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Emmanuel Catholic Church **which means, God is with us**, is a faithful community of believers dedicated to proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ as taught by the Roman Catholic Church through word, sacrament, and service. As a parish family of God, we live by faith, truth, and love as we value the sanctity of life in all its stages and make the Holy Eucharist the center of our lives. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the consultation with our parish ministries, we desire to be witnesses of God's presence as we share our gifts of time, talent, and treasure with God's Family.

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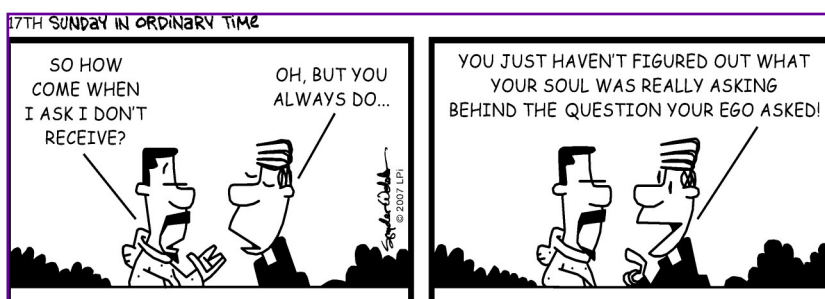
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Legion of Mary

President Maude Cassagnol



PARISH REGULAR SCHEDULE

TAIZÉ PRAYER

Every Friday at 6:30pm—7:30pm
(after 6:00pm Mass) except for First Fridays.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Every Thursday after the 8:30am mass
or call the parish office

BAPTISMS

Sundays at 1:00pm. Schedule one month in advance.
Contact Parish Office.

WEDDINGS

Contact Deacon Tony at least 6 months in advance

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

5:00pm Vigil Mass
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

GIFT SHOP

Monday & Wednesday **8am-1:00pm**

Tuesday Closed

Thursday & Friday **8am-1pm**

Saturday Closed

4th Sunday of the Month **10:00AM- 1:30PM**

NOTE: Gift shop will be closed when the parish office is closed

ROSARY GROUP

Monday—Friday after the 7:30am Daily Mass

RECONCILIATION

Saturday after the 8:30am Mass

SCHEDULE CHANGES?

Inquiries regarding possible adjustments (to date or time) of scheduled parish events or activities this week should be addressed to the parish office during business hours. Call us at **561.496.2480**.

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 28

6:30A..... Adoration
1:00P..... Movie Mondays
6:00P..... Legion of Mary

Tuesday, July 29

6:30A..... Adoration
10:00A..... Faith Sharing

Wednesday, July 30

6:30A..... Adoration
4:00P..... SoulCore-stretch & pray
www.soulcore.com

Thursday, July 31

6:30A..... Adoration
9:00A..... Anointing of the sick
3:00P..... Holy Hour
6:30P..... AA Meeting

Friday, August 01 (First Friday)

6:30A..... Adoration
9:00A..... First Friday Adoration
6:00P..... First Friday Mass

Saturday, August 02

9:00A..... Confession

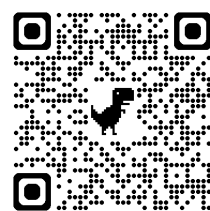
Sunday, August 03

9:00A..... Knights of Columbus Mass
1:00P..... Rosary Prayer by Legion of Mary



WHAT IS SOULCORE?

(See Wednesday
schedule above)



CLERGY & MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 27

7:30A Fr. Zamora 9:00A Fr. Zamora
10:30A Fr. Theo 12:00P Fr. Theo
6:00P Fr. Zamora

Monday, July 28

7:30A Fr. Zamora 8:30A Fr. Papes

Tuesday, July 29

7:30A Fr. Theo 8:30A Fr. Papes

Wednesday, July 30

7:30A Fr. Theo 8:30A Fr. Theo

Thursday, July 31

7:30A Fr. Theo 8:30A Fr. Theo

Friday, August 01

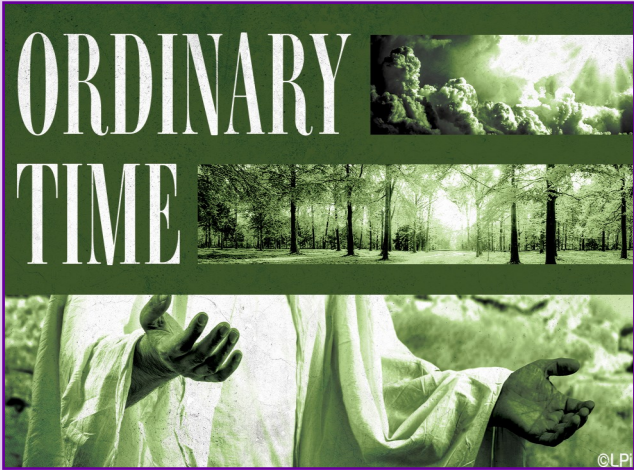
7:30A Fr. Theo 8:30A Fr. Theo
6:00P Fr. Theo

Saturday, August 02

8:30A Fr. Theo 4:00P Fr. Theo
5:30P Fr. Theo

Sunday, August 03

7:30A Fr. Carr 9:00A Fr. Carr
10:30A Fr. Theo 12:00P Fr. Carr
6:00P Fr. Theo



OUR GIFTS TO GOD

July 13, 2025

First Collection	\$ 9,327.00
Second Collection	\$ 867.00
Online (07/12)	\$ 1,784.54
TOTAL	\$ 11,978.54

July 20, 2025

First Collection	\$ 12,118.00
Second Collection	\$ 2,579.00
Online (07/19)	\$ 1,898.66
TOTAL	\$ 16,595.66

DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

July 17, 2025

Goal Amount for Emmanuel	\$185,000.00
Current	\$138,484.09
Remaining Balance	\$46,515.91

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity!

SCHEDULED INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 27

7:30am	*Monica Paez by Martha Rice & Family	*Evelyn Baroni by Linda Aldrich
9:00am	†Peter Silvestri by Nancy Silvestri	†Juanito Sr. & Matilde Zuasula by Dolly & Ruben
	*Collin & Clanaven Jubac/Thanksgiving/1 st Wedding Anniversary	
10:30am	PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS	PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
12:00pm	†Frank & Rosemarie DiNoto by DiNoto Family	†John DiNoto by DiNoto Family
6:00pm	†Ramon Rivera by Victor Rivera	†Paul Jose Fort by Victor Rivera

Monday, July 28

7:30am	†Polecronia Dejanio by Ricardo & Lydia Dejanio	*Carisema Saint Jean & Family by Carisema Saint Jean
8:30am	†Bonnie Buriel by Herb	†Anthony Boscia by Robert Gizzarelli

Tuesday, July 29

7:30am	†Soledad Hoyos by Carvajal Family	*Antonio & Jess Capobianco by Alex Lee
8:30am	†Angelina Pacienza & Family by Christine & John	†Luigi Carnevale by Lisa Carnevale

Wednesday, July 30

7:30am	*Andro Awit/Birthday/Thanksgiving by Mom	*Ayla Mirzah Awit/Birthday/Thanksgiving by Mom
8:30am	†John Sullivan by Mom	†Theresa Magner by Dorothy Deedy

Thursday, July 31

7:30am	†Raquel & Otto Mehrgut	†Jym Mayer by _____
8:30am	†Sr. Bernadette by Sr. Barbara	*Sr. Mary Ann/Birthday by Sr. Barbara

Friday, August 01

7:30am	†All Souls in Purgatory by Soledad Robinson	†All Souls in Purgatory by Jennifer
8:30am	†Ferdinand Dcruz by Wife Hermoin	†John,Angela & Walter Dajczak by Jennifer
6:00pm	FOR PRIESTS	FOR PRIESTS

Saturday, August 02

8:30am	*Legion of Mary Members by Officers	*Joseph Carlino by Deborah Bacarella
4:00pm	BOOK OF THE DEAD	BOOK OF THE DEAD
5:30pm	†Andrea LoPiccolo by Catello Family	†Elizabeth Lukrich by Lisa Carnevale

Sunday, August 03

7:30am	*Priests & Religious by Dorothy Canazaro	†Henry & Isabel Mazurkiewicz by Daughter
9:00am	*Knights of Columbus by Blessed Mother Council 1333A	†Mary & Nicholas Marinelli by Robert Gizzarelli
10:30am	PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS	PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
12:00pm	†Mary & Bill Walsh by Children	*Liberation of Haiti by Cassagnol Family
6:00pm	†Bukowski-Urbanowicz Families by Family	†Fr. Wacław Hlond by Bukowski Family

UNSCHEDULED

*Gemma, Germaine & Germaline Feraren by Arlene & Grace *Arlene Mauskopf & Grace Feraren by Arlene & Grace
 *Andrea Morrone/Healing by Arlene & Grace *Felicia, Matt & Harrison Sussman by Arlene & Grace
 *Andrea Gill & Family by Arlene & Grace †Irving & Selma Mauskopf by Arlene & Grace †Matilde de Vera by Arlene & Grace
 †Jesus & Natividad Feraren by Arlene & Grace †Salvador Sr & Jr. Samson & Serafin Feraren by Arlene & Grace*
 †Potenciana & Marcosa de Vera by Arlene & Grace †Juanita Feraren by Arlene & Grace
 †Strutin-Mauskopf Families by Arlene & Grace †deVera-Feraren Families by Arlene & Grace

Please take some time this week to remember the following in your prayers: For all in our parish family who are suffering serious or terminal illness:

For men and women in the Armed Forces, and their families: AND FOR ALL LISTED BELOW

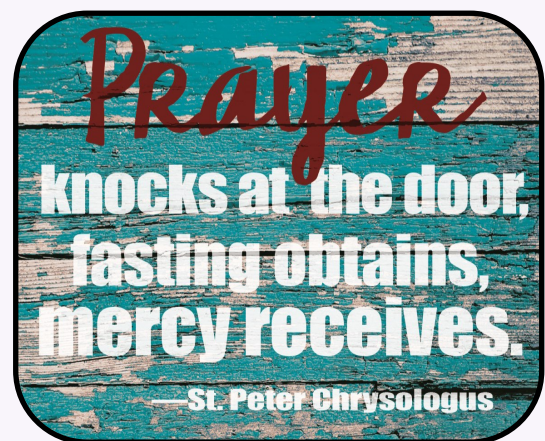
Dave Ruiz	Joseph	Carlotta
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Rose Borsella	Aniela Ignaczak	Amparo Longalong
David Smeraldo	Lillian Campayno	Annie Lee
Janette Cole	Terry Schwinge	Eugene Langel
Steven Martin	Tom D'Amico	Delma Langel
Sikes	Gabriel Zamora	William Ward
Gianna Pagan	Vincent Blum	Gaetano Sansone
Mary Loveland	Ricardo Blum	Alexis Thompson
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Patricia Golstein	David Strompf	Miriam Texeira
Taylor Dosh	Sal Hanono	Kevin Marshall
Marilyn Martino	Heather Smith	Andrea Anastasi
Gulshan Modena	Jason Smith	John & Alma
Maggie Dolan	Ronald Merhige	Gardner
Amelita Coz-Zarraga	Roshan	Elaine Garofano
Heather Martin	Karen Jensen	Julia Lea
Ronald Griffiths	Cynthia Martin	Buddendorf
Margie Giaquinto	Garry Solomon	Albertina Hughes
Maria Fernandez	Ilda Sosa Botero	Kamm Trumble
Raphael Roman	Carlos Tobon	Linda Beamish
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Brenda Ezeilo	Gerry Santilli	Henry Morris
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Francis Martin	Chrissie Budrick	Mumtaz Begum
Hermoine D'Cruz	Frank Dazzo	Lance Joseph
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Toni Kreamer	Stewart Librizzi	John Wilmere
Gerry Gerhard	Thomas Land	Keith Johnson
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Samuel Gonzales	Rafael Botero	Christine Thurman
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Ray Wolff	Romano Britney	Edwin Villarosa
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Josette Weber	Gallegos Adriana	Dominic Canzano
Ann Cavaseno	Elejalde Oswaldo	Kyle Buenconsejo
Charles C. Tufano	Cesar Monasterio	Evelyn Baroni
Angela Discepolo	Michael Cecere	Olga Galarza
Anna Halford	Jahaziel Roldan	The Taffe Family
Sal Yanello	Abigail Chin-Lenn	Alexander Barone
Victor Rivera	Gertrudis Rivera	Joanne Liantonio
William Lindner	Martinez	John Petrich
Lisa Della Femina	Merrill Tucker	Mary Karten
Maria E. Quiñones	Maggie Dazzo	Luca Diomampo
Mercado	Martha Gutzman	Michael Manuele
Diane Daniels	Noah Altherios	Robert Wiczowski
Carmen Jones	Anthony Spirito	Mady and Ruth
Bill Hamilton	Rhea Reacher	Petersen
Ralph Senese	Doug Rodgers	Ann Carro
Ramona	Doris Vourinen	Debbie Boburka
Ash Gaballah	SrVeronique DCSO	Ricardo Vargas
Karen Ramey	Danny Berciles	William Sheldon
Mary Ann	Eleanor Hemmer	Steve Valtri
Lisa Payne	Joseph Lauria	Bernadette & Bucky
Marilyn Green	Judy Lew	McGann
	Ernie Skelton	Raymond Perez Sr .

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION . Lord, I believe and profess that You are truly Christ, Son of the Living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. Accept me this day as I partake of your mystical supper, O Son of God. May the partaking of your holy mysteries, O Lord be not for judgment or condemnation, but for the healing of body and soul. I also believe and profess that this, which I am about to receive, is truly your most precious Body and Blood, which, I pray, make me worthy to receive for the remission of all my sins and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS. Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come follow Me! Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to your voice. Support our bishops, priests and consecrated people in their apostolic labor. Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to your service. Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness. Lord, send your workers to your harvest and do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors, missionaries and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel. Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "yes" to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation. Amen.

PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY. Almighty God We stand before you in supplication, Asking Your Divine mercy and protection, To envelop with Your invincible armor, Our loved ones in all branches of the service. Give them courage and strength Against all enemies, Both spiritual and physical, And hasten their safe journey, Back to their homes and families. If it be Your Holy Will That they be gathered to Your bosom, With the eternal vanguard of the saints, Let their journey to Your everlasting arms Be swift and painless, Where they may stand in honor and glory, Praising You for all eternity. Amen



THE POWER OF PERSISTENT PRAYER

Today, we gather to reflect on the profound lessons of prayer and intercession found in our readings. In Genesis 18:20-32, we witness Abraham engaging in a heartfelt dialogue with God. This negotiation, as it were, demonstrates the power of persistent prayer. Abraham pleads for the people of Sodom, asking God to spare the city for the sake of the righteous. His boldness challenges us to consider how often we bring our concerns before God.

In our own lives, we might feel that our prayers are small or insignificant in the grand scheme of things. Yet, as Psalm 138 echoes, we are reminded that God listens to the humble and rejoices in our cries for help. "Though the Lord is on high, he looks upon the lowly, but the proud he knows from afar." This powerful affirmation reassures us that our voices are heard.

I'd like to share a story that resonates with this theme. A woman named Maria, a dedicated parishioner, faced a heart-wrenching situation when her son fell into addiction. Day after day, she prayed for his recovery, pleading with God for strength and healing. Often, she felt discouraged, but each time she saw her son, she prayed again. After many struggles, months passed, but her unwavering faith and persistent prayers bore fruit. One bright morning, her son walked through the door,

sober and ready to embrace life anew. Maria's faith and persistence reminded us all of the transformative power of prayer.

In Luke 11:1-13, Jesus teaches us about prayer by delivering the Lord's Prayer and assuring us that God, our Father, wants to give good gifts to those who ask Him. Jesus says, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." This is not merely a call to pray; it is an invitation to trust in God's goodness. No matter how overwhelming our circumstances may seem, we are called to persist, just as Abraham did, believing that God is attentive and merciful.

Pope Francis once said, "Prayer is not asking. It is putting oneself in the hands of God." This encapsulates the essence of our readings today. When we enter into prayer, we surrender our worries and desires, acknowledging that God knows what is best for us.

Let us, therefore, embrace a spirit of persistence in our prayers, knowing that every small act of faith matters. Like Abraham and Maria, may we dare to bring our burdens to God, trusting that He hears us and cares deeply for our wellbeing. Amen

Saint of the Week - Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Martha, Mary, and their brother Lazarus were evidently close friends of Jesus. He came to their home simply as a welcomed guest, rather than as one celebrating the conversion of a sinner like Zacchaeus or one unceremoniously received by a suspicious Pharisee. The sisters felt free to call on Jesus at their brother's death, even though a return to Judea at that time seemed to spell almost certain death.

Martha's great glory is her simple and strong statement of faith in Jesus after her brother's death. "Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world'" (John 11:25-27).

No doubt Martha was an active sort of person. On one occasion, she prepares the meal for Jesus and possibly his fellow guests and forthrightly states the obvious: All hands should pitch in to help with the dinner. The Lord recognizes that Martha is "worried about many things," also noting that Mary, who has spent the preparation time at Jesus' feet listening to his words "has chosen the better part." John 12:1-8 describes Mary's anointing of Jesus' feet at Bethany, an act which he

praised highly.

Immediately after we are told that the chief priests plotted to kill Lazarus "because many of the Jews were turning away and believing in Jesus because of him." Lazarus was the one of whom the Jews said, "See how much he loved him." In their sight Jesus raised his friend Lazarus from the dead.

Legends abound about the life of Lazarus after the death and resurrection of Jesus. He is supposed to have left a written account of what he saw in the next world before he was called back to life. Some say he followed Peter into Syria. Another story is that despite being put into a leaking boat by the Jews at Jaffa, he, his sisters, and others landed safely in Cyprus. There he died peacefully after serving as bishop for 30 years.

Reflection

In its 2021 decree on combining veneration of Mary and Lazarus with Martha, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments said, "In the household of Bethany, the Lord Jesus experienced the family spirit and friendship of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, and for this reason the Gospel of John states that he loved them. Martha generously offered him hospitality, Mary listened attentively to his words and Lazarus promptly emerged from the tomb at the command of the one who humiliated death."

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Far be it from you to do such a thing,
to make the innocent die with the guilty
so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike!
Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?" (Gn 18:25)

Psalm:

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

You were buried with him in baptism,
in which you were also raised with him
through faith in the power of God. (Col 2:12)

Gospel:

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you." (Lk 11:9)

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Live The Liturgy 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

- 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



Devotions, *Explained!*

The daily examen is a spiritual practice whereby one places himself in the presence of God, prayerfully reflecting on the blessings of the day, the actions he took, and the invitation God has for his future decisions.

Prayer for Hope

Lord,
Restore my hope!
Where I fear the future, write a
new script in my heart.
Where I doubt Your goodness, fill
me anew.
Give me steadfast hope for a
beautiful tomorrow.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

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

Liturgical Life

(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

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

This time of year, I attend a lot of weddings. Why do Catholic weddings need to take place in a church?

Answer:

Technically, there is a clause in Church law that could allow for weddings to take place outside of a church, in a suitable space under special circumstances, but it requires the rare permission of the bishop. But the meaning of marriage goes very, very deep, and the Church has a vested interest in protecting that meaning. As Catholics, we don't see a wedding as an event that needs a pleasing backdrop.

Marriage is a sacrament, both an occasion of joyful promise and symbolic solemnity. It is a spiritual event. The loving bond of marriage symbolizes the mystical union between Christ and his Church. The man and woman profess lifelong vows of fidelity, and they receive supernatural grace from God to keep their promises. Receiving the sacrament of Marriage in a church has broader symbolic meaning for the couple as well. Marriage isn't simply two people in isolation from the world around them. Marriage is the joining of families and the beginning of a new, holy mission in the life of the couple. Weddings are sacred occasions, and it's fitting that they occur in sacred spaces.



PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM STORMS.

God our Father, Creator of the Universe and Lord over all creation, we humbly stand before you as your children in thanksgiving for your loving care and protection. We ask that you keep us safe from all hurricanes and illness which may threaten us in the coming seasons. Protect us from all fear and anxiety and give us an ardent trust and hope in Your love and mercy. You alone have the power to command the sea, the wind, and the rain. You alone bring peace, calm, and safety. Father, we thank you in advance, for you are our only Refuge. We ask this through Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Mary, Queen of the Apostles, and Patroness of our Diocese, pray for us.

WHEN I CALLED, YOU ANSWERED

Some of us have that friend about whom we are constantly discovering new things. Maybe we've known this person for ten or even twenty years, and one day at lunch we'll find out they're a direct descendant of a dead president or they once met a major celebrity.

"You never asked," they'll say with a shrug.

As annoying as this can be, it makes perfect sense, doesn't it? We never asked. There is something strangely sacred about the act of asking for something. It requires humility. It requires grace. It requires us to be awake, to be aware, to be vulnerable.

Too often we fall into a pattern of entitlement, even when it comes to information. We go through life thinking that a great cosmic conveyor belt of what we want is going to

roll on past us, and we'll barely even have to extend our arms. We read our Bible and we hear all these amazing promises from the Father who loves us, and we get sort of complacent. *He's got this*, we think, and we shut our eyes to take a snooze on the road trip of life, confident that someone else is going to look out for stop signs and wrong turns.

It's true: God's got this. He is going to take care of us. But He wants us to be in relationship with Him. He wants us to be an active, receptive participant in our own salvation. See his patience with Abraham's entreaties on behalf of the righteous of Sodom: He wants to answer, not simply to tell.

He wants us to stay awake for the drive.

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"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is discord, harmony. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy."



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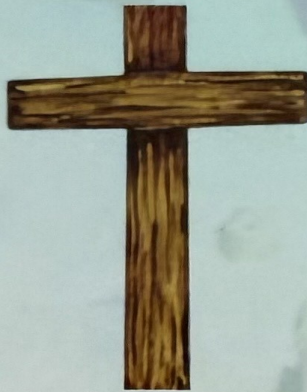
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