

## Lord, teach us to pray

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." (Luke 11:1) In response, Jesus taught His disciples to say the words of the Our Father when praying: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test." (Luke 11:2-4)



The Our Father is widely considered a perfect prayer due to its structure and content; it reflects Jesus' teachings on prayer and prioritizes God's will. It teaches us how to approach God, starting with due reverence to God and then followed by petitions for our spiritual and physical needs. When we pray the Our Father, we should say it slowly and sincerely mean the words we say.

But Jesus did not stop there; He went on to tell His disciples the parable of the importune friend in order to teach them the importance of persevering in prayer. Jesus also encouraged His disciples to trust God when praying; He said to them: "And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." (Luke 11:9-10)

Jesus' response to His disciple's request of "Teach us to pray," shows us that prayer is much more than knowing which words to say, prayer also has a lot to do with how we pray. Jesus teaches us that we have to pray with a persevering heart. Prayer is not something that is done only once or only a few times in a person's lifetime. Prayer is something that is done on a regular basis – the more times the better, daily if not several times a day. However, perseverance in prayer isn't only about praying often; it is about continuing to pray even when it isn't easy to pray, or when we don't see immediate results and when we feel discouraged.

To persevere in prayer means to maintain a consistent and determined approach to communicating with God, believing that He hears our prayers and that He will answer our prayers in His own time and in His own way. Perseverance in prayer demonstrates faith, trust, and a commitment to have a relationship with God. Perseverance in prayer also shows that we trust in God's goodness, power and timing. By persevering in prayer, we acknowledge that God is the source of all blessings and that He desires to bless us. Finally, perseverance in prayer leads to a personal transformation because it reveals our priorities, it refines our character, and it deepens our relationship with God.

One of the exhortations of St. Paul to Christians is to persevere in prayer: "Let (your) love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor. Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer." (Romans 12:9-12)

A great example of perseverance in prayer is St. Monica; she was a Christian, but her husband and son were not. Some sources say that she prayed for the conversion of her husband for 30 years, and she prayed for her son Augustine's conversion for at least 17 years. The fruits of her perseverance in prayer were that Augustine converted and went on to become a bishop and a great saint, and her husband was baptized before he died shortly thereafter. What if St. Monica gave up praying for her husband and son? The result could have been two lost souls.

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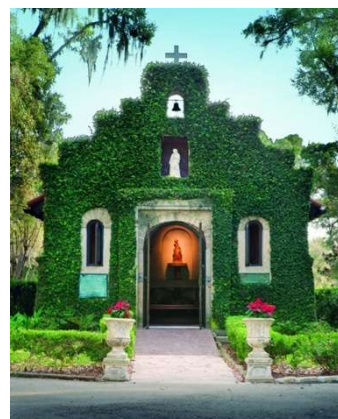
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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our parish pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche in St. Augustine, Florida, will be from November 24-26. This peaceful and beautiful site is where the first recorded Catholic Mass in the United States was celebrated in 1565. Participants will arrange by themselves to carpool to the shrine on Monday, November 24. We have negotiated a group rate at Hampton Inn with breakfast for our 3-day/2-night stay. We will collect \$250/adult which covers accommodations and fee to celebrate Mass at the shrine on November 25. Special accommodations can be arranged for families with children. Please sign up for the pilgrimage now with Long Che so that we can reserve the number of rooms that we will need in the Hampton Inn.



Sunday School classes for the 2025-2026 schoolyear will begin on August 17. Copies of the class schedule are available in the church foyer and have been posted on the classroom door and the parish website.

The first OCIA class will be on August 10 in the conference room after the 10:30am Mass. Copies of the OCIA Liturgical Schedule are available in the church foyer and have been posted on the parish website.

Attention altar servers and their parents: please sign up in the Altar Server sign-up sheet for August and September. The sign-up sheet is in the same binder as the Mass Intentions and Lectors sign-up sheet.

Prayer List: Xu Chunmei, Fu Delan, John Grissom, Chen Kun, Chen Shupeng, Ni Yufang, Lydia Chen, David Wang, Chen Jianxin, Liang Chenjing and Xu Taicheng.
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Mass Schedule	Confessions	Bible Study
Sundays 10:30 AM (Chinese)	Sundays 9:00-9:30 AM	Wednesdays 10:00 AM (Chinese)
Sundays 2:00 PM (English)	Tuesdays 2:00-3:00 PM	Mondays 6:00 PM (English)
	By Appointment	
Mondays 12:00 PM (English)		<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>
Tuesdays 12:00 PM (English)	<b>Anointing of the Sick</b>	Sundays 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Wednesdays 12:00 PM (Chinese)	First Sundays after 10:30 AM Mass	Tuesdays 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Fridays 12:00 PM (English)		
First Friday 7:00 PM (English)		
First Saturday 10:00 AM (Chinese)		