

WELCOME TO
**SAINT BRENDAN & SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA
PARISH FAMILY**

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 27, 2025



"AND I TELL YOU, ASK AND YOU WILL RECEIVE; SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND;
KNOCK AND THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED TO YOU."- LUKE 11:9

SAINT BRENDAN PARISH | STB



SUNDAY MASS

- Saturday Vigil | 5PM
- Sunday | 8AM | 10AM* | 12PM* (Misa en Español)
- * LIVESTREAM ON FACEBOOK

DAILY MASS Monday, Wednesday - Saturday | 8:30AM

ADORATION

- Monday - Thursday | 1:00PM to 6:00PM
- Friday | 9:30AM to 6:00PM
- First Friday | 9:30AM to FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION at 7:30AM*
- *WITH ROSARY FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION

CONFESSION

- Monday, Wednesday - Saturday | 7:45AM - 8:15AM
- Saturdays | 2:30PM - 4:00PM

"Help me to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown. Give me the faith to leave old ways and break fresh ground with You" —ST. BRENDAN, THE NAVIGATOR

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH | STOC



SUNDAY MASS

- Saturday Vigil | 5PM
 - Sunday | 9AM | 11AM
- (5PM SUNDAY MASS WILL RESUME SEPT 14).

DAILY MASS - Tuesday to Friday | 9AM

ADORATION

- Tuesday - Friday | 8:30AM (Prior to Daily Mass)
- Benediction just before 9AM Mass

CONFESSION

- Saturday | 3PM to 4:30PM
- Other: By Appointment.

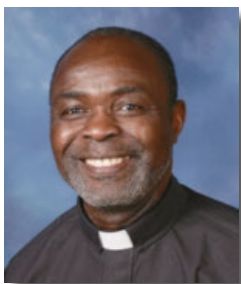
"Do small things with great love"—SAINT MOTHER TERESA

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MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

To arrange for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick or to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the Parish Office. For after hours emergency care you may also call the Eastside Deanery Pastoral Care Ministry at 425-655-3200.

MINISTERIO PARA LOS ENFERMOS

Para hacer arreglos para el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos o para recibir la Santa Comunión en casa, por favor contacte la Oficina de la Parroquia.

FUNERAL MASSES AND BURIAL RITES

To arrange for a funeral Mass, please contact the Parish Office, or ask the funeral director to do so.

MISAS PARA FUNERALES Y RITOS DE ENTIERRO

Para hacer arreglos para Misa para funeral, por favor contacte la Oficina de la Parroquia, o pregunte al director de los servicios funerarios.

PARISH NEWSFLASH

If you would like to receive the weekly St. Teresa Newsflash over email, please let us know at admin@saintteresa.org.

To submit a bulletin announcement:

- Due Thursday a week before the target weekend.
- St. Brendan > bulletin@saintbrendan.org
- St. Teresa > admin@saintteresa.org

To submit a Mass announcement or Mass intentions:

- St. Brendan > receptionist@saintbrendan.org
- St. Teresa > admin@saintteresa.org

COVER ART

Title: *The Importunate Neighbor, 1895*

Artist: William Holman Hunt

Source: [National Gallery of Victoria \(NGV\)](http://National Gallery of Victoria (NGV))

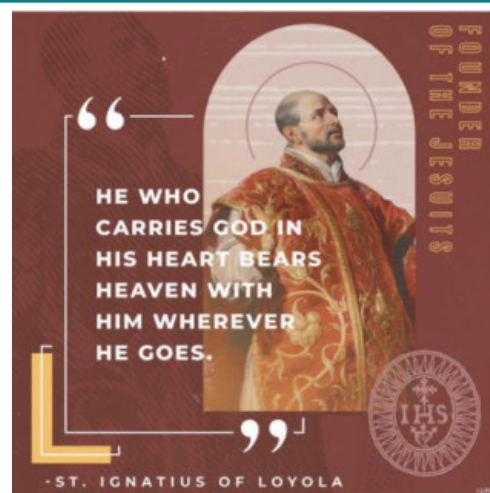
UPCOMING EVENTS

- **BIBLE STUDY AT ST. BRENDAN** - SEP 16 • See below • Next registration is on AUG 16-17.
- **2ND ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE** - Supports Life Haven Pregnancy Support - weekend of AUG 1-3 • Bothell Rental Hall • www.lifehavenWA.org.
- **MOMS GROUP** - Wednesday, AUG 6 • 9:30AM • St. Brendan Nursery.
- **DONATION DRIVE** - Sunday, AUG 10 • 8:30AM • SVdP • See page 6 for full details.
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL LUAU** - Sunday, AUG 10 • 5PM • Bothell Rental Hall • Page 6.
- **PARISH & SCHOOL PICNICS**
 - o St. Brendan - Sunday, AUG. 24 • After the 10AM Mass
 - o St. Teresa of Calcutta - Sunday, SEP 7 • After the 11AM Mass
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER AUCTION** - SEP 14.



Happier marriages take time and work. We, Marriage Encounter, can help married couples take time and lead them in work to enjoy happier marriages. We also encourage them to be more involved in their parish. They can return to your parish as a greater sign and example for your young people and their children. Children deserve parents who love each other. Children are harmed when their parents live lives that lead to divorce.

Live better lives of love. Your spouse deserves it, also your children deserve it. Join the Marriage Encounter Weekend in Everett, WA at the Hampton Inn Nov. 14-16, 2025. Sign up at <http://www.wmme.org>, scroll down to Everett weekend and fill in your information. WELCOME to the Weekend.



BIBLE STUDY

The *Book of Acts of the Apostles* - A 20-Session Bible Study will begin **SEPTEMBER 16, 2025** through **FEBRUARY 17, 2026, 7PM to 9PM**, at St. Brendan Parish. Registration will be after Mass on **AUGUST 16-17**. The fee is \$45. We hope you can join us! For more information, please check out the poster in the St. Brendan Narthex for details or contact johnhurleyd@gmail.com.



HELP US SUPPORT FUTURE PRIESTS

The **22nd Annual Archbishop's Golf Tournament**, hosted by Crozier Society, happening on **Tuesday, July 29, 11AM to 6:30PM** at **The Club at Redmond Ridge** (11825 Trilogy Pkwy NE, Redmond, WA 98053). This event is more than just a day on the green — it's a joyful celebration of **fun, fellowship, and fundraising!**

All proceeds go directly to the **Seminarian Education Fund**. Did you know it costs \$60,000 per year to educate just one seminarian? With your help, we can ease that financial burden and allow our future priests to focus fully on their call to ministry. Link: <https://archseattle.org/events/archbishops-golf-tournament-152/>

Come for golf,
stay for the raffle

Prizes include: zoo experience with Fr. Carlos Orozco, round of golf with Fr. Gary Lazzaroni, cabin adventure, \$750 gift card, award-winning olive oil, and more

7/29/25
Golf FORE Seminarians



SCAN TO LEARN MORE

ARCHBISHOP'S
golf tournament
Archdiocese of Seattle - Crozier Society

PRAYER AND READINGS

READINGS OF THE WEEK

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 27, 2025

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. —Psalm 15

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32 • Ps 138:1-3, 6-8 • Col 2:12-14 • Lk 11:1-13

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 • Ps 106:19-23 • Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 • Ps 103:6-13 • 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 84:3-6a, 8a, 11 • Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 • Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab • Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17 • Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 • Mt 14:1-12

LET US PRAY FOR . . .

The Sick

God of all goodness, Look with mercy on all who suffer any kind of infirmity, sickness or injury, that they may be comforted. Let your hand of healing and protection be upon them. When they are fearful, ease their fear and anxieties. When they are afraid, give them strength and courage. When they feel alone, send them someone to listen and to care. When they are confused, provide reassurance and direction. When they are in pain, ease their suffering. When they despair, give them hope. May they experience your healing presence in the comfort of a caregiver's calm gaze and tender touch. We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

Fidela (Dely) Aguilar • Joan Dedman • Fr. Jay De Folco • Rolando de los Reyes
Sean Gallacher • Jonathan Hoang • Luca Martino • Greg Munter • Anh Phan •
Rudy & Arlene Plancich • Jeni Rush • Sarah Watson

The Deceased

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Marie Bapst • Mark Delgado • Helen Geiger • Paul Kumala • David Luecke
John McGoorty • Gordon McKinzie • William Ojendyk • Guadalupe Perez •
Melquiades Perez • Maritza Rosario • Kyle Sahagun



O Sacrament Most Holy

O Sacrament Divine

All Praise and

All Thanksgiving

Be Every Moment Thine

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 27

STB

8:00AM For St. Brendan Parish

10:00AM Brian Hoang

12:00PM +Jose Luis Casas

STOC

9:00AM For Saint Teresa Parish

11:00AM For Saint Teresa Parish

Monday, July 28

STB - NO MASS

STOC - NO MASS

Tuesday, July 29

STB - NO MASS

STOC - 9:00AM +Catherine Weber Freeman

Wednesday, July 30

STB - 8:30AM + Jack White

STOC - 9:00AM OPEN

Thursday, July 31

STB - 8:30AM +Mark Delgado

STOC - 9:00AM OPEN

Friday, August 1

STB - 8:30AM Cruz Vazquez Family

STOC - 9:00AM +Patricia Fogarty Kozel

Saturday, August 2

STB

8:30AM +Barbara McMonigle

5:00PM +Martha Romero

STOC - 5:00PM For Saint Teresa Parish

To submit a Mass Intention, contact the parish office at the following email address.

• St. Brendan - receptionist@saintbrendan.org

• St. Teresa of Calcutta - admin@saintteresa.org

+ = deceased.

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

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Please Pray For These Expecting Mothers: JayCee Arpin • Sandra (Kinsey) Barnett • Taryn Beard-Killeri • Cate Brumley Harmon • Megan Carlin • Madeline Castro Dempsey • Allison Danforth Reisinger • Katy Danforth Staley • Dalia Davis Elledge • Robbi Ann Gray (Buendia) • Mildred Hranek • Rhianna Kofmehl • Colette Lambert Treperinas • Gemme Nash • MaryKate White Benshoof • Melissa White Harrow

Congratulations to: Ben and Anna Hastings on the birth of their son, Charles. • Bobby and Natalie Kroeger Froembling on the birth of their daughter, Blake. • Nick and Kaitlin Odeh on the birth of their son, Charbel. We ask that God bless you and bring you much joy as you raise your little one. If you are expecting a baby and would like your church family to pray for you, please contact Colleen Danforth at rdhcoll@aol.com.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION UPDATE—Sixth Month -*"I'm sitting up straight now."* During this amazing sixth month, our pre-born babies will increase in weight up to about 2 pounds and grow to 14 inches. Oil glands and sweat glands are functioning: these help regulate body temperature. A white filmy layer covers the baby and protects their delicate skin from the surrounding amniotic fluid and from scratches as the baby twists and turns. This waxy substance will be absorbed into the skin after birth. The baby develops a firm handgrip during the fifth and sixth month of life, even more powerful than after birth. Our spiritually adopted babies can now respond to sound. The baby's lungs are fairly well developed and would stand a good chance of survival if born at this time.

ST. BRENDAN OVERNIGHT ADORATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Second Saturday of the Month:

- Women's Overnight Adoration—7PM to 6AM (Sunday)

Third Saturday of the Month:

- Children/Teen's Evening Adoration—6:30PM to 8:30PM
- Men's Overnight Adoration—8:30PM to 6AM (Sunday)

Segundo sábado del mes:

- Adoración nocturna de las mujeres—7PM a 6AM (domingo)

Tercer sábado del mes:

- Adoración nocturna de los niños/adolescentes—6:30PM a 8:30PM
- Adoración nocturna de los hombres—8:30PM a 6:00AM (domingo)



Prayer - Gracious God, we praise and thank you for the Catholic Church in Western Washington. We praise and thank you for the women and men who have shared the joy of the Gospel here for more than 170 years. Send your Holy Spirit upon us that we might encounter your Son anew and become more effective partners in sharing the Good News of his saving love. May our partnership in the Gospel empower us to be your missionary disciples, bringing the Good News to all, especially to those who are marginalized or hurting in any way. Give us the courage, the flexibility and the vision to renew parish life, so that the good work, begun long ago, may continue among us, and one day, be brought to completion in your Kingdom, where you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

St. Brendan PARISH & SCHOOL (back-to-school) PICNIC!!

Sunday • August 24 • After the 10AM Mass

- Join us for Faith, Food, & Fun!
- Salads / Desserts
(bring your fave to share)
- Relay Race and Other Games

- Reconnect with friends...
- Meet new ones
- Tents and seats available
(Chairs and blankets are welcome.)

See You All in the Parish/School Field!!

"For where two or more are gathered in my name,
there I am in the midst of them."
—Matthew 18:20

ST. TERESA

PARISH PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 7

AFTER THE 11AM MASS

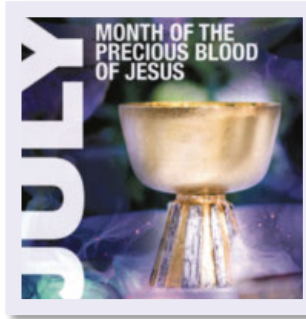
SEAHAWKS GAME
WILL BE ON!

**FOOD, DRINKS, GAMES,
TALENT SHOW AND MORE!**

VOLLEYBALL
TOURNAMENT!

RSVP
USING THE QR CODE BELOW

PARISH NEWS



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (KofC) CORNER (Council 6686)



- July Family of the Month: **Efren & Ava Chavez**
- July Knight of the Month: **William Ojendyk.**
- **The Annual Hawaiian Luau dinner to raise money for scholarships** is **Sunday, August 10, at 5 PM at the Bothell Rental Hall.** Give yourself a break from cooking and join us for a delicious Hawaiian meal prepared by former Grand Knight Bobby Buendia. Live music will be provided by former Grand Knight Greg Lum. **Tickets are on sale in the Narthex, after all weekend Masses at the St. Brendan Narthex.**
- The next Blood Drive at the Bothell Rental Hall takes place on **Wednesday, August 13.** The need for blood doesn't take a vacation. Make a donation before you take yours and help to make sure lifesaving blood is available for the patients who need it. Sign up at: bloodworksnw.org/donate
- Save the date for the **Knights of Columbus Dinner Auction** taking place on **Sunday, September 14.**
- The Knights of Columbus are men on a mission, a Catholic Brotherhood changing the world. To learn more, go to <http://www.kofc.org> or look for a Knight in a blue vest or contact our Grand Knight, Joe Osmialowski at 248-343-9021. There are many tangible benefits available for Knights and their families.



Thank you everyone who helped or participated in this year's Vacation Bible School. We beat the heat with our True North program and learned something new about God's love for us all. Bless all the families and keep them safe during their summer travels.

Gracias a todos los que ayudaron o participaron en la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones este año. Superamos el calor con nuestro programa el Norte Verdadero y aprendimos algo nuevo sobre el amor de Dios por todos nosotros. Bendice a todas las familias y mantenlas seguras durante sus viajes de verano.

BUNDLE SUNDAY STUFF THE TRUCK



Donation Drive at St. Teresa of Calcutta
for St. Vincent de Paul of Seattle | King County

Donating to St. Vincent de Paul of Seattle | King County is easy and convenient, right here at **St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish!**

SAVE THE DATE:

Location: 17856 Woodinville Duvall Rd, Woodinville, WA 98077
Date: Sunday, August 10, 2025
Time: 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM
Contact Person: Matt Schultz
Contact Number: (425) 766-4494

Your donations will be collected and sold at one of our SVdP Thrift Stores, providing financial support for our various programs dedicated to helping neighbors gain stability and self-sufficiency!

To view a list of items that we accept and **DO NOT**,

please visit:

<https://svdpseattle.org/thriftstore>



Donate Today, Visit:
svdpseattle.org/donatetous

St. Vincent de Paul of Seattle | King County thanks you for your generous financial support!

ST. BRENDAN SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



WE'RE HIRING!

- **Dedicated** individuals who are committed to the school's mission and students.
- **Faithful** leaders who will be a role model for our students.
- **Collaborative** team members ready and willing to support the school community.

Full time and part time positions available!

SCAN HERE



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Alphonsus Liguori BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

St. Alphonsus Liguori, (1696-1787) was born in Marianella, near Naples, in Italy. When he was young, he displayed exceptional intelligence and piety, earning a doctorate in civil and canon law by the age of 16. Feeling a calling to dedicate his life to God and the service of others, however, he abandoned his legal career and pursued ordination to the priesthood. He was ordained at the age of 30 in 1726.



Throughout his priestly ministry, Liguori focused on preaching missions and retreats, seeking to renew people's faith and draw them closer to the Eucharist. He frequently preached on the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and encouraged frequent reception of Holy Communion as a source of spiritual nourishment and grace.

In 1732, Liguori founded the Redemptorists, a religious congregation dedicated to promoting devotion to the Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Redemptorists' charism also revolved around reaching out to the most abandoned, including the poor and marginalized, and offering them hope through God's love and mercy.

As a prolific writer, Liguori authored numerous works on moral theology, spirituality, and Eucharistic devotion. His most famous work, "The Glories of Mary," remains a classic in Marian theology and devotion. He is remembered for his practical and merciful counsel, always seeking to lead souls to reconciliation, and union with God.

St. Alphonsus was canonized as a saint in 1839 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1871. His spiritual writings, particularly on the Eucharist, continue to inspire and guide the faithful worldwide. As the patron saint of moral theologians, his example reminds believers of the profound love and presence of Christ in the Eucharist and the enduring mercy of God.

St. Alphonsus Liguori, pray for us!


FEAST DAY: August 1

PATRON SAINT OF: Arthritis • Confessors • Lawyers • Moral Theologians • Vocations.

EVANGELIZATION

By Brigette Blair

CHRIS STEFANICK (YouTube)

- [The #1 Mistake Catholic Parents Make with Kids—And What to Do Instead](#)
- [Pray Like Jesus: A Step-by-Step Guide](#) 
- [Why Your Brain Hates Change and How to Fight It With These Habits](#)
- [What the Sexual Revolution Got Wrong \(and Why It Still Matters Today\)](#)
- [Bleeding Hosts, Bewildered Scientists, & what it all means for YOU](#)

LIVING PEACE SERIES (REALLY GOOD SO FAR!!)

- [The Secret to Unshakable Peace, Drop your Backup Plan & the Craziest Thing Jesus told His Disciples](#)
- [Your Peace Is Getting Hijacked: Here's the Fix.](#)
- [Why Hurry Is Stealing Your Peace—And How to Take It Back](#)

We've all been duped into thinking that the busier we are, the more successful we must be. But here's the truth: hurry is a thief. It steals your joy, fractures your focus, and even suffocates your prayer life. In Week 3 of Living Joy, we will journey from ancient sundials to the ping of your smartphone, exposing how our obsession with time has hijacked our souls—and how the Gospel can set us free.

ISSUE FROM FORMED

FORMED continues to not allow copying and pasting of their videos. We are continuing to work with their tech team- hopefully as we enter week four, they will discover the fix. Until it is fixed, we are unable to suggest anything new from FORMED. You are still able to log in at watch whatever you want.

BISHOP BARRON SUNDAY SERMON (YouTube)

- [Are You Anxious and Worried About Many Things?](#)
- [The Natural Law](#)
- [The Church's Marching Orders](#)
- [The Church Is Built on the Rock](#)

Ascension Presents

- [Fr. Mike's Tips for Praying as a Busy Person](#)
- [The 500-Year Old Rosary Secret You've Never Heard of \(Confraternity of the Rosary Explained\)](#)
- [Fr. Mike Says You Should Judge People \(Kind Of\)](#)

Fr. Mike Schmitz Homilies

- ["The Reason Why" | 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)
- ["Doing" | 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)
- ["Signers" | 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)

FOR KIDS—FORMED

[God's Princesses](#) • [Zack and Yalla](#) • [Brother Francis \(English & Español\)](#) • [Littlest Saints](#) • [The Wonderful World of Benjamin Cello](#) • [Christine in Action](#) • [Drawing Closer to God](#) • [Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids](#) • [Chalk and Block: What Every Child Needs to Know About God](#) • [Catholic All Year at Home with Kendra Tierney](#)

SUMMER WITH THE SAINTS! Here is the sign up link: [Summer \(https://formed.org/summer-with-the-saints\)](https://formed.org/summer-with-the-saints) You can sign up for adults or kids. It is on FORMED and is part of our parish subscription. Give it a try!

GROWING IN FAITH

THE NEED TO PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

By Zoltan Abraham

In the First Reading for this Sunday, taken from the Book of Genesis, we see Abraham haggling with God. Anyone who has bought something from a merchant in the Middle East would know the experience. The original Middle Eastern audience of the text would no doubt have found an element of humor in Abraham presuming to haggle with God himself.

In Middle Eastern cultures, haggling was (and often still is) an everyday part of financial transactions, usually involving an element of theatricality as both sides try to prevail over the other. But we see one key difference in the interaction between Abraham and God. Unlike in traditional haggling, in this account, only Abraham is arguing, as he is trying to lower the number needed to save the city. God gives in to him each time, without a counter argument.

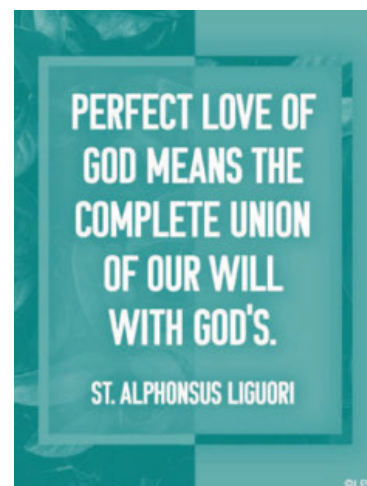
The passage highlights both God's justice and mercy. On the one hand, sin has consequences. Given their sinfulness, Sodom and Gomorrah both deserve to be punished. But on the other hand, God is merciful. When Abraham intercedes on behalf of Sodom, God is ready to spare the city for the sake of even ten righteous inhabitants.

But later we see that Sodom doesn't have even ten righteous residents. The one righteous family living there is brought to safety and then the city receives its punishment. Historically, the Catholic Church has always read the Old Testament through the lens of Christ, understanding the text as always pointing forward to Christ, as does this narrative too. Ever since the Fall, humanity has been mired in sin. But Jesus is the truly righteous person who offers himself up as a sacrifice for all of humanity. Though all of humanity would deserve a punishment like that of Sodom and Gomorrah, God spares humanity for the sake of Christ's sacrifice.

In the Second Reading for this Sunday, taken from the Letter to the Colossians, St. Paul continues his beautiful reflection on Christ. We must, St. Paul shows us, die to the world and be centered fully on Christ. Christ has washed us clean and has freed us from the bonds of sin. We must not fall back but must always cling to Christ and orient our lives entirely toward him.

At the heart of maintaining our relationship with Christ is our prayer life. We need to pray regularly, both on our own and by participating in the public prayer of the Church, especially the Mass. The Gospel reading for this Sunday discusses prayer in great depth. The passage contains one of two descriptions found in the New Testament of Jesus imparting the Our Father to the disciples. Today, pilgrims can visit the cave in Jerusalem where, according to tradition, Jesus taught the prayer to his first followers.

As we reflect on the nature of prayer, one way to analyze the dynamics of how we should pray is through the acronym ACTS, which stands for Adoration - worshipping God with our whole being, Contrition - asking for forgiveness for our sins, Thanksgiving - being grateful to God for his abundant gifts, and Supplication - asking God for blessings for ourselves and for others. We can find all four of these elements in the Our Father and in the Mass. Our prayer life in general should include all four each day.



In the Gospel passage, Jesus also enjoins upon us persistence in prayer. We are to pray and pray and pray, trusting that God will give us the answer that is best for us at the time that is best for us. As mentioned before, St. Monica prayed for 17 years for the conversion of her son, St. Augustine, who in time became a bishop and a pillar of the Catholic Church.

But, we might ask, why does God not just give us what we need without needing to ask for it? The answer is to build our relationship with him. Imagine living in a house where a mysterious person whom you never see prepares everything for you in advance, leaving the best clothes and food and many other things for you. If you never see the person, then you will never know who to thank, whose kindness you are enjoying.

We are to pray for each other for a similar reason. Some things God will not grant to us unless others intercede on our behalf. Praying for each other and obtaining graces for each other creates an ever-deepening web of love in the Body of Christ.

That web of love doesn't just involve the earthly Church. Just as we pray for each other here on earth, the saints pray for us as well. In fact, they can pray for us all the more because they are in Heaven with God. The greatest of our heavenly intercessors is the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is the Mother of God and the Queen of Heaven. Therefore, let us turn especially to her, our Holy Mother. Let us ask her to lead us to her Divine Son, the righteous one for whose sacrifice the Father spared the world.

If you would like to read more of Zoltan's writings, you can find them at www.zoltanabraham.com.

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YOUTH CORNER

Dear God, thank you for love me
and listening to me. Amen.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question: What is the name for the short stories Jesus would tell to teach a spiritual lesson based on familiar life experiences?

Answer: Parables

Prayer

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- Adoration

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Petition

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Sign of the Cross

Silent

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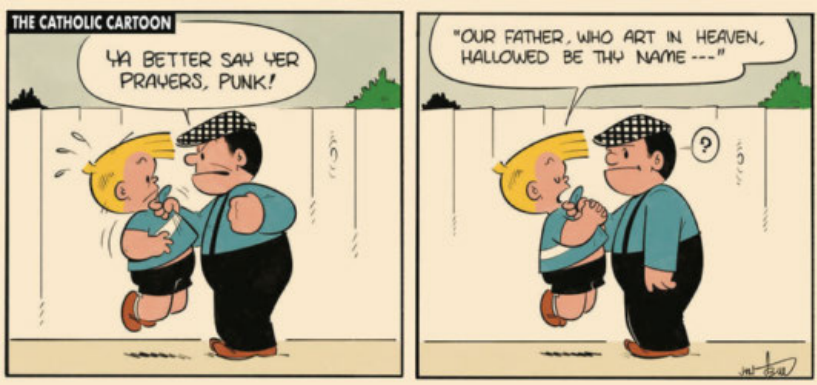
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