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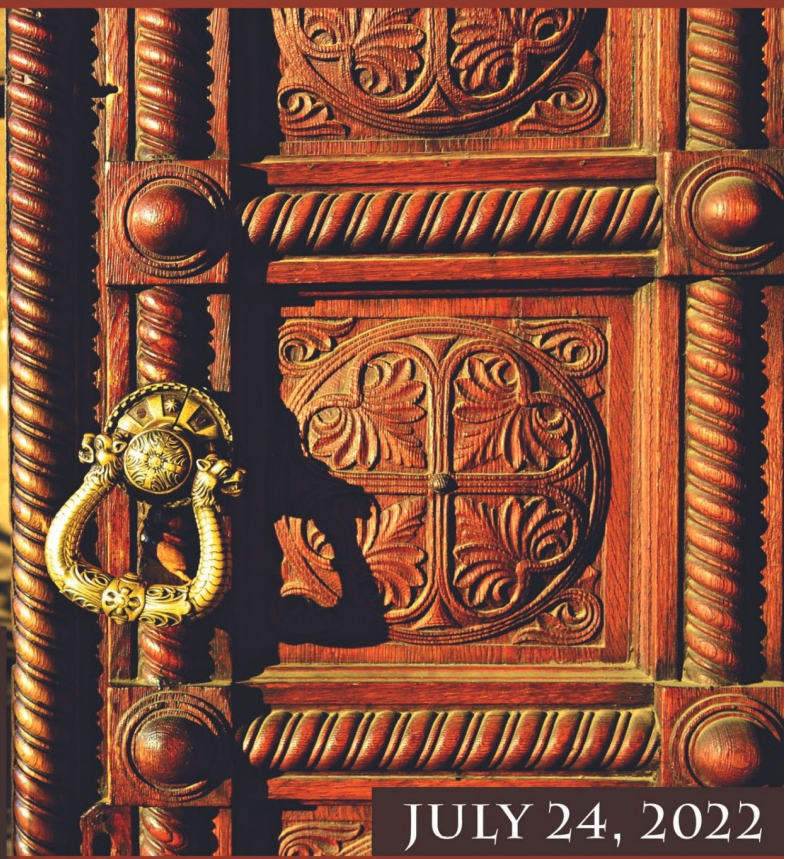
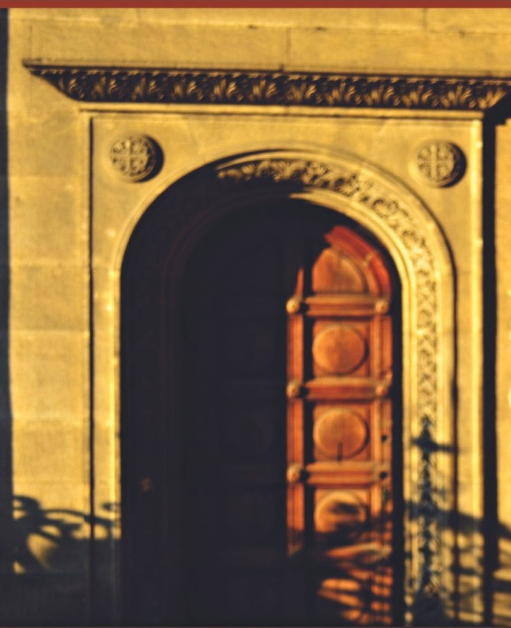
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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Ask
and you will receive;

Seek
and you will find;

Knock
and the door will be
opened to you.

Luke 11:9

JULY 24, 2022



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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Mass Schedule:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:00 am
Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30 pm
Saturday*: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 pm
*1st Saturday of the month 8:00am

Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation:

Tuesday & Thursday: 4:45 pm - 5:15 pm
Saturday 4:45 pm - 5:15 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am & 12:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism:

Call the parish office at least six weeks in advance.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Call the parish office at least six months in advance

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

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.
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*The Altar Flowers this weekend
are
in Loving Memory of
Feliza P. Salazar
from
Veronica & Ruben Escobedo*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of



†Elizabeth Durbon Elliott
who died June 21, 2022.
May she rest in peace.



†Carol Allen
who died July 9, 2022
May she rest in peace.



†Virgil Trevino
who died July 9, 2022
May he rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Eugenio B., Mary Blake, Rosa Becnel, Teri Burke, Michael Castro, Juliana Cavazos, Esther & Guadalupe Contreras, David Davis, Nina DeLaGarza, John Deleon, Kate DeWein, Mary Elizabeth Donovan, Angela Fitzner, Deacon Frank Gallardo, Vangie Gallardo, Giovanni Garza, Eric Hawbecker, Josephine Janczar, Markus Klink, Kathy McCoy, Sally McDuffee, George Perez, Rina Pollack, Carlos Saucedo, Edward Jacob Sciantarelli, Jim Sciantarelli, Laurie Seligman, Jerry SESCO, Berta Smeal, Carolyn Smith, Luciano Steve Soto, Patrick Vallejo, Lisa Weissler, Henry Wolff.
Prayer list requests can be made by calling the Office at 210-734-7285.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 25

7:00 am Eric F. Chapa- Healing
- Family

Tuesday, July 26

5:30 pm Special Intention

Wednesday, July 27

7:00 am In Thanksgiving V.S.I.

Thursday, July 28

5:30 pm Adrienne Becnel's Birthday
-Family

Friday, July 29

7:00 am Carol Allen (d)
- Parish

Saturday, July 30

5:30 pm Patricia Lopez (d)
- Cockrell Family
Our Lady of Grace Parishioners

Sunday, July 31

8:30 am Cecilia Johnson (d)
-Marylin Johnson

10:30 am William Johnson (d)
- Marylin Johnson

12:00 pm Elizabeth Mursch's Birthday
- Marylin Johnson

Altar Flowers: If you would like to donate flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a birthday or anniversary, please call the office at 734-7285. Each weekend in the bulletin we thank all those who sponsor the altar flowers.

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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MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday, July 25

Mass 7:00 am Fr. Jorge

Tuesday, July 26

Confessions 4:45 pm Fr. Jorge
Mass 5:30 pm Fr. Jorge

Wednesday, July 27

Mass 7:00 am Fr. Joseph

Thursday, July 28

Confessions 4:45 pm Fr. Jorge
Mass 5:30 pm Fr. Jorge

Friday, July 29

Mass 7:00 am Fr. Joseph

Saturday, July 30

Confessions 4:30 pm Fr. Joseph
Mass 5:30 pm Fr. Joseph

Sunday, July 31

**No Confessions 8:30 & 12:30 Masses*

Mass 8:30 am Fr. Jorge
Confessions 10:30 am Fr. Joseph
Mass 10:30 am Fr. Abraham Chimese, OMI
Mass 12:00 pm Fr. Joseph



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

All are welcome to the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition begins every Wednesday in the Adoration Chapel after the 7:00 am Mass and ends on Friday at 7 am.

For more information please contact Becky Prieto at 210-725-2383.

"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



JULY

24

2022

Seventeenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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



James

Pearls for Wise Living



JEFF CAVINS and SARAH CHRISTMYER

Thursdays through August 11

**6:30 pm - 8:15 pm
in the Guadalupe Room**

For more information and to register please call
Linda Enriquez 210-387-4804
or the OLG office 210-734-7285.

Please Join the Rosary Prayer Group



The group meets every third
Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm
in the Madonna Room
for a brief Scripture, reflection
and praying the Holy Rosary.
For information, call Greg Clary at
903-714-0232.



Religious Education

Online registration for
students entering Pre-K
through Confirmation will
open **Sunday, July 24th**. For more
information or to volunteer as a catechist
or catechist aid, please email
joey.gutierrez@olgsa.org.

Institute for Lay Ecclesial Ministry and Service



**Upcoming Formation Opportunity:
*Called and Sent***

- Saturday, August 6 | St. Ann, La Vernia
- Saturday, August 13 | St. Cecilia
- Saturday, August 13 | St. Paul
- Saturday, August 20 | St. Andrew, Pleasanton
- Saturday, August 27 | Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine



You are invited! The Archdiocesan Institute for Lay Ecclesial Ministry and Service is offering adult faith and ministry formation in English and in Spanish to all parishioners and ministry leaders through the Parish Ministry Formation. The first course "Called and Sent" of this 6-course formation process will be offered in August at the San Antonio parishes of St. Cecilia, St. Paul, Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, and St. Clare; and rural parishes of St. Ann-La Vernia and St. Andrew-Pleasanton.

Multiple dates are available to fit your schedule!

Register at <https://maccsa.regfox.com/parish-ministry-formation>

For more information contact [Liz Ortiz](mailto:Liz.Ortiz) at 210-731-3125.



The Spirit helps us in our weakness for we do not know how to pray as we ought. All from.

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Parents must submit a legal state birth certificate at the time of registration either at the church office or via email.

Godparents must be baptized Catholic and adhere to the following requirements:

- 1) Received First Communion
- 2) Received Confirmation
- 3) Participate in the Sacramental Life of the Church and provide a letter of good standing from their registered parish if not OLG parishioners.
- 4) If married, they must be married in the Catholic faith.

Parents & Godparents must attend a *Baptismal Preparation Class* which is scheduled when we have an OLG baptism or OLG parishioners serving as godparents at other parishes. We can accept a certificate of completion of an online course in certain circumstances. **No childcare provided during class**

Please call the Office to begin registration & sign up for the Baptism Class.

Baptisms are scheduled when all documents have been submitted and are held on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:00am.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly



Mass Intentions



Masses are for the living as well as for the dead. Having a Mass offered on a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion, is a most prayerful way to commemorate the special event. Mass cards are available to acknowledge your gift. Call or come by the Church Office to check available dates.

**GOD BLESS THE MEN AND WOMEN OF
THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES**



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process in where adults can become fully initiated into the Catholic faith. This process is for any adult that has not been baptized, baptized into another Christian faith, or those who were baptized Catholic but have not received the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

There will be a series of inquiry sessions during the month of September for those who wish to speak with team members about this process.

RCIA Sessions will begin after the inquiry sessions and continue through the Easter season. If you or someone you know is interested in the RCIA process contact Joey Gutierrez for more information at joey.gutierrez@olgsa.org or call the parish office at 210-734-7285.

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LORD,
TEACH US TO PRAY



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