

# Our Lady Queen of Peace

*Father,*  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come.

Luke 11:3

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 24, 2022

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### Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00 PM

Sunday - 8:00, 10:00 AM\* and  
12:00 Noon

Monday-Saturday 8:30 AM

Holy days - See Bulletin

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### Reconciliation

Saturday - 1:00 PM or by  
appointment. A Catholic is  
obliged to confess **mortal**  
**sins** in kind and number to  
a priest **before** receiving the  
Holy Eucharist.

Baptism - Please call to arrange for your child's  
baptism soon after birth.

### RCIA

Adults desiring to be baptized, confirmed or  
become a Catholic, please contact the Parish Office

### Anointing of the Sick

Please call for a priest to schedule this Sacrament  
of Healing and Anointing for someone who is  
seriously ill or in danger of death. Do **not** wait  
until the sick person is unconscious.

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All Catholics should seek to have their marriage  
blessed by the Church so as to live in God's good  
grace and receive the Holy Eucharist. Contact a  
priest a year prior to the intended date of marriage  
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## ✝ Mass Intentions

**July 24, 2022 to July 31, 2022**

### Sunday-SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7/24 8:00 am John Feula  
 10:00 am Cristina del Rosario (Living)  
 12 noon Maryellen Costa

### Monday - Saint James, Apostle *Feast*

7/25 8:30 am Edward and Theresa Grieco

### Tuesday - Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary *Memorial*

7/26 8:30 am Robert M. Makey

### Wednesday - Weekday

7/27 8:30 am Alice Bohan

### Thursday - Weekday

7/28 8:30 am Jane Federico

### Friday - Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus *Memorial*

7/29 8:30 am John A. Hrablook

### Saturday - Weekday [*Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM*]

7/30 8:30 am Dean Faustini  
 5:00 pm The Lyons and Sheary Families

### Sunday - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7/31 8:00 am People of the Parish  
 10:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the OLQP Knights of Columbus  
 12:00 noon Daisy Monti

## Weekly Memorials

**Blessed Mother Candle**  
 in Memory of John A. Hrablook  
*By Lauren Hrablook*

## July 24, 2022 - Today's Readings

**First Reading** - Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).

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

**Second Reading** - Buried with Christ in baptism, we were also raised with him; all our transgressions are forgiven (Colossians 2:12-14).

**Gospel** - Jesus speaks of God's sure response to those who pray (Luke 11:1-13).

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## Please Remember in Your Prayers

### Rest in Peace

Rita Bator, Rev. Fr. Bobby Paraguya,  
 Rev. Fr. James Redstone, and Marla Sunga

### Sick Relatives and Friends

Mary Adamo Cristina Aguilar Pauline Albarano Augie Aversa Josefina Baldoza Mary Ellen Barberia Matilde Beninca Claire Borrello Cardinal Burke Ginny Cattaneo Carmen Cepeda Carmen Maria Colon Brian Connors The Cortese Family Javier Cruz Richard DeSpagna Sally DeSpagna Emily DeStefano Phil Dimitri Eileen Diverio Mark Diverio Stephen Diverio Emily Ferreira <b>Mary Flanigan</b> Yancey Garcia Fr. Mickey German Megan Harwood	Baby Christopher Sean Hill Gardenia Hounbo Andrew Hunkele Dominic Jengo Nancy Jengo Pamela Jengo Lauren Kaczynski Rosemarie Kaminski Joan Keenan Rev. Michael Kreder Alice Liso Maxine Locascio Diane Lohrer Deacon Joseph Mantineo Gerry Marcincavage Sonia Medrano Andrew J. Mendez Frankie Monnecka Deanna Mooney Jim Moran Barbara Nelson Gemma Olliges Sharon Osnowitz Nicholas Pappas Harriet Pellicione	Vallie Pompilio Mary Pontillo Francis Quinn Robert Raimo Susan Rheem <b>Anthony Ruffino</b> Melissa Finck- Ruisch Elsy Ruiz Fran Sampson Wilbert Santos Cindy Sommers Pat Sommers Joanne Sontag Joseph Steiner Carolyn Sobering Jacqueline Sullivan Nick Taylor Liam Justin Torres <b>Joseph Turchyn</b> Mary Walker Andrew Wey Julia Whitney Joyce Wilson David Zerby *Names in bold are new to the list
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## Daily Prayer for Pope Francis and Our Clergy

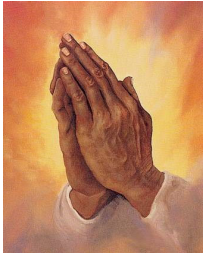


Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant, Francis, our Supreme Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy loving-kindness, in the ways of eternal salvation; that, of Thy gift, he may ever desire that which is pleasing unto Thee and may accomplish it with all his might. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Jesus, Savior of the world, sanctify Thy priests and sacred ministers. Amen.

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28  
**Tuesday:** Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;  
 Mt 13:36-43  
**Wednesday:** Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11,  
 17-18; Mt 13:44-46  
**Thursday:** Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53  
**Friday:** Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27  
 or Lk 10:38-42  
**Saturday:** Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31,  
 33-34; Mt 14:1-12  
**Sunday:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;  
 Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

## Conversation with God



Prayer is our focus this weekend. In the Gospel, Jesus gives his disciples, and us, the Lord's Prayer, which we have cherished through the centuries. The first two words encompass much about our faith—unity among all Christians (Our), and a sense that we are in a deeply bonded relationship with God (Father). In Genesis, we see Abraham

in conversational prayer, in his creaturely humility before his Creator, seeking mercy and compassion for the innocent. The psalm is a lyrical prayer of thanksgiving and praise for the God who answered the sincere prayers of a people who had called out for help, showing them mercy. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples want to pray like Jesus, with the same intimacy—to experience God as Abba in the depths of their being. Do we try to talk to God? Do we listen for answers? This relationship is always a work in progress. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Save the Date! - August 15, 2022

### A Parish Celebration of the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Join us for Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Holy Rosary, Benediction, and Mass followed by a procession and barbeque. A sign up sheet for the Holy Rosary will be in the church July 30 and 31.

- 1:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 2:00 p.m. Joyful Mysteries
- 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy
- 4:00 p.m. Luminous Mysteries
- 5:00 p.m. Sorrowful Mysteries
- 6:00 p.m. Benediction
- 7:00 p.m. Mass followed by Procession/Glorious Mysteries/BBQ



Please keep in your prayers all of our active military personnel here and overseas. We especially pray for Joshua Ashley, Ryan O'Connell, and John Velazquez.

May the Lord protect them in their service.

## The 2023 Mass Book is Open



The Church teaches us that our prayers are invaluable to the living as well as those who have died. We commend them to God's mercy when we pray for them. The living and the dead are helped not only by our daily prayers, but by the offering of Masses in their name for the benefit of their souls. Please visit the Parish Center to select your preferred dates.

## Religious Education - Please Register Today



### Religious Education Registration is Open!

Scan the QR code above to register or visit our website at: <https://www.olqp.org/registration-form.html>

Classes begin: Sunday, September 11, 2022  
8:30 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.

**The Registration Deadline has passed. Please register today.** Questions: Contact Justine Garcia at (201) 845-9566 or [ReED@olqp.org](mailto:ReED@olqp.org)



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## Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, behold I come to the Sacrament of Thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: I come as one infirm to the physician of life, as one unclean to the fountain of mercy, as one blind to the light of everlasting brightness, as one poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth. Therefore I implore the abundance of Thy measureless bounty that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to heal my infirmity, wash my uncleanness, enlighten my blindness, enrich my poverty and clothe my nakedness, that I may receive the Bread of Angels, the King of kings, the Lord of lords, with such reverence and humility, with such sorrow and devotion, with such purity and faith, with such purpose and intention as may be profitable to my soul's salvation.



Grant unto me, I pray, the grace of receiving not only the Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood, but also the grace and power of the Sacrament. O most gracious God, grant me so to receive the Body of Thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, which He took from the Virgin Mary, as to merit to be incorporated into His mystical Body, and to be numbered amongst His members. O most loving Father, give me grace to behold forever Thy beloved Son with His face at last unveiled, whom I now purpose to receive under the sacramental veil here below. Amen.

## The Memorare



Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

## Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Church



## Act of Contrition



O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven, and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

## Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

*This novena prayer was recited every day by Padre Pio for all those who asked for prayers.*



**I. O my Jesus**, you have said: "Truly I say to you, ask and it will be given you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you." Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of [insert your intention.]

Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory be to the Father...Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

**II. O my Jesus**, you have said: "Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, He will give it to you." Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the grace of [insert your intention.] Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory be to the Father...Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

**III. O my Jesus**, you have said: "Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away." Encouraged by your infallible words I now ask for the grace of [insert your intention.]

Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory be to the Father...Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, your tender mother and ours. Say the Hail, Holy Queen and add: St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us.

## Why should I register in the parish?

All members of the parish should be formally registered as members of the parish. You must be formally registered if you wish to arrange a Baptism, a Confirmation, or a Wedding in the parish Church or wish to register in the Parish School or the Religious Education (CCD) Program. You must also be a registered member of the parish for at least three months before you can obtain a Sponsor Certificate or schedule a Baptism or a Wedding. **Please call the Parish Center at 201-845-9566 to register or visit our home page at [www.olqp.org](http://www.olqp.org), scroll down to the middle of the page and click where it states "Parish Registration" to download the form.** Thank you and welcome to Our Lady Queen of Peace!

## Luz Y Vida (Light and Life)



The Luz y Vida prayer group invites the Hispanic community to hear the word of God and receive His blessings every Thursday at 7 pm in the Auditorium. If you have a questions, please call Susana - (201) 403-6319.

El Grupo de Oración Luz y Vida . Invita a la comunidad Hispana a escuchar la Palabra de Dios y recibir sus bendiciones cada Jueves a partir de las 7pm en el Auditorio de la iglesia. El Señor les espera con los brazos abiertos. Preguntas, (201) 403-6319.

## The Sermons of St. Alphonsus Liguori

### “SERMON XXXIV... -ON THE SIN OF ANGER.

***“Whosoever is angry with his brother shall be in danger of the judgment.” MATT. v. 2.***

ANGER resembles fire; hence, as fire is vehement in its action, and, by the smoke which it produces, obstructs the view, so anger makes men rush into a thousand excesses, and prevents them from seeing the sinfulness of their conduct, and thus exposes them to the danger of the judgment of eternal death. ***“Whosoever is angry with his brother shall be in danger of the judgment.”*** Anger is so pernicious to man that it even disfigures his countenance. No matter how comely and gentle he may be, he shall, ***as often as he yields to the passion of anger, appear to be a monster and a wild beast full of terror. “Iracundus,” says St. Basil, “humanam quasi liguram amittit, ferae specimen indutus.”*** (Hom. xxi.) But, if anger disfigures us before men, how much more deformed will it render us in the eyes of God! In this discourse I will show, in the first point, the destruction which anger unrestrained brings on the soul; and, in the second, how we ought to restrain anger in all occasions of provocation which may occur to us.

#### ***First Point. The ruin which anger unrestrained brings on the soul.***

1. St. Jerome says that anger is the door by which all vices enter the soul. ***“Omnium vitiorum jantia est iracundia.”*** (Inc. xxix. Prov.) Anger precipitates men into resentments, blasphemies, acts of injustice, detractions, scandals, and other iniquities; for the passion of anger darkens the understanding, and makes a man act like a beast and a madman. ***“Caligavit ab indignatione oculus meus.”*** (Job xvii. 7.) ***My eye has lost its sight through indignation.*** David said: ***“My eye is troubled with wrath.”*** (Ps. xxx. 10.) Hence, according to St. Bonaventure, ***an angry man is incapable of distinguishing between what is just and unjust. “Iratius non potest videre quod justum est vel injustum.”*** In a word, St. Jerome says that ***anger deprives a man of prudence, reason, and understanding. “Ab omni concilio deturpat, ut donec irascitur, insanire credatur.”*** Hence St. James says: ***“The anger of man worketh not the justice of God.”*** (St. James i. 20.) The acts of a man under the influence of anger cannot be conformable to the divine justice, and consequently cannot be faultless.

2. A man who does not restrain the impulse of anger, easily falls into hatred towards the person who has been the occasion of his passion. According to St. Augustine, ***hatred is nothing else than persevering anger. “Odium est ira diuturno tempore perseverans.”*** Hence St. Thomas says that ***“anger is sudden, but hatred is lasting.”*** (Opusc. v.) It appears, then, that in him in whom anger perseveres hatred also reigns. But some will say: I am the head of the house; I must correct my children and servants, and, when necessary, I must raise my voice against the disorders which I witness. I say in answer: It is one thing to be angry against a brother, and another to

be displeased at the sin of a brother. To be angry against sin is not anger, but zeal; and therefore it is not only lawful, but is sometimes a duty. But our anger must be accompanied with prudence, and must appear to be directed against sin, but not against the sinner; for, if the person whom we correct perceive that we speak through passion and hatred towards him, the correction will be unprofitable and even mischievous. To be angry, then, against a brother’s sin is certainly lawful. ***“He,”*** says St. Augustine, ***“is not angry with a brother who is angry against a brother’s sin.” It is thus, as David said, we may be angry without sin. “Be ye angry, and sin not.”*** (Ps. iv. 5.) But, to be angry against a brother on account of the sin which he has committed is not lawful; because, according to St. Augustine, ***we are not allowed to hate others for their vices. “Nee propter vitia (licet) homines odisse”*** (in Ps. xcviij).

3. Hatred brings with it a desire of revenge; for, according to St. Thomas, ***anger, when fully voluntary, is accompanied with a desire of revenge. “Ira est appetitus vindictae.”*** But you will perhaps say: If I resent such an injury, God will have pity on me, because I have just grounds of resentment. Who, I ask, has told you that you have just grounds for seeking revenge? It is you, whose understanding is clouded by passions, that say so. I have already said that anger obscures the mind, and takes away our reason and understanding. As long as the passion of anger lasts, you will consider your neighbour’s conduct very unjust and intolerable; but, when your anger shall have passed away, you shall see that his act was not so bad as it appeared to you. But, though the injury be grievous, or even more grievous, God will not have compassion, on you if you seek revenge. No, he says: vengeance for sins belongs not to you, but to me; and when the time shall come I will chastise them as they deserve. ***“Revenge is mine, and I will repay them in due time.”*** (Deut. xxxii. 35.) If you resent an injury done to you by a neighbour, God will justly inflict vengeance on you for all the injuries you have offered to him, and particularly for taking revenge on a brother whom he commands you to pardon. ***“He that seeketh to revenge himself, shall find vengeance from the Lord .... Man to man reserveth anger, and doth he seek remedy of God? .... He that is but flesh nourisheth anger; and doth he ask forgiveness of God? Who shall obtain pardon for his sins?”*** (Eccl. xxviii. 1, 3, 5.) Man, a worm of flesh, reserves anger, and takes revenge on a brother: does he afterwards dare to ask mercy of God? And who, adds the sacred writer, ***can obtain pardon for the iniquities of so daring a sinner? “Qua ironte,”*** says St. Augustine, ***“indulgentiam peccatorem obtinere poterit, qui praecipienti dare veniam non acquiescit.”*** How can he who will not obey the command of God to pardon his neighbour, expect to obtain from God the forgiveness of his own sins?

4. Let us implore the Lord to preserve us from yielding to any strong passion, and particularly to anger. ***“Give me not over to a shameful and foolish mind.”*** (Eccl. xxiii. 6.) (excerpts from the *“Sermons of St. Alphonsus Liguori”*)

## Stewardship Corner

### *The Power to Change How We Live:*

Stewardship is an expression of discipleship with the power to change how we understand and live out our lives. Disciples who practice stewardship recognize God is the origin of life, the giver of freedom, the source of all they have and will be. My friends, when you talk about stewardship you come to a third conviction. It is an expression of discipleship, which really asks us to put on lenses - new lenses where we look at who we are and what we do from an entirely different perspective. And that is what stewardship is about. These basic principles are not new to any of us. How do we appropriate them into our lives? *Rudy Schwarz*

## Stewardship Results

	7/17/22	Weekly Goal
Sunday Offertory	4,803	5,000
Repairs	2,672	1,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,475</b>	<b>\$6,500</b>

**Thank you for your contributions last Sunday which allowed us to meet our Repairs & Maintenance goal. May God reward you for your generosity!**

## Treasures from Our Tradition



Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Chris-

tians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes.

Isn't the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality.

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## Saints and Special Observances

**Sunday:** Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly  
**Monday:** St. James  
**Tuesday:** Ss. Joachim and Anne  
**Friday:** Ss. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus  
**Saturday:** St. Peter Chrysologus; Blessed Virgin Mary

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

#### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

### Reflection question:

In what ways can I use the good things of this world without clinging to them?

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### THE MARK OF THE MAKER

If things created are so full of loveliness, how resplendent must be the One who made them! The wisdom of the Worker is apparent in such handiwork.

—St. Anthony of Padua

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## Parish Calendar

**Key: AU - Auditorium, CH - Church, PC - Parish Center**

7/25 7:00 pm - The Holy Rosary (at the Rosary Garden)  
 7/27 7:00 pm - Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena  
 7/28 7:00 pm - Luz Y Vida (AU)  
 7/30 1:00 pm - Confessions (CH)

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### PRAY LIKE JESUS

Have you ever watched a master chef at work or a professional musician or athlete and wondered “How do they do that? They make it look so easy.” We are naturally attracted to someone who excels at something, a person whose heart is obviously in their work, and we can’t help but wonder if we are capable of anything like that. This was likely true for the disciples as well. They had seen Jesus at prayer on many occasions (this is especially true in Luke’s Gospel) and it was obvious that someone, somehow was shaping/transforming the life of their teacher. Abraham, too, gives us an example of a conversation with God that goes beyond the ordinary approach to divine petitioning. Meanwhile, Psalm 138 assures us that when we cry for help God will answer—for Christ has become our mediator and we are one with him in baptism.

### SNAKES AND SCORPIONS AND PRAYERS? OH, MY!

How often do we hear about snakes and scorpions at Mass? Well, today we do! Jesus uses these frightful (to most of us!) images for their shock value in order to emphasize how graciously and unfailingly our Father in heaven cares for us. The first reading sets the stage for our reflection. Who can hear the story of Abraham negotiating with God in the first reading and not smile at his audacity? The middle Eastern custom of bartering likely honed Abraham’s skills in that arena. He even appeals to God’s sense of honor, saying, “Far be it from you to do such a thing” [as to wipe out the innocent with the guilty]. Have we not all bargained with God at one time or another when we were desperately in need?

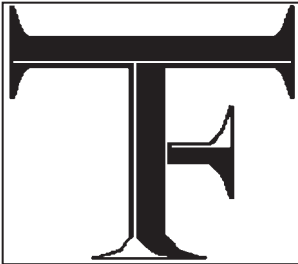
### YOU HAVE HEARD THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH

Notice that the very first words of today’s Gospel are “Jesus was praying.” Of course, the disciples would be curious about a practice that was so central to Jesus’ daily life. He was obviously good at it. Perhaps they wanted to know how they could more easily “influence” God themselves! They wanted to know what would work. Luke’s version of the beloved Lord’s Prayer (one of two found in the Gospels) is highlighted today in response to the disciples’ request.

The two parables following the Lord’s Prayer teach us about prayer both from the point of view of the one who prays and from God’s point of view. The parable of the friend who knocks on the door at midnight illustrates prayer from the point of view someone who urgently needs something. Persistence is the key. The last section of the Gospel offers us a glimpse of prayer from God’s point of view. If you seek, you will find; if you knock, the door will be opened. With Jesus as our mediator, we are assured of a hearing before our Father in heaven who is waiting to give good gifts to his children.

### TODAY’S READINGS

Genesis 18:20–32  
Psalm 138:1–2, 2–3, 6–7, 7–8  
Colossians 2:12–14  
Luke 11:1–13



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