

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 27, 2025

You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

-- Colossians 2:12



### Daily Mass

Week of July 28<sup>th</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup>

Monday: 8:00 Christine Rennie +  
 Tuesday: 8:00 Helene Plotken+  
 Wednesday: 8:00 Maria & Wellington Loh+  
 Thursday: 8:00 Larry Soletti+  
 Friday: 8:00 Scott MacPherson Stapleton+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Lisa Wemple, Sarah Wren, Marian Flandick, James Breen, Janet Laurent, Mike Abell, Michael Carter, Anil Siu, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini and

Cecilia Uyeda.

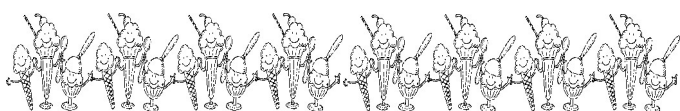
### Weekly Collections

July 20, 2025	\$7,505.00
Missionary Co-op Appeal	\$2,473.00

### Challenging God!

Ancient Judaism held in highest regard those figures in its tradition who were willing to challenge God. This was particularly characteristic of the two patriarchs most highly esteemed, Abraham and Moses. This boldness in addressing God is present in today's story from Genesis, when Abraham attempts to save the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. This resonates with the Gospel passage -- the Lord's Prayer -- since it was truly bold of Jesus to address the Lord God as "Abba." Our familiarity with this prayer most likely makes us unaware of this.

The boldness of Abraham, Moses and Jesus, in addressing God is an expression of a deep, intimate relationship. We tend to argue most heatedly with and speak most tenderly to those whom we love the most. This very human trait is what generates the wide variety of emotions expressed toward God throughout the psalms. Hopefully, our own relationship with God is intimate enough that we don't only come asking for favors or with heads bowed meekly, but also ready to question and argue, to praise joyfully, and to embrace our relationship with God lovingly.



From  
 Father Leo



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

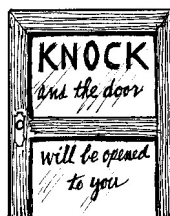
I have often said that the Lord's Prayer is one of the most dangerous prayers to offer to God. Most of us say it so frequently that we fail to fully appreciate the implications of the words. When we say, "... forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, ..." we are opening ourselves up to God's justice or mercy.

We are all sinners in need of God's forgiveness, but God's ability to forgive us is conditioned by our willingness to forgive. God is so just that he will not impose his mercy on us unless we are fully accepting of it. Let me try to explain it this way: mercy is rooted in love and it can only be effective under certain conditions. If we harbor feelings of anger, resentment and hate towards others and we have no desire to change those feelings, we leave God no choice. Because of his respect for our freedom, he cannot impose on us that which we do not want. Mercy by its very nature can only exist in an environment of forgiveness and love. When we refuse to forgive others, we prevent God from forgiving us and we expose ourselves to his justice.

None of us can withstand the justice of God! Our choice is clear: if we want God's mercy, we must work at becoming merciful ourselves. Mercy begets mercy. So, I encourage you to pray the Lord's Prayer with care!

Love, Fr. Leo

### Today's Readings



First Reading -- Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).

Psalm -- Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).

Second Reading -- You were buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with Christ (Colossians 2:12-14).

Gospel -- Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds (Luke 11:1-13).



Enjoy your Summer!

**Summer Food Drive!**

The Corpus Christi Summer Food Drive has begun. Our support of the Alameda County Community Food Bank (ACCFB) is more important than ever. One in four residents in our community is experiencing or is at-risk of hunger. The Living Our Faith Ministry has set an ambitious goal of raising \$15,000 for ACCFB by mid-August. We have already raised nearly \$5,000 in our previous food drives this year, so we're one-third of the way toward reaching this goal! The Summer Food Drive started on June 1<sup>st</sup> and will continue until Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. You may participate using any one (or more) of the following three methods:

\* Donate online at: [donate.accfb.org/vfd/Alameda-County](https://donate.accfb.org/vfd/Alameda-County). Enter Group #6434475 in the Search field to be directed to the Corpus Christi Fundraiser page for ACCFB.

\* Donate non-perishable food items and place them in the 2 large food barrels in the Gibson Center or in the designated baskets in the Church.

The Living Our Faith Ministry and the Corpus Christi Family appreciate your generous response to this tremendous need in our community!

**Thank You Very Much!**

The Living Our Faith Ministry would like to thank you for your incredibly generous response to our Alameda County Community Food Bank Summer Drive. Though we have exceeded our donation goal, we all know that hunger has no end date. Our continued support of the Food Bank will help provide food for our neighbors in need. Please see bookmarks in the pews in the Church and/or the flyers on the credenzas which are provided to facilitate your online donations. Thank you, again, for being the hands and heart of Jesus!

**Saints & Special Observances!**

Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>: Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus  
 Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
 Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest  
 Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
 Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop  
 St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

**Lost and Found!**

If anyone has lost or misplaced something in the Church or Gibson Center, please check with the Parish Office. We may have it!

**Readings For The Week  
July 28<sup>th</sup> -- August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Monday: First Reading Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34;  
 Psalm 106;  
 Gospel Matthew 13:31-35  
 Tuesday: First Reading Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28;  
 Psalm 103;  
 Gospel John 11:19-27  
 Wednesday: First Reading Exodus 34:29-35;  
 Psalm 99;  
 Gospel Matthew 13:44-46  
 Thursday: First Reading Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38;  
 Psalm 84;  
 Gospel Matthew 13:47-53  
 Friday: First Reading Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27;  
 Psalm 81;  
 Gospel Matthew 13:54-58  
 Saturday: First Reading Leviticus 25:1, 8-17;  
 Psalm 67;  
 Gospel Matthew 14:1-12

**Treasures From Our Tradition!**

Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes.

Isn't the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs and spirituality.

**Meditations!**

*I've learnt that people will forget what you said,  
 people will forget what you did, but  
 people will never forget how  
 you made them feel.*

*Maya Angelou*