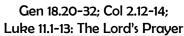






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Sunday, July 27, 2025, Vol. 229 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)





Focus: The Lord's Prayer and Perseverance in Prayer

The readings this week remind us of the importance of prayer. The first reading tells us about how Abraham SUMMARY prayed to God for the sake of Sodom and Gomorrah God is our Father, and like any good father, he wants us to come to him with every need we have. When we truly because God was going to destroy the city for their sins. build a relationship with God and see ourselves as Abraham bargained with God, asking him to spare the beloved children, we will have the courage to be cities if God would find even just ten holy people there. Abraham was able to speak to God in such an intimate persistent in prayer and not give up when we pray to God for our needs and the needs of others. This is the core and sincere fashion because Abraham had a relationship of stewardship, to love and give to others the same way with God. Abraham was aware of the awesome power that God had, but like friends speaking to each other, that God our Father loves us and gives us many gifts and blessings. Abraham was able to ask the Lord for mercy on the people.

What prayers have gone unanswered in your life? How The Lord wants us to persevere in prayer as Abraham do you maintain trust in God when God's work seems persevered when asking the Lord for mercy on the people. mysterious or distant? Jesus teaches us this lesson through the story he presents in the Gospel. When the first friend in the story approaches LIVING LIKE THE SAINTS the second in the middle of the night for food, the second "Prayer gives the armor of patience to those who suffer, who feel pain, who are distressed." + Tertullian, priest listens because of the relationship that they have and because of the persistence of the first. When Jesus teaches (160-225 A.D.)

Vision Statement: Journeying together in our quest for holiness. Mission Statement: To become intentional disciples of Jesus Christ, nurtured by the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Patron, and accompanied by the shepherds, coordinators and people of our Church

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the disciples the "Our Father", he's showing us that God is not a distant God, but he is close to us for he is a Father and loves us like one. Like any good father, God in his love will give to his children all that they ask for if it is for their well-being and salvation.

Do we see God as our Father? Do we go to him with all our problems and needs? Are we persistent in prayer like Abraham was? When we see ourselves as beloved children of God and learn to rely on God for our every need, our lives become transformed. This is the core of stewardship, to love and give to others out of gratitude for the love and gifts God has given us. If we struggle with our identity as beloved children of God, let us take some time this week to reflect on this identity, and how as children of God, we are called to serve the Church in turn out of love for God and his people.

SELF-EXAMINATION

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WHAT IS INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP?

Intentional discipleship means deliberately choosing to follow Jesus Christ every day—with conviction, faith, and love. It is not simply being Catholic by habit or family tradition. It is a conscious, personal response to the One who calls us: "Follow me."

In baptism, each of us was united to Christ and called to holiness. But many Catholics may go through the motions of faith without truly embracing the mission of discipleship. Intentional discipleship challenges us to move from being consumers of faith to committed followers of Christ.

It means:

- Developing a real relationship with Jesus through daily prayer
- Growing in understanding of Scripture and Church teaching
- Receiving the sacraments with faith and reverence
- Serving others through acts of charity and justice
- Living our faith openly and joyfully in the world



Discipleship is not a private journey. It is lived within the Church, especially in the parish. Every intentional disciple is also a missionary disciple-called not only to grow in holiness, but to help others do the same. Pope Francis reminds us:

"Each of us is a mission on this earth... I am a mission, always: you are a mission." (Evangelii Gaudium, 273)

Intentional discipleship transforms parishes. It moves us from maintenance to mission, from obligation to joy, from programs to people. It renews our identity as the Body of Christ: active, prayerful, generous, and united.

So let us ask: Have I truly chosen to follow Christ? Am I growing, serving, and witnessing intentionally?

The journey of intentional discipleship begins with a "yes" to Jesus. And every day is a new chance to say it again-with our hearts, our choices, and our lives.

MASS INTENTIONS

29 Tue	SI -Mark Chapin By Deborah Graham	02 Sat 4 PM	RM—Diane Moore By Marlene Ybarra
30 Wed	SI—Steven Graham By Deborah Graham	03 Sun 8 AM	Pro Populo
31 Thu	SI—Steven Graham By Deborah Graham	9:30 AM	SI—Steven Graham By Deborah Graham
01 Fri	SI—Steven Graham By Deborah Graham	11;30 AM	RM—Jorge Gonzales By Rosa Gonzales



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Friday, August 15th HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Devotion & Mass Times

Morning: 8:30 Rosary | 9:00 Mass Evening: 5:30 Rosary 6:00 Bilingual Mass



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CALENDAR AND SCHEDULES

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

28 Mon	Office Closed
29 Tue	8:00 AM Rosary & Mass 9:00 <mark>Mother of Perpetual Help</mark>
30 Wed	8:00 AM Rosary & Mass 9:00 Devotion to St. Joseph
31 Thu	8:00AM Divine Mercy & Mass 9:00 Devotion to Padre Pio
01 Fri	8:00AM Rosary & Mass 9:00 to 12 Noon Sacred Heart ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
02 Sat	8:00 AM BVM, Our Lady of Saturday 3:00 PM Confessions 4:00 PM Mass
O3 Sun	8:00 AM Mass-St Joseph 9:30 AM Mass-St Dominic 11:30 AM Mass-OLS
LI	TURGICAL CELEBRATIONS
28 Mon	Monday, 17th Week in OT Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35
29 Tue	(M) Sts. Marth, Mary & Lazarus Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 /Jn 11:19-27
30 Wed	Wednesday, 17th Week in OT (m) Saint Peter Chrysologus) Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46
31 Thu	M) St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53
01 Fri	(M) St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor. Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b- 37/Mt 13:54-58
02 Sat	Saturday, 17th Week in OT (m) [Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest, Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12
03 Sun	18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Eccl 1:2;2:21-23/Col 3:1-11/Lk 12:13-21
SECO	ND COLLECTIONS JULY/AUG
27-July	Maintenance Fund (P)
03-Aug	Religious Education (P)
17-Aug	Cathedral Maintenance (D)
24-Aug	Maintenance Fund (P)