

Everyday Stewardship

Sometimes when I ask one of my children about who they were with or about a classmate at school they answer me with, "You don't know them." Apparently, since I do not know him or her personally, I do not need to know the person's name. I may not know this person but I do know that he or she exists in the everyday life of one of my children. If my children don't share with me anything about their friend or classmate, I can only assume he or she has no great impact on my sons' or daughter's daily lives. Of course, sometimes the response I get is simply my teen being a typical teen.

Has Jesus had a significant impact on your life? Do you know Jesus personally? If someone asked you about him what would you say?

My children respond the way they do to me because they are still young and immature. However, some adults are immature as well: immature in faith. We shy away from any discussion of God in our lives and we rarely share our faith. Most days we will not be asked the question, "Who is Jesus?" But we will be in situations where we are being called to share a little bit about ourselves. If Jesus has truly changed our lives and we never seem to want to share something about him with others, they may as well assume that he has had no real impact on us. On the other hand, if we are mature disciples in Jesus Christ, I suspect that others can't help but know about the great friend we have in him.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © Liturgical Publications

Upcoming Events

***Church closed due to renovations,
Masses will be held in Parish Hall.**

Saturday, August 22

2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions MC

Sunday, August 23

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

Monday, August 24

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

Wednesday, August 26

5:30 pm Adoration PH

Saturday, August 29

2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions MC

Sunday, August 30

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

Key for Events

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



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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

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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