

# SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

## ORDINARY TIME

If we look closely we will be able  
to find God in the ordinary of our lives.

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 07, 2024

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*St. Francis de Sales ~ Pray for Us*

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Thank you.

## 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 07, 2024

Ezekiel 2:2-5

Psalms 123:1-2,2, 3-34(2cd)/2

Corinthians 12:7-10

Mark 6:1-6a

## MASS Times

Daily: 8:15 AM, Monday thru Friday

Saturday: 8:15 AM and

5:00 PM → Sunday Anticipated Mass

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12-Noon

Confessions: 4:00 PM on Saturdays

Baptisms and Weddings:

Please make arrangements by calling the Parish Office.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>July 06</b> 8:15 AM <i>For the Intentions of St. Expedite</i> 5:00 PM <i>In Memory of Georgina Tupas</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>July 07</b> 8:00 AM <i>For the Intentions of Kevin Mercer</i> 10:00 AM <i>In Memories of Zoltan &amp; 2 Brothers Horosny</i> 12:00 PM <i>In Memory of Celita De Castro</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>July 08</b> 8:15 AM <i>In Memory of Michael Cahill</i> <i>For the Intentions of Janet Cahill</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>July 09</b> 8:15 AM <i>In Memory of Senye Corbo</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>July 10</b> 8:15 AM <i>For the Intentions of St. Expedite</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>July 11</b> 8:15 AM <i>No Mass Intentions</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>July 12</b> 8:15 AM <i>No Mass Intentions</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>July 13</b> 8:15 AM <i>No Mass Intentions</i> 5:00 PM <i>In Memory of Louise Serra Brown</i>

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, 07/07	<i>14th Sunday In Ordinary Time</i>
Monday, 07/09	<i>St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companions, Martyrs</i>
Thursday, 07/11	<i>St. Benedict, Abbot</i>
Saturday, 07/13	<i>St. Henry</i>

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Week of 06/28 — 07/01/2024

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Total: \$11,892.00

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The Dead**



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Find out more about mandated reporters at: [childwelfare.gov](http://childwelfare.gov)

## ***Three Parables Teach us the essentials of Prayer***

By Fr. Jeffrey R. Kirby

At the heart of Christian discipleship is the call to prayer. As followers of the Lord Jesus, we are invited to walk His way, and such a way centers around prayer. We cannot faithfully live the Christian way of life if we are not living a life of prayer.

The Lord Jesus showed us the importance of prayer by surrounding His own life with times and moments of prayer.

In addition, the Lord also taught about prayer and stressed its importance to us. Such teachings are especially found in His collection of parables. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us:

*“Three Principal Parables on Prayer are transmitted to us by St. Luke.”*

Each of these *Three Principal Parables* highlights some essential aspect of prayer.

The First Parable is of the friend who comes at night and needs food for a guest.

The Catechism teaches: The First Parable: The importunate friend, invites us to urgent prayer.

*“Knock, and it will be opened to you.”* To the one who prays like this, the heavenly Father will give whatever he/she needs, and above all the Holy Spirit who contains all gifts.”

The parable rightly stresses the urgency of prayer, especially when there are pressing or emergency needs. It is the power of prayer that will turn chaos into peace, distress into tranquility. We turn to prayer in order to regain what has been taken from our souls by stressful situations. We turn to prayer to encounter God and find virtuous and good solutions to unsettling state of affairs. We slow down, commune with God – Who is above all things, receive divine wisdom, and then take actions that will diminish or end the distress.

The Second Parable is the widow who harasses the judge for a verdict.

She is relentless and exhausts the judge to the point that he gives a ruling on her case.

The Catechism teaches: The Second Parable, The importunate widow, is centered on one of the qualities of prayer: *“It is necessary to pray always without ceasing and with the patience of faith.”*

And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth.

Perseverance is a rare virtue in Western society today. Many people are eager to roll over, admit defeat, and move along. Such defeatism is also found in prayer. Some will say, “I tried to pray, but it didn’t work!” Work? What exactly is meant when someone says prayer doesn’t work? It oftentimes means that the person didn’t get what they wanted, when they wanted, and how they wanted. In other words, God didn’t obey them.

Prayer, however, is not about getting something. It’s about encountering God and being changed by His grace. Prayer works, if we are willing to persevere. Sometimes we get what we want. Other times not so much. In either case, prayer works. God’s will is done. Our task is to persevere and trust in His ways.

The Third Parable is the Pharisee and the tax collector in the Temple. The Pharisee is filled with self-importance and pride, while the tax collector knows that he is a sinner, beats his breast and begs for mercy. The Catechism teaches:

The Third Parable: The Pharisee and the tax collector, concerns the humility of the heart that prays: *“God, be merciful to me, a sinner!”* The Church continues to make this prayer its own: *Kyrie eleison!*

Humility is the only path that prayer feels comfortable to tread. Humility is needed if we are going to truly pray. It is only the heart that knows where it stands before God that will have the necessary openness to truly pray, speaking honestly before God and quieting itself so that God can be heard and listened to when He speaks. Docility is the key that opens the spiritual life.

The way of humility is the way of the Lord, and so humility is the way of prayer. Pride and arrogance pounces on the soul and hubris chokes the life of grace from the heart. In such slavery, the soul cannot aspire or respond to the call of prayer.

In these three parables, the Lord Jesus gives us a plain, no-nonsense instruction on prayer. Prayer needs a sense of urgency. Prayer needs to persevere. And prayer needs humility if it is going to grow and flourish within us.

## ***St. Benedict***

Feast Day July 11

### **Father of Western Monasticism**

In general, monasticism, literally the act of "dwelling alone" (Greek, *monos*, *monachos*), identifies the mode of life pertaining to persons living in seclusion from the world, under religious vows and subject to a fixed rule, as monks, friars, nuns or in general, religious. The basic idea of monasticism in all its varieties is seclusion or withdrawal from the world or society. The object of this withdrawal is to achieve a life whose ideal is different from and largely at variance with that pursued by the majority of people and the method adopted, no matter what its precise details may be, is always self-abnegation or organized asceticism. Monastic life is bound by ascetical practices expressed typically in the vows of celibacy, poverty, and obedience, called the evangelical counsels.

The first expression of monasticism in the Christian Era was that of hermits. Their inspiration was that of Isaiah the Prophet who never married, moved about and lived in caves, St. John the Baptist who withdrew to the desert and the Lord Jesus who went to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. Some men chose to move away from home, family and friends, often in the wilderness or desert, to strip themselves of many of the distractions of life and devote themselves to solitude to draw ever closer to God and God's people through prayer and penance. Some would live apart from everyone else while others would live in huts or caves close to one another but separate from each other. The word *hermit* comes from the Latin *ĕrĕmĭta*, the Latinisation of the Greek *erĕmĭtĕs*, "of the desert". Most famous of the hermits was St. Anthony of Egypt (250-355) who is often called the father of monasticism.

This form of solitary living, however, did not suit everyone. Some monks found the eremitic style to be too lonely and difficult. If not spiritually prepared a hermit could easily compromise his mental/emotional health. For this reason, organized monastic communities were established so that monks could have more support in their efforts to live a more spiritual life through **Asceticism**, a lifestyle characterized by abstinence from worldly pleasures for the purpose of pursuing spiritual goals.

While eremitic monks did have an element of socializing, since they would meet once a week to pray together, cenobitic monks came together for common prayer on a more regular basis.

A variation of the life of a hermit emerged in medieval Europe. This was that of an anchorite (male) and anchoress (female). Unlike hermits, anchorites were required to take a vow of stability of place, opting for a permanent enclosure in cells often attached to churches. Also unlike hermits, anchorites went through a religious ceremony of consecration that closely resembled the funeral rite, following which they would be considered dead to the world. Anchorites had a certain autonomy as they did not answer to any ecclesiastical authority apart from bishops.

Most anchoritic cells were small with three windows. Viewing the altar, hearing Mass and receiving Holy Communion were possible through one small, shuttered window in the common wall facing the sanctuary, called a "hagioscope" or "squint". Anchorites provided spiritual advice and counsel to visitors through these windows, gaining a reputation for wisdom. Another small window allowed access to those who saw to the anchorite's physical needs. A third window, often facing the street but covered with translucent cloth, allowed light into the cell.

Anchorites ate frugal meals, spending their days both in contemplative prayer and interceding on behalf of others. Their body waste was managed using a chamber pot. Some anchorites had a few small rooms or attached gardens. Servants tended to the basic needs of anchorites, providing food and water and removing waste.

In addition to being the physical location wherein the anchorite could embark on a journey toward union with God, the anchorite also provided spiritual advice and guidance.

An abbot is the head and chief governor of a community of monks. The word abbot (male) or abbess (female) is from the Latin *abbas* (father), from Greek *abbas* and Aramaic *abba*.

Christianity was legalized in 313 which allowed for the free development of Christianity. Some who found the life of the hermit appealing, also saw the advantage of living in a community of like-minded people. The English words *cenobite* and *cenobitic* are derived, via Latin, from the Greek words *koinos* (κοινός, lit. 'common'), and *bios* (βίος, lit. 'life').

To Be Continued Next Week.

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Sunday, August 11th at 2:00 p.m.  
St. Francis de Sales Parish Center

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*In the Footsteps of St. Paul & St. John*  
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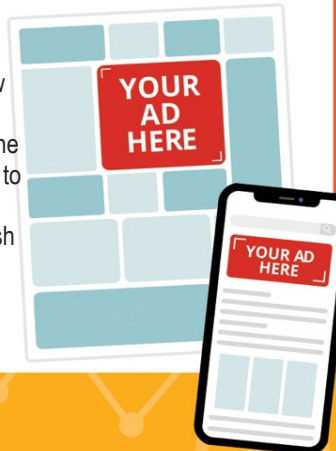
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