



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Reading I: Genesis 18, 20-32;

Responsorial Psalm: 137, 1-2a. 2bcd-3. 6-7ab. 7c-8.

Reading II: Colossians 2, 12-14.

Gospel: Luke 11, 1-13.

Revised Roman Missal: 961

Gospel Summary

This Gospel reminds us of three things. First of all the disciples asked Jesus how to pray and he gave them a model we call the Our Father. Jesus gave the disciples a form of prayer that praises and petitions God. Next there was the example of a friend who came in the middle of the night to another's house asking for bread. The visitor awoke his friend with a plea for bread, but the sleeping friend did not want to be disturbed. Perhaps it would not be their friendship that got the first man his loaf of bread, but his persistence. So, the only way to continue his night's sleep was for the second man to give his friend the bread. In this parable, Jesus made clear that we need to be persistent in prayer. Finally, Jesus asked what father would hand his son a snake when asked for a fish, or a scorpion when asked for an egg. The point of this illustration was to show the disciples that God would give us the most important gift, the Holy Spirit.

Reflection for Families

It is easier for parents to appreciate the love God has for each of us. We strive to care for our children and provide the things necessary for their well being. We see to it that they have nutritious meals rather than junk food each day. We find a way to provide warm clothing and shoes in the cold weather. We don't hand our children something that would harm them when they ask for something that would nourish or protect them. We learn from this Gospel today that the greatest gift God can give us is the Holy Spirit. Like a child, we only need to stretch out our arms and be open to receive this gift.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

As you pray the Our Father this week, have each family member reword the prayer in a way that brings meaning to that person's life in the twenty-first century. What is the daily bread you require? What is it that you really need most? When you ask for sins to be forgiven, what are they? What are the hurts you need to forgive someone else for? What are the things that tempt us not to follow God's ways? As your family prays this week, focus on each phrase and encourage everyone to think about exactly what they are saying or asking for when they say the words of this familiar prayer.

Discussion Starters

1. There are many times God has answered my prayers. One time I remember in particular was when ...
2. One thing I do when it is difficult for me to pray is ...
3. One time when my persistence paid off was when ...

“ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS”

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY 2022

TO ALL THE GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY OF SJC'S PARISHIONERS.
MAY LORD BLESS THEM WITH LONG LIFE, HAPPINESS & HEALTH.



◆ SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection at all Masses in support of the Tunggulian Cemetery Fund. Thank you for your generosity and support.

◆ KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR (KOTA)

All male youth who have received their First Holy Communion and are interested in serving the church are encouraged to join the Knights of the Altar.

For those who have the form and are interested in joining, please return the filled-up registration form to the parish office or Andre. Forms are also available at the parish office. Please contact Andre (7169165) for more information.

◆ PIANO AND SLIDES OPERATORS FOR MASS

The Liturgical Ministry - Choirs is looking for volunteers to help operate the piano and slides for Sunday Mass. If you are willing to help, please contact the Parish Office and we will organise a training session.

CONFESSIONS

Half-an-hour before Sunday Mass or by appointment.

DEVOTIONS

Holy Hour—Every Wednesday after the 5.30 p.m. daily Mass.

The Holy Hour, after the daily Mass at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 27th July is dedicated for praying for those who are sick. Everyone is encouraged to spend some time with the Lord in prayer.

2-Hour Eucharistic Adoration—*Please note the Mass time change to 5:30 pm and there will be no Holy Hour on Wednesday, 3rd August. Next Eucharistic Adoration is on Friday, 5th August, devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.*

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help—Every Saturday after the 5:30pm daily Mass.

The First Saturday of the month on 6th August will be devoted to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

INFANT BAPTISM

Every third week of the month. Please register at the Parish Office during office hours.

DAY	MASS & OTHER EVENTS	READINGS	TIME
Monday 25	17TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	2 Cor 4, 7-15; Mt 20, 20-28.	5:30PM
Tuesday 26	17TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	Eccl/Sirach 44, 1. 10-15; Mt 13, 16-17.	5:30PM
Wednesday 27	<i>17TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME</i> HOLY HOUR	Jer 15, 10. 16-21. Mt 13, 44-46.	5:30PM
Thursday 28	17TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	Jer 18, 1-6; Mt 13, 47-53.	5:30PM
Friday 29	17TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	1 Jn 4, 7-16; Jn 11, 19– 27 or Lk 10, 38-42.	12:15PM
Saturday 30	17TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP	Jer 26, 11-16. 24; Mt 14, 1-12.	5:30PM
Sunday 31	18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Eccl 1, 2; 2, 21-23; Col 3, 1-5. 9-11. Lk 12, 13-21.	9:00AM 6:00PM