

Sunday October 19th, 2025, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Ex. 17:8-9; 2Tim. 3:14-4:2, LK. 18:1-8)

THEME: EXPLOITING THE POWER OF PRAYER

The Act of Prayer: Prayer can be vocal or mental. In vocal prayer, the power of speech, which is a gift from God, attains its ultimate end. The power of speech announces our participation in God's creative power as well as our vocation to praise and glorify his holy name. God made man a participant in his creative power through the power of speech: "For when he spoke, the world came to be, it appeared at his command" (Ps 33:9). The book of Proverbs alludes to this when it says that life and death are in the power of the tongue (18:21). Being children of God, our words carry spiritual authority as the scripture says, "We shall decree a thing, it shall come to pass" (Job 22:28). Christ in turn assures believers, "Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the father may be glorified in the Son" (Matt 18:19). Through the power of prayer, man, empowered at creation and renewed in Christ can change an ugly situation, create order out of strife, just like the creative Word in the beginning.

There is also a silent elevation and application of our mind and heart to God which is called mental prayer. In this form of prayer, the heart is united with God in love. We consider the goodness of the Lord in mental prayer, and when we come to the grasp of this goodness, it excites our will to love him and our soul to worship him in love. As love has the tendency to unite the lover and object of his love, the soul that has discovered the love of God always dwells in his presence, "To savor the sweetness of the Lord" (Ps 27:4). This is the end to which prayer aims, namely, loving contemplation of the supreme beauty and goodness.

SURPRISING FACTS ABOUT THE VATICAN

The Pieta was carved from a single block of white Carrara marble

The Pieta, at 6 feet wide and 5 feet, 9 inches high, was made by Michelangelo from a single block of white Carrara marble between 1498-1500 AD. It was commissioned by the French envoy to the pope for St. Petronilla's chapel in the old basilica and was unveiled for the Jubilee year 1500.

By Fr. Jeffery Kirby, S.T.L.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

"OFFERING A MASS" Because the Mass is the highest form of worship on Earth, there are many fruits and graces that result from having a Mass said. The reason that this tradition has been passed on for centuries is because of the many spiritual fruits that result from this form of prayer. The celebration of the Eucharist is the highest form of worship in the Catholic Church because we unite ourselves with Christ's sacrifice on the cross in worship of his Father. Mass Intentions Offering envelopes and cards may be found in the back of the church (you may leave them with an usher or drop in the collection basket. You may also call the parish office at 928-333-4423 or email at stpeterspringerville@dioceseofgallup.org Thank you

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

9:00 am Mass +Marian Castillo by the Campos Family

11:00 am Mass +Poor Souls in Purgatory

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 9:00am +Mr. & Mrs. Chester Dyson by Bob & Kay Dyson

Tuesday 9:00am +Poor Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday 9:00am +Pat Hanrahan by Bob & Kay Dyson

Thursday 9:00am +Poor Souls in Purgatory

Friday 9:00am John & Jean Hall by St Peter's Parish

PRAYER TREE - LET US PRAY FOR:

Maria & Clara Archuleta, Jeanne Allen, Joe Warne, Larry Tyrrell, Tom Malone, Eva Orona, David & Geri Silva, Margie Govey, Cora Lee, Liz Ketrang, Jeannette Davis, Maria Lopez, Angela Gonzales, Joe and Margie Tapia, Bernice & Roxanne Chavez, Lilly Hill, Sophie Pena, Juan Quevedo, Lydia Gonzalez, Sophie Montoya.

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