



[Jesus said to his disciples,]  
"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

## The Ways of Praying

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**C**onsider how there are five levels of communication, each level taking us deeper into a relationship and what it means to be human. *One*, the greetings we offer as we pass: Good morning! How's it going? *Two*, a sharing of activities: what we did, what someone said. *Three*, an expression of ideas, as in what we think about raising children or our political opinions or why we believe there may be conflicts in the world. *Four*, revealing our feelings both positive and negative: feelings of love or gratitude or contentment as well as of being hurt or rejected or disappointed. *Five*, a sense of intense closeness and *being with*, perhaps even without speaking or using any words. Each level, then, takes us deeper into a shared relationship.

Consider, then, how ever-deepening prayer may follow that same pattern. *One*, memorized or rote prayer. *Two*, telling God what is on our mind, even though it is a one-sided conversation. *Three*, commonly called "meditation" but, more simply, thinking about God and life and our faith response, as in the musing that may follow spiritual reading. *Four*, often referred to as "praying our feelings," such as reflecting on our human emotions and what they might say about us, our faith, and how the journey of our faith life is unfolding. *Five*, a sense of simply *being with* God, even without words, and simply resting in that holy presence. Each level of prayer, then, leads us ever more into a shared relationship with our God. ●

### Reflect

***How do I pray? Should I ask for the grace to grow in my prayer life?***

## St. Agnes • St. Boniface • St. John the Evangelist

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) July 27, 2025

Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of Chapter 11 of his Gospel, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbor, and assurances that God hears our prayers.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First, he tells a parable about a persistent neighbor who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbor is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbor is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word *Holy Spirit*. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost.

The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things.

### Mass Schedule & Intentions For the week of July 28, 2025

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>SJ</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>SJ</b>	<b>Henry N. Walz</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>John, Ben &amp; Chris Neal Families</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>SB</b>	<b>Anna Mae Rieff †</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>SJ</b>	<b>Kendall &amp; Deanna Allsion</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>SJ</b>	<b>Lyndi Walz</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>	<b>SB</b>	<b>Edna &amp; Lynn Griffith †</b>



Tara Boeser July 29<sup>th</sup>

Henry Walz July 29<sup>th</sup>

Molly Pandorf July 30<sup>th</sup>

Lisa Kinderknecht July 30<sup>th</sup>

Gary Mills July 31<sup>st</sup>

Steven Berger July 31<sup>st</sup>

Cynthia Frey Aug 1<sup>st</sup>

## Ministry Schedule

Date: Aug 3	St Agnes	St Boniface	St John's
<b>Time</b>	<u>Sunday 9:30 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00 AM</u>
<b>Hospitality</b>	Conrad & Aleta P.	Bartley & Kaylee B.	Luke & Tara B.
<b>Lector</b>	Aleta P.	Rod B.	Kristy O.
<b>Server</b>		Emmett P. & Amelia P.	Wyatt D. & Leo W.
<b>EMHC</b>	Conrad & Aleta P.	Steve & Kristen B.	Rex & Kristie W.
<b>Communion to shut ins or Music</b>		Kristen B.	<b>Music:</b> Johnston's

### St. Agnes

*Our Gifts to God & Church*

July 20, 2025

Total Collection:

**\$171.00**

Diocesan Appeal

Dollar Goal = \$2550 of \$4014

Donor Goal: 6 of 16

**Thrift Store**

**Open Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 9AM to 4PM**

### St. Boniface

*Our Gifts to God & Church*

July 20, 2025

Total Collection:

**\$2254.00**

Diocesan Appeal

**Donation Goal MET!**

### St. John's

*Our Gifts to God & Church*

July 20, 2025

Total Collection:

**\$241.54**

Diocesan Appeal

**Donation Goal MET!**

No Saturday Mass this month due  
to the Logan country Rodeo. Mass  
will be Sunday Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 8 AM

### Holy Day of Obligation

The Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>

Mass Times

St. Agnes Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM

St. Boniface Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM

St. John's Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM

*Happy  
Anniversary*

Mr. & Mrs. Allen Meredith July 28<sup>th</sup>

**Quotes for Today**

**Saint Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556)**

**"If you seek peace and tranquility, you will  
certainly not find them so long as you have a cause  
for disturbance and turmoil within yourself."**



# Dear Padre,

**Who wrote the Lord's Prayer? I know the Lord's Prayer comes from Scripture, but who composed it as we say it today?**

When the disciples asked the Lord to teach them to pray, he taught them the prayer we know as the Our Father. Two versions of that prayer appear in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. The version used in the Church's liturgies is derived from Matthew 6:9-13. In fact, citing St. Thomas Aquinas' *Summa Theologiae*, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* calls the Lord's Prayer the "most perfect of prayers" (2774), teaching us not only what things to pray for in our prayer but also in what order, or priority, we should desire them. It is at the heart of every individual and communal prayer.

We pray the Our Father, bearing in mind and heart the intimate relationship we have with our God as sons and daughters by adoption through our baptism. The specific wording of our prayers is a work in progress. What we think of as the final wording is that which the Church has approved and makes the most sense for prayer as a community. What is most important is that the substance of the prayer reflects the same matter the Lord used in the prayer. ●



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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**Herein lies the novelty of Christian prayer! It is a dialogue between people who love each other, a dialogue based on trust, sustained by listening and open to a commitment to solidarity. It is the dialogue of a Son with his Father, a dialogue between children and their Father. This is Christian prayer.**

ANGELUS, ROME,  
JULY 28, 2019



#### Monday

July 28

Weekday

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34

Mt 13:31-35

#### Tuesday

July 29

Sts. Martha, Mary, and

Lazarus

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28

Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

#### Wednesday

July 30

Weekday

Ex 34:29-35

Mt 13:44-46

#### Thursday

July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38

Mt 13:47-53

#### Friday

August 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop

and Doctor of the Church

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27,

34b-37

Mt 13:54-58

#### Saturday

August 2

Weekday

Lv 25:1, 8-17

Mt 14:1-12

#### Sunday

August 3

Eighteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

Col 3:1-5, 9-11

Lk 12:13-21