



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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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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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 24, 2022

**You were buried with him in baptism,
in which you were also raised with him
through faith in the power of God,
who raised him from the dead.**

— *Colossians 2:12*

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

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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WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Masks are encouraged.

SUNDAY:

MASS: 8:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.

WEDNESDAY

MASS: 9:00 A.M.

PRAYER MEETING: 6:00 P.M.

SUNDAY JULY 31ST ASSIGNMENTS

SERVERS: All Servers

LECTORS: 8:00 a.m. Dwight Miller Mary Graham

10:00 a.m. Pat Williams, Ernest Collins

WELCOME: Ernest Collins

COUNTERS: Team Five

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers,
Altar Servers, Ushers, Counters,
Lawn & Garden Team

Please call the Church Office to join one or more
of these ministries.

Training will be provided
816-471-3696

OUR SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Dear St. Monica Church Family,

*Thank you for notifying Father Leonard when one of
your family members has been hospitalized, or has
become Homebound. Call: 816-471-3696, or email
leombuthida@yahoo.com*

Jeanette Hamilton, Rosa Birch, Delores Bazy, Kevin
Brown, Vera Brown, Vauncille Bartlett, Mary Ann
Grayson, Donald & Mable Parson, Sergio Mendoza,
Earl Green, Jr. Ovell & Frances Thomas, Dorothy
Muslin, Earnestine Nard, Flora Waddell, Elaine
Lomax, Donna Dupree, Cheryl Warren, Chaunceyetta
Mize, Rhea Holloman, Clara Mays, Melva McClellan,
Carlos & Paula Nix, Velma Jennings, Brenda Martin,
Margaret Sams, Yvonne Dillahunt

CONDOLENCES

MRS. EDITH BOLDER, passed on to be with our
Lord, on Friday, July 22, 2022. Arrangements are
incomplete at the time of posting this Bulletin.

MR. BARRY SHACKLEFORD, nephew of Vickie
Shackleford. The Funeral Service for Mr.
Shackleford was held on Friday, July 22, 2022.

MRS. GLADYS NIX, (St. Louis Parish) passed on to
be with our Lord, on July 16, 2022. She was the Aunt
of Wendy Nolan and Whitney Nolan.

A celebration for Mrs. Nix's life will be held on
Wednesday 27, 2022, at the St. Therese the Little
Flower Church.

CAROLYN BAUER, grandmother of Ceira (Brad)
Geist, died on Wednesday July 20, 2022.

She will be greatly missed.
*Church Family, please lift up your thoughts and prayers for
each of these families during this time of mourning.*

DIOCESAN TRAINING AVAILABLE

- **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY
COMMUNION WORKSHOP,
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022
ST. MARK PARISH**
- **READER TRAINING WORKSHOP,
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2022
ST. MARK PARISH**

St. Monica Parishioners:
Please call our Church Office, 816-471-3693,
to register for these classes.

The DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY – ST. JOSEPH is committed to
combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of
sexual abuse or suspect sexual abuse,

- 1) Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline, at 1-800-392-
3728 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18)
- 2) Contact your local Law Enforcement Agency, or call
911
- 3) After reporting to these civil and law enforcement
authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor
or vulnerable adult, to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon,
crayon@ombudsmankc.org, if the abuse involves a
priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese
or of Kansas City- St. Joseph.

*The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing and
healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families*