

# Ordinary Time

July 24, 2016 ♦ Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Gn 18:20–32 ♦ Col 2:12–14 ♦ Lk 11:1–13

## Monday

JULY 18

Weekday

Mi 6:1–4, 6–8

Mt 12:38–42

## Tuesday

JULY 19

Weekday

Mi 7:14–15, 18–20

Mt 12:46–50

## Wednesday

JULY 20

Weekday

Jer 1:1, 4–10

Mt 13:1–9

## Thursday

JULY 21

Weekday

Jer 2:1–3, 7–8, 12–13

Mt 13:10–17

## Friday

JULY 22

St. Mary Magdalene

Jer 3:14–17

Jn 20:1–2, 11–18

## Saturday

JULY 23

Weekday

Jer 7:1–11

Mt 13:24–30

## Sunday

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I tell my students there are five prayers: please; thank you; I'm sorry; wow; and yes, I will. The words change but, in essence, every prayer implies one or more of these attitudes: petition, thanksgiving, contrition, praise, and obedience. In his book *Man's Quest for God*, Abraham Joshua Heschel says prayer is “the invitation to God to intervene in our lives.” God does—sometimes to our surprise, sometimes in ways we can't imagine, but always in a way that changes us.

Jesus knew this when he taught his disciples the Our Father. In it, we hear words of praise and petition. We hear contrition: “Forgive us...as we forgive...” (11:4). We hear obedience: “thy kingdom come...” and “thy will be done...” (Luke 11:2; Matthew 6:10). Jesus goes on to say that when we pray, God will send his Spirit to guide us and give us what we need:

“our daily bread...” (11:3). No wonder the Lord's Prayer is a model prayer for everyone.

In our prayer, we have to remember that there is often a difference between what we need and what we desire. In the movie *Shadowlands*, C.S. Lewis is depicted reflecting on the nature of prayer as his wife is dying. Asked why he prayed, he responds, “I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God; it changes me.” That's the power of the Spirit—to change our hearts until all our prayers become wow (praise) and yes (obedience).

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### A Word From Pope Francis

“[Prayer] changes our hearts, it makes us understand who our God truly is....[We] cannot pray without the Holy Spirit: it is he who prays in us, ...who teaches us to call God ‘Father.’”

—“A Friend to Pray With,”  
Morning Meditation, April 3, 2014



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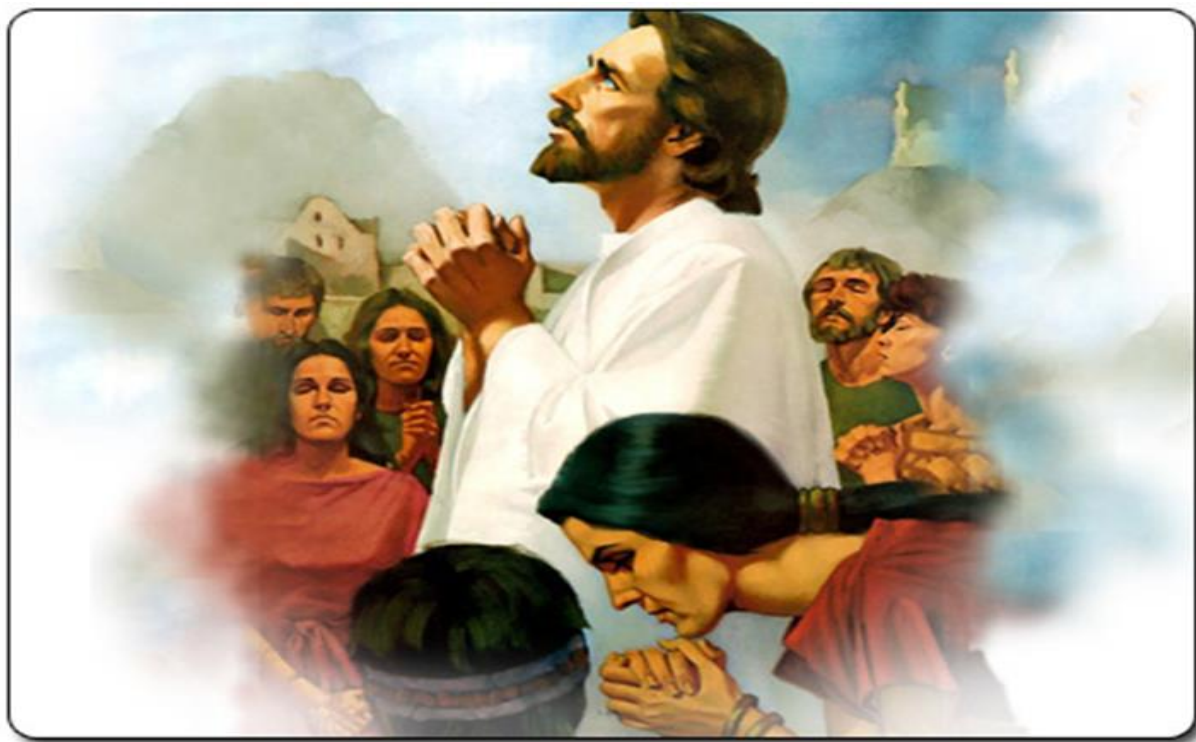
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## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m.  
to 9:30 a.m

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

## *Mass Schedule for this Week*

### Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule

Sun 7:30 am Our Parish Family

### St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat 5:00 pm +Greg Garstka

Sun 9am +Greg Garstka

Mon 8 am +Greg Garstka

Tue 8 am +Greg Garstka

Wed 6pm +Curvis & Juanita C.

Thu 8am +Vernon Saucier

Fri 8am +Paul McGill

**From Father Khoa's Desk...**

***Dear Parishioners and Friends,***

Jesus said "Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

This is a promise that anyone would love to hear. With these words Jesus comforts and reassures us. He suggests that we will be satisfied and welcomed and fulfilled. His message in today's Gospel assures us that our heavenly Father loves us even more than earthly parents love their children. So we can enjoy the security of knowing that God will take good care of us.

But God's care may not always look exactly the way we expect it to. His care for us is based on knowing what is best for us and what will make us flourish. And, sometimes, what we think we need isn't really best. It's important to keep this context in mind. This prevents us from understanding Jesus' words today in a selfish way. As the end of the passage makes clear, this asking and seeking that Jesus refers to is ultimately fulfilled in the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is promising us that if we ask God for his Spirit, he will certainly give it to us, his children.

For most of us, we actually received this gift at our baptism. But have we taken full advantage of this? Although we may not realize it at first, in receiving the Holy Spirit we actually receive a whole host of gifts. With God's Spirit come the sevenfold gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord. And the fruits of the Spirit as St. Paul lists them in Galatians 5 include love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. God knows that all of these gifts and fruits make us very well equipped for

life on earth, and for eternal life in heaven!  
What more do we really need to ask for?

***May God bless all of us!***

**...Fr. Khoa**

**Lizana Light:** Next weekend is the fifth weekend. The second collection will be for Lizana Light. For more information, please contact **Doris or Diane**. Thank you.

**ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:\*\***

**39**Identifiable: **\$1,054.00**; Loose: **\$745.00**;  
Total: **\$1,628.00**; Children: **\$66.42**; St Ben:  
**\$245.00**

**OL OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP:**

Identifiable: **\$213.00**; Loose: **\$289.00**; Total:  
**\$502.00.**

**\*\*Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84.**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**Parish Council:** meet third Saturday.

**Catholic Students** of our parish to receive subsidy are: Sarah Thomas, Kennedy + Car + Keegan Leverette, Jacob Estrada, Tucker + Ella Enroth, C. + C. + L Broom, Austin Scarengoas, Will Dreher, and Nick Quintini. Please contact me this week if your children or grandchildren are not on the list.

**Church Cleaning:** Thank you Marlow and Valerie Ladner for cleaning the church on July 16 and 23. Lanny and Rita Acosta will clean the church on July 31 and August 6. Thank you.

**Parish Picnic:** will be on **September 25.**

<b>MASS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN.</b>	<b>SERVERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>GIFT B.</b>
Sat July 23 5pm	Mike West	W C King , Lenell King , Doris Snowden	Austin Scarengoas	Doug Ira Necaise	Patricia Lizana
July 24 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun July 24 9am	Kim Wood	Marlow Ladner, Derek Trosclair, Beverly	Carson Keegan	Robert Palmer	Marie Nance
Sat July 30 5pm	Henrietta	Kay Van Pelt , Mike Mays , Diane Mays	Austin Scarengoas	Doug August	Mary Ladner
July 31 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun July 31 9am	Jason Necaise	Kim Wood, Robin Peterson, Susan Peleaz	Conner Nick	Robert Jimmy	Pat & Robin Peterson Family

**Don't forget your parish donations  
during the summer**

During the summer, patterns of church attendance change...vacation, trips to the beach, leisure time, etc...

Please remember that the Parish operates year round including summer time. Please don't forget that your weekly offering is always very important to keep normal operations steady: utilities, salaries, school subsidies, diocesan support tax, insurance premiums and so on; approximately \$2,908.84 per week. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.**

**Catfish Festival:** Thank you for the Robinson and every one for the last three years. For more information, please contact Tyler and Gina Leverette. Thank you very much.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE**

***Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding.*** Our advice is to call well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive info: one's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK:** Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560.

**Bible Study:** We will study **Memory**, beginning **August 16**. Please join us. Classes are on **Tues at 9am and Wed at 6:30pm**. For more information, please contact **Ruth and Henrietta**.

**Bereavement Committee:** Please contact **Sharon Leimer** at 539-9928. Lasagna, green salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

**PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:** Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, Julia Perronne, John Moran, Jerry Rutland, Elizabeth Necaise, Regina Franke, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Larry Shruoff, Andrew Fillengame, Melissa Peterson, Madison Phelps, Breanna Ladner, Curtis (Cubby) Ladner, Susan Romain, Stacey Lizana Hunt, Gerald Barrilleaux, and Greg West.