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**Reflection of today's Gospel (Luke 11:1-13)**

As Jesus and his disciples make their way to Jerusalem, he has been teaching them by word and example how to follow him on the way. At one point on the journey, they see Jesus praying, prompting one of his disciples to ask that Jesus teach them to pray as John the Baptist had taught this disciples. Jesus gives them a threefold teaching. He begins by telling them simply, "When you pray, say," followed by a brief prayer addressed to the Father. Next he presents a parable illustrating the need for persistence. Then he concludes with sayings that further develop how a loving father responds to a child who asks.

The prayer that Jesus teaches is communal in nature, with believers together addressing God as Father. In teaching this prayer, Jesus is also outlining how his disciples are to live as children of one Father. They begin by honoring the holiness of God, a common feature in Jewish prayer: "Sanctified be his great name." Praying that God's Kingdom will come also has background in Judaism. "His Kingdom rules over all: (Psalm 103:19). Jesus' prayer asks that God's rule may be made effective here and now and would likely remind his disciples how Jesus had proclaimed the Kingdom of God, making it present through his words and actions. The petitions that follow are, in fact, features of the Kingdom of God: bread each day and forgiveness both given and received. The final petition, similar to Jesus' prayer in the garden (22:40), asks that the disciples be spared from the final apocalyptic testing.

Like Jesus' prayer, the parable is quite short, depicting a scenario that the disciples could well imagine. Since we have heard the persistent and bold prayer of Abraham in the first reading today, we have double illustration of the necessity of perseverance in prayer. The boldness of Abraham is well matched by the friend's persistence, anaideia in Greek, a term that means "shameless resolve." The final segment of teaching reinforces the necessity of repeatedly asking God for what we need. Ask, seek, knock. The verb forms imply continued action and can be understood as "keep on asking, seeking, knocking." The Father will not be turned away by such persistence but will give good things to the children who ask, even giving them the Holy Spirit.



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July 28, 2019: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

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**MASSES**

Weekdays: Tuesday 5:30 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:30 A.M.  
Thursday 7:45 A.M.  
Friday 7:45 A.M.  
Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 P.M.  
SUNDAY MASS 10:00 A.M.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Weekdays by Appointment  
Saturday 4:30 P.M.  
Sunday 9:30 A.M.

**BAPTISM:** By Appointment

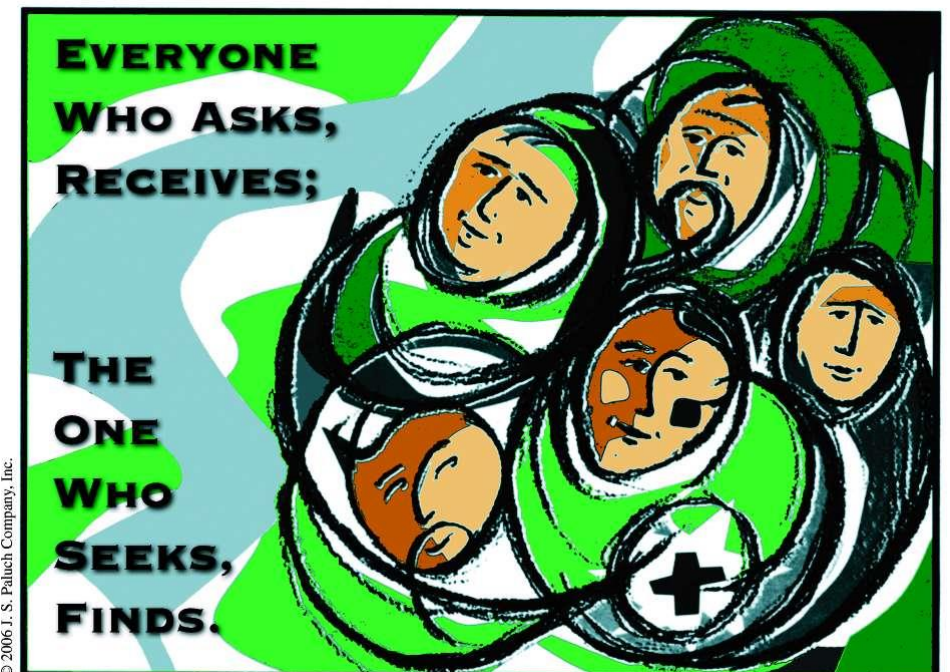
**MATRIMONY:** Contact the Office 6 months before the celebration

**ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:** Anytime: Please call the Office

**ROSARY & ADORATION:** Every Wednesday at 7:30 am before Mass and every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 5:30 pm

**Funerals**

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.



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**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today's Readings: Genesis 18:20–32; Psalm 138:1–3, 6–8; Colossians 2:12–14; Luke 11:1–13

**BARGAINING WITH GOD**

In the first reading from Genesis today, we hear one of the most protracted deal-making scenes between a human and God in all of the Bible. It was this sort of courageous standing toe-to-toe with the Almighty that helped earn Abraham the reputation of being a fearlessly faithful man, one who lived his end of the covenant and, in deep, trusting faith, would call upon the Lord to live up to the other end. Other ancient religions had accounts of mortals bartering with the divine, but for a mere man to whittle down the divinity's requirements, to stay the wrathful hand of the heavens for the sake of a handful of the innocent, was new and remarkable. Abraham began the trajectory that would find a pinnacle in Christ on the cross, where his own "faith in the power of God" (Colossians 2:12) would lead him not to care how many innocent there were, but to offer himself as a sacrifice so that all might be forgiven their transgressions and allowed to live in life eternal.

### Golden Group Bulletin Notice

The Golden Group August lunch meeting is Wednesday, August 7th. To escape the hot dog days of summer this is our "Let's go out for Lunch" road trip, we will be going to Kravers Seafood Restaurant on Leroy Stevens Rd, just north of Cottage Hill Rd. We will meet there at 11:30, if you would like to carpool please be at the church parking lot by 11:00 to travel to Kravers. If you will be joining us for the lunch trip, please let Ann Jackson know or call 610-3692, as we will need a headcount for a reservation for our group. We look forward to seeing everyone and we will be sharing news on our fall projects.

### Known Birthdays for July

6 <sup>th</sup> : Kerry Ladnier	25 <sup>th</sup> : Neal Fisher
9 <sup>th</sup> : Steve Cauley	25 <sup>th</sup> : Harold Vaughn
9 <sup>th</sup> : Jonathan Oliver	25 <sup>th</sup> : Perry Lewis
10 <sup>th</sup> : Kassi Reynolds	25 <sup>th</sup> : Jennifer Schilling
16: Ann Jackson	26 <sup>th</sup> : Debra Johnson
17 <sup>th</sup> : Mary Kirchoff	27 <sup>th</sup> : Matthew Baker
17 <sup>th</sup> : John Ramsay	28 <sup>th</sup> : Hayden Teofilo
18 <sup>th</sup> : Adolph Payne	29 <sup>th</sup> : Ty Teofilo
19 <sup>th</sup> : Greg Taylor	31 <sup>st</sup> : Erica Murray
	31 <sup>st</sup> : Tony Cosentino

### Known Anniversaries for July

2<sup>nd</sup>: Father Sherwin 14<sup>th</sup> Priestly Anniversary  
12<sup>th</sup>: Glenda and Bobby Poiroux  
25<sup>th</sup>: Shirley and Tommy Rasmussen  
31<sup>st</sup>: Debbie and Perry Lewis

### STRIKING A SCARY DEAL

In teaching his disciples how to pray, Jesus gives them the benefit of the doubt: "Forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us" (Luke 11:4). It is not too difficult to imagine Jesus looking around at his followers rather pointedly as he says this, eyebrows arched, perhaps emphasizing the word "everyone" as he spoke. This, when truly prayed, is a scary invitation (or challenge) to God: forgive us in the same way and to the same degree that we forgive others. Perhaps we count on the Almighty to live up to the forgiveness end of the bargain even when we fail to; we, therefore, don't really seem to believe the fact that God can reserve the right to say "OK" to this invitation at any time, and make us bear the consequences. A good barometer of whether or not we're truly sincere in our invitation might be whether or not we break out in a cold sweat when we pray it. Can we always count on God to be merciful and forgiving? Yes. Can we always count on God to honor every agreement God enters into? Again, yes.

### DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

**Mass Intentions for the week of 07-27-19 thru 08-02-19**  
27<sup>th</sup>: -- For the eternal repose of the soul of deceased members of the parish  
28<sup>th</sup>: -- Mass for the intentions of all members of the parish  
30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>: For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Edith Jones.

### Weekend of August 03 & 04, 2019

#### **MASS MINISTERS:**

<b>EMCH:</b>	<u>5:00 pm Sat.</u> Linda Graham Colleen Gray	<u>10:00 am Sun.</u> Matt Johnson Emilee Sprinkle
<b>Lectors:</b>	Andrea Graham Jay Graham	Dana Baker John McBride
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Wyatt Medders	Volunteers
<b>Ushers:</b>	Steve Cauley Kevin Cauley Chuck Pierce Wayne Jackson	Mike Marchand Mike Courtney Avis Garrett Tom Thornton

#### **Altar Care & Church Cleaning**

**Altar Care:** August 2019  
Ruth Pigorsch

**Church Cleaning:** August 3 & 4, 2019  
Le Ann Taylor & La Shea Payne

#### **STEWARDSHIP FOR July 21, 2019**

Regular: \$2,111.00  
Missionary: \$185.00

#### **DAILY MASS COMMITMENT**

Please share your time by making a commitment one day a week to attend a daily Mass.

**TUESDAY – 5:30 PM**  
**WEDNESDAY – 7:30 AM**  
**THURSDAY – 7:45 AM**  
**FRIDAY – 7:45 AM**

Please signify which day you would like to attend. There are folders on a table in the church hall where you can sign up to attend a specific Mass.

#### **HOMEBOUND MASS FILMING:**

The next Homebound Mass Filming will take place July 30, 2019 and will be filmed at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Chickasaw. Mass time will be 9:00 am and Father Saucier will be celebrating the Masses.

#### **NURSING HOME OUTREACH:**

Every First Friday of the Month there is a Mass celebrated at the Grand Bay Convalescent Home at 10:00 A.M. **Join US!**

#### **HOUSE BLESSINGS**

We highly encourage **House Blessings**. Please call Father Sherwin to schedule the blessing of your home.

### Events/Announcements for Week of July 27, 2019

- 1) **The Golden Group August meeting** will be Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at "Kravers". See the Golden Group notice on page "2" of this bulletin.
- 2) **The Knights of Columbus Council 15490 and Ladies Auxiliary** will hold a dinner business meeting on Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. We will start the meeting at 5:30 with the rosary and benediction for those who can come that early. We will follow with dinner and then the regular business meetings.
- 3) **Second Collection** next Sunday is for Latin America.
- 4) **August 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>** are the dates for this year's "One Faith Family Conference. Please plan to attend. Detailed information is in the Catholic Week and also on this page of the bulletin below the announcements.
- 5) **All "Youth"** that have made their first communion and would like to serve on the altar please sign-up on the sheet in the church hall. Father Sherwin is planning to hold a class and would like to have as many of the youth as possible to sign-up for the privilege and honor of serving on the altar.
- 6) **If you are not currently a Lector** and would like to be one, please write your name, a contact number and the word "Lector" on a piece of paper and put it in the collection. You will be contacted and there is no obligation.
- 7) **Known Birthdays:** 27<sup>th</sup>: Matthew Baker, 28<sup>th</sup>: Hayden Teofilo, 29<sup>th</sup>: Ty Teofilo, 31<sup>st</sup>: Erica Murray, Tony Cosentino, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ida Clark, **Known Anniversaries:** 31<sup>st</sup>: Debbie and Perry Lewis

#### DO YOU NEED SPIRITUAL DIRECTIONS?

Fr. Sherwin, the Pastor of this parish holds office from 10:00AM to 3:00PM. Should you want Spiritual assistance, call the parish office at 865-6902

#### One Faith / One Family Conference

Whether single or married, young or old, the entire Archdiocese of Mobile family is invited to "One Faith One Family.

This family conference returns August 2 & 3 at the Daphne Civic Center and it provides an opportunity for the entire archdiocesan family to come together, regardless of background.

This is the one time when the entire design of the weekend is with everybody in mind. Please come out and enjoy a family building event together. See the "Catholic Week" for details including cost.



Toby Robison, Linda Graham, Matt Johnson, Larry Robertson, Martha Davis, Ed Thornton, Margaret Hampton, Frank Pigorsch, Jay Graham, Stephanie Ray, Jerry Wigfield, Msg. Warren Wall, Houston Gunn, Tom Thornton, Mike Knowles, Steve Sevier, Ida Clark, Penny Dupont, Sara Thornton, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, Doug Jones, Joe Gable, Ann Gable, Lenny Motykiewicz, Ali Stringfellow Ray, Lisa Kloechener, Valeria Wallace, Donnie Wilson, Bobby McManus, Joe Watts, Sean Guillotte, Michelle Cook, Reggie Stewart, Nonie Reed, Betty Gunter, Tiffany Fontenot, Jimmy Marchand, Joe Ecker, Glenn Boney, Aubreigh Nichols, Ann Vick, Wayne Seymour, Frances Walley, H. Sanders, Cora Grigsby, Patricia Davis, Maurine Habley, Ray Thornton, Joe Whitson, Cory Moncrief, Carolyn Collier, Vicenta Obsenares, Rachel Vallas, Edgar Gunter, Victoria Porter, Jonathan Cruz, Gennie Garret, Becky Thompson, Bob Echement, Lilly Breaux, James Wink, Mike Wilson, Roger Young, Leyah White.