



SUNDAY MASSES
In Main Church
 Saturday at 5 p.m.
 Sunday at 8, 10 & 12 noon
 Register at [SignUpGenius](#)
 10 am Mass is Livestreamed
 on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and
[St. Peter's website](#)

DAILY MASSES
In Main Church
 Tuesday: 9 am & 5:45 pm
 Wednesday: 9 am
 Thursday: 9 am
 Friday: 9 am
PERPETUAL ADORATION
 Chapel of the Nativity

RECONCILIATION
In Main Church
 Tuesday 5-5:40 pm
 Friday 8-8:50 a.m.
 Saturday 3:30-4:45 p.m.
 Other times by
 appointment.

Sixth Sunday of Easter *May 9, 2021*

As Moses approaches the burning bush, the voice of God tells him to come no closer and to take off his sandals, for the place where he is standing is holy ground.

I spent some time on holy ground in these past days, as I was privileged to be at the bedside of my Aunt Jean, who is 97, and getting ready to make her journey to the Father's house. We hadn't seen each other for a couple of years, but she reached for my hand and clasped it in hers, as I sat next to her bed. My mother was one of 6 girls born to Joseph and Mary LaMere. All but my dear Aunt Jean have gone to heaven, so it was a special gift to be able to spend an hour at her bedside.

Jean went in and out of sleep while I sat with her. She wouldn't let go of my hand for anything. After sitting for a while, I began praying aloud quietly. She was instantly engaged, and the smile on her face told me that what the Lord was speaking to her through me was bringing her comfort and peace. As I prayed and talked with her, the music station in her room changed from old big band tunes to Christian music. Soon "Holy, Holy, Holy" was coming over the speaker. It was a perfect punctuation to the prayers I was praying over her. I spoke the words as the voices sang behind us. What a powerful moment of the Holy Spirit!

As death comes to call us home, our physical faculties begin to fail. My aunt's breathing was labored, and there was a distinct rattle in her chest. Her vision has long since left her, and she was unable to speak. Despite this, there was a powerful connection between us, as she clasped my hand and at times reached for my face or caressed my arm. Here I was with a woman, who blazed a trail in her family. She was one of the only women in my mother's family to work a full-time job. She worked at Honeywell back in the 60's, at a time when many women stayed at home to raise their children. She got up at the crack of dawn and worked a full 40 hour week. She managed to do this and raise two wonderful children. She never expected anything from anyone, and was always the first one to offer help to whomever needed it.

Holy ground. The deathbed of a loved one is a beautiful earthly image of Moses as he approached the burning bush. I could feel the spiritual presence of angels, as I sat in the stillness of her room—sitting, praying, and listening. At one point, I asked her to imagine Jesus looking at her and calling her home with open arms. I could see by the smile on her face that she was indeed having an encounter with the Lord.

As a person prepares for eternal life, there is a peace that often comes over them. They arrive at a place where the things of this world no longer matter, no longer satisfy. There is a wisdom in looking forward to the life to come without regrets of the life we are leaving behind. I wanted my dear auntie to have the best path to eternal life, but I knew that trying to find a priest to offer the last rites on a Monday would be challenging. I tried a couple of priests and had no luck. I remembered that parochial vicars (the modern term for "associate pastor") are most often in on Mondays. I was able to make contact with Father Joe Connelly at St. John Neumann, and he was happy to offer the sacrament to dear Aunt Jean.

As I made the trip home, I thought about my dear mother, who left us too young at the age of 69. She died in December of 1987, one month after our fourth child was born. As Aunt Jean touched my face and caressed my arm, I thought of my mother, who is in heaven, and how wonderful it was to feel her touch through my aunt. It was an emotional experience that I hadn't planned for, but then God never disappoints! I had planned to minister to my dying aunt, and in a beautiful and gentle way, she ministered to me.

It is a humbling experience to stand on holy ground. I am aware that when I serve at the altar, and especially during the doxology, when I elevate the chalice of the Precious Blood while the priest elevates the Body of Christ, I am standing on holy ground. In our lives of faith we all have moments where we stand on holy ground. The birth of a child or witnessing the recovery of someone from a serious illness brings us face to face with our Loving God, as we stand in awe of His greatness.

I received a text message yesterday from my cousin letting me know that Aunt Jean had taken a turn for the worse. I suspect that she will be making her journey home to the Father in the coming days. I will never forget the transforming experience of sitting by her bedside and praying with her, as she held my hand and let me know that God was indeed present with us in that holy place. Jesus walks with us through all the moments of our lives. His presence at the bedside of my dear aunt reminded me again of the amazing and surprising ways that he ministers to us.

In Christ,

 Deacon Tim

YOUTH NEWS AND FAITH FORMATION

PRAYERS FOR ST. PETER'S FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Please pray for the children of our parish, as they complete their preparation to join us at the Lord's Table for the first time, during the month of May. The parents and families have been teaching their children the meaning and the beauty of the Blessed Sacrament and helping them ready themselves for this special encounter with Jesus. The children will participate in their First Holy Communion at one of the following Masses:

- Tuesday, May 11, at 5:45 pm Mass
- Tuesday, May 18 at 5:45 pm Mass

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for our children and their families.

ST PETER'S RE/FF TEAM

To learn more about Faith Formation at St. Peter's, click this link: www.stpetersmendota.org/faith-formation

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021



All Aboard! Save the date for VBS 2021!

This year we are doing a family-based vacation Bible school; parents and children together!

You will have two different sessions to choose from morning or evening.

Evening session: August 2, 3, and 4, from 6 to 8 p.m.

~ OR ~

Morning session: August 4, 5, & 6, from 9 to 11 a.m.

More details will be coming soon!



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Phone: 651-452-4550

BAPTISMS - NEW PARISHIONERS - WEDDINGS
Call the parish office for more information.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Email Lisa Fontecha at lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org or call her at 651-905-4304 or call the parish office.

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Academic excellence, a faith-based education and a supportive community that engages the whole family are just a few reasons why our families love Faithful Shepherd. **Financial aid is available.** To arrange a private tour, please call Molly Altermatt at 651-262-2898. We look forward to meeting and sharing our school with you!

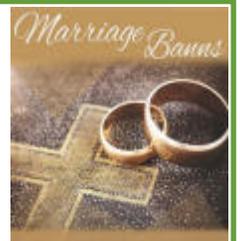
BANNS OF MARRIAGE

First Proclamation

Michael Rivera

&

Sarah Trenkamp



ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS * STEWARDSHIP * COMMUNITY NEWS

HELP WANTED

The Church of St. Peter is looking for a part-time custodian to support evening and weekend activities here at the parish. Duties would include cleaning, vacuuming, trash removal, setup and take down for rental groups. The parish pays a competitive wage. Evening and weekend work is required. On average the position will take 10 to 15 hours per week.

The successful candidate will need to be able to work independently, with specific directions and take initiative when necessary. Additionally, the hire is contingent on passing a physical and criminal background check, along with other safe environment protocols. To apply please contact Peter Guzulaitis at 651-905-4307 or via e-mail at DirectorofOperations@stpetersmendota.org.

SANDWICH LUNCH MINISTRY

Our next collection of lunch items to be distributed to Sharing & Caring Hands in Minneapolis will be **Tuesday, May 18, from 12 to 1pm**. Please pull up to the north Main Church doors, and we will come out to your car. We will continue to collect one Tuesday each month. If you are interested in donating items for lunches, please contact Nancy Stanton at 651-686-9009 or nanrr1@yahoo.com.

It is extremely helpful to know how much food to expect, so please be sure to sign up in advance. Each donor is asked to bring 20 to 40 of one or more of the following (you may bring everything, or just one or two items from this list):

- Sandwiches: Choose turkey, ham, or bologna and cheese. No condiments on sandwiches, please. Place each sandwich in an individual bag. Sandwiches are easiest to store and transport if you stack bagged sandwiches inside your empty bread bags!
- Individual serving bags of chips
- Individually wrapped cookies
- Oranges, Cuties, or individual fruit cups

Please do NOT put items into paper lunch bags.

Thank you!

CLASS OF ST. JOSEPH CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE

Ever wonder what God has planned for your life?

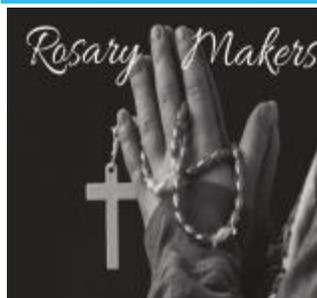
Discover God's plan of sheer goodness in the Class of St. Joseph!

This fall, the Catechetical Institute will offer the two-year Pillars Program in-person at Transfiguration in Oakdale and via livestream at various satellite sites around the Archdiocese. Classes will be held on Monday evenings, from 7 to 9 p.m. The classes are divided into four eleven-week modules, with two Saturday morning formative sessions per module.

Applications are being accepted through August 1 2021.

Go here for more information: www.cistudent.com/pillars/.

ROSARY MAKERS

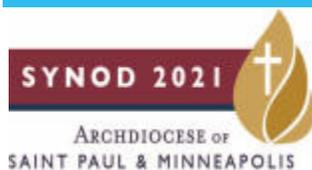


Our next Rosary Makers ministry will meet on Tuesday, June 1, in Classroom 9, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Come and learn about our group, how to make the rosaries, and where we send them. If you have questions, please call Mary Ellen at 651-457-1764.

SAVE THE DATE! FALL FESTIVAL

Wow! It's hard to believe anyone would be thinking about fall, when we are enjoying all the beauty that spring brings. But the fall festival committee is already busy planning another wonderful event. This year, Fall Festival takes place on September 18/19. Stop by the information table in the Gathering Space on **May 15 and 16**. You can get an idea of what will be happening at this year's festival, as well as have an opportunity to join the Fall Festival Committee. We are always looking for fresh ideas and people to participate in the festival. Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry.

SYNOD AT HOME TIPS AND TOOLS FOR GROWING IN FAITH



In the Synod process, the Church is taking time to listen to one another, pray, and discuss in order to determine priorities. These steps are important for every household, too, that wants to thrive.

The **Synod at Home** series takes helpful videos, tips, and tools for growing in faith and pairs them with family-friendly activities based on four pillars: Prayer & Sacraments, Lifelong Learning, Generosity & Service, and Traditions & Fun.

Individuals, couples, and families will find their faith and relationships strengthened by Synod at Home.

- Find weekly videos and materials posted on the [Archdiocesan Synod web page](#).
- Text APP to 88202 or [click to download MyParish App](#) and within the app, search for "Archdiocesan Synod."
- [Sign up](#) to receive weekly emails during the Synod at Home and other Synod updates.

ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS * STEWARDSHIP * COMMUNITY NEWS

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Mark your calendars! The Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Thursday, May 20, from 1 to 6 p.m. at St. Peter's Church in Heritage Center. This drive is by APPOINTMENT ONLY. To schedule an appointment, please email

Keith or Nancy Stanton at nanrr1@yahoo.com or call them at 651-686-9009. Please leave your full name, including spelling, your phone number, and your preferred time. You will be contacted to confirm your appointment. Only those with appointments will be allowed onsite and only at their scheduled time. Face coverings are required and will be provided, if you forget yours.

HISTORIC CHURCH TOURS



The Historic Church will be open this summer on Sundays, from 12 to 2 p.m., Memorial Day through Labor Day. We would love to have a team of tour guides to be available in the Historic Church, during these times on a rotating basis. No experience is necessary; we will provide you with the information and training! If you are interested, please attend our information meeting on **Tuesday, May 4 at 7 p.m.** in Heritage Center. You may also contact Anne O'Keefe at 651-905-4308 or at aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org.

PARISH OFFICE REMAINS CLOSED

The office at St. Peter's remains closed to walk-ins during this time of COVID-19. Some staff is always present, during our office hours of Monday through Friday, 8 to 4 p.m. We will be answering phone calls, voicemails, and emails. Please feel free to contact us at 651-452-4550, with questions or concerns.



March 2021 COLLECTIONS	March 2021	March 2020	Year over Year	Fiscal Year to Date	Prior Year thru Dec	Year over Year
Sunday Envelope & Electronic Gifts	\$ 93,702.73	\$ 88,460.29	\$ 5,242.44	\$ 824,616.60	\$ 773,102.92	\$ 51,513.68
Sunday Plate	\$ 159.33	\$ 762.97	\$ (603.64)	\$ 2,183.71	\$ 16,382.26	\$ (14,198.55)
Total	\$ 93,862.06	\$ 89,223.26	\$ 4,638.80	\$ 826,800.31	\$ 789,485.18	\$ 37,315.13

Sunday giving keeps the lights on, pays for repairs, and funds all ministries and operations. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.



JESUS OUR HOPE, YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER. . .

Our goal is to eliminate this debt over the next three years, and we are off to a great start. Please continue to pray for the campaign as it continues. Each registered family was mailed a pledge card; as you are ready, please return it to the parish office through the mail, dropping it in the Sunday Collection boxes, or dropping it off at the office. Working together we can eliminate the construction debt for the Church and Heritage Center. As you consider making a pledge remember no amount is too small or too large, and with God's blessing and working together, we can eliminate this debt. If you have questions about making a pledge, please contact Peter Guzulaitis at 651-905-4307 or via e-mail at directorofoperations@stpetersmendota.org.

Report on Debt for Church and Heritage Center Construction		Jesus Our Hope Capital Campaign	
Debt on Church and Heritage Center as of 9/30/2020	\$3,591,160.00	Pledges as of 5/5/2021	\$1,710,921.58
Less proceeds from the Rectory Sale in October of 2020	-\$241,532.00		
Less principal payments from proceeds from Jesus Our Hope Capital Campaign	-\$666,000.00	Pledged Money Received	\$686,455.85
Less other principal payments	-\$8,832.00	Additional Income	\$10,671.85
Total Principal Due on the Loan as of 5/5/21	\$2,674,796.00	Total Income from Campaign	\$697,127.70
Total Reduction in Principal since October 1, 2020	\$916,364.00	Balance Due on Pledges	\$1,013,793.88

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St. Peter's is here to bring the good news of the Gospel to all, so that every person can have a personal, life changing, life giving relationship with Jesus Christ.

Trustees:

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 9, 2021

Sunday:	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
Monday:	Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20
Ascension:	Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
Friday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday:	Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

MASS INTENTIONS

The following are the intentions offered by the priest at Mass.

Mon, May 10	9 am	†	Chisue (Ann) Joung
Tues, May 11	9 am	†	Robert P. LeMay
	5:45 pm	†	Patricia Gill
Wed, May 12	9 am	†	Marie Madden
Thurs, May 13	9 am	†	James Krenik
Fri, May 14	9 am	†	Paul Bartek
Sat, May 15	5 pm	†	Joseph Schloegel
Sun, May 16	8 am	†	Rosie Gloege
	10 am		Mass For The People

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: MAY 10, 2021

Monday, May 10

Tuesday, May 11

- 8:30 am** Rosary, Main Church
- 9 am** **Daily Mass, Main Church**
- 10 am** Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room
- 5 pm** **Reconciliation, Main Church**
- 5:45 pm** **Daily Mass, with First Communions, Main Church**
- 7 pm** Rosary Makers, Classroom 9

Wednesday, May 12

- 8:30 am** Rosary, Main Church
- 9 am** **Daily Mass, Main Church**
- 6 pm** Perissos, Heritage Center
- 6:30 pm** Holy Hour of Reparation, Main Church (This will be the last one)

Thursday, May 13

- 9 am** **Daily Mass, Main Church**
- 7 pm** AA Meeting, Classroom 5

Friday, May 14

- 8 am** **Reconciliation, Main Church**
- 9 am** **Mass, Main Church**
- 12 pm** Confirmation Retreat, On campus

Saturday, May 15

- Confirmation Retreat, On campus
- 9 am & 10:30 am** AA Meeting, Classrooms
- 3:30 pm** **Reconciliation, Main Church**
- 5 pm** **Mass, Main Church.** Register on [Sign Up Genius](#)

Sunday, May 16

- 7:30 am** Rosary for St. Peter's, Main Church
- 8 am** **Mass, Main Church.** Register on [Sign Up Genius](#)
- 9 am** Hospitality (Coffee and Donuts), Outdoors
- 10 am** **Mass, Main Church. Livestreamed** on [YouTube](#), or on [Facebook](#). Register on [Sign Up Genius](#)
- 11 am** Hospitality (Coffee and Donuts), Outdoors
- 12 noon** **Mass, Main Church.** Register on [Sign Up Genius](#)
- 1 pm** Hospitality (Coffee and Donuts), Outdoors



THANK YOU! FROM THE K OF C

Thank you to all who contributed to the Knights of Columbus fundraising drive to Benefit People with Intellectual Disabilities the weekend of April 24/25. We raised over \$3,800 through the parishes that our council supports and the community. Funds will be equally divided between Special Olympics, ARC—Greater Twin Cities, Life Works in Eagan, and Proact in Eagan. Thank you for your generosity!

PASTORAL MINISTRY

LAST HOLY HOUR

Please join us for our **last** Holy Hour of Adoration on **Wednesday, May 12, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**, in the Main Church. We will no longer be holding this service.

Please continue to watch these on St. Peter's [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#) pages.

In the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta, these "hours of adoration will be special hours of reparation for sins and intercession for the needs of the whole world." Gathering around Mary, the Mother of God, we will bring "the sin-sick and suffering of humanity before the healing, transforming rays of Jesus, radiating from the Eucharist."

TOTUS TUUS MISSIONARIES NEEDED



The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis is in need of college age men and women, age 18-26, who have a missionary heart, love children/youth, and are committed to their Catholic faith, who feel called to share it with the youth (grades 1-12) from

local parishes around the Archdiocese. Go to www.archspm.org and search Totus Tuus.

HAITI COLLECTION

We continue to collect sheets for the people in Haiti. There is a great need for these items. White (or nearly white) sheets and pillow cases are needed for the burial of babies, children, and adults. How easy for us to be part of this corporal work of mercy!

People also have a need for empty pill bottles. Please remove the labels from the bottles. It is easy to remove them; simply fill the containers with HOT water. The heat will loosen the label, and it will peel off easily.

We also continue to collect canvas bags and totes. Please make sure they are washable, as they will be used to carry food.

You may drop your contributions on the table outside the office, by the Adoration chapel. Thank you for your contributions.

FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Check out St. Peter's website at www.stpetersmendota.org, our Facebook page at facebook.com/stpetersmendota and Twitter @StPetersMendota and on [YouTube](#).



CHAPEL OF THE NATIVITY PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all of my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world."

~ St. John Paul II

We are in need of adorers in the Chapel of the Nativity. Please prayerfully consider committing to one of the hours listed here that is still empty. White spaces indicate where we have the most urgent need.

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"

~ Matthew 26:40

To sign up for a regular Hour of Adoration, please call Lisa Fontecha at 651-905-4304 or email her at lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org.

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HOLY COMMUNION



If you are unable to attend one of the Masses and desire to come to the church to receive Holy Communion, please contact Jennifer at 651-905-4305 to set up an appointment. If you wish to receive

Holy Communion at your home, please call Lisa Fontecha at 651-905-4304.

PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



Today we honor our earthly mothers. We thank God for the gift of life that springs forth, from hearts joined together in love and joined in faith to God. We wish all mothers, whether birth, adoptive, or by action of the heart, a most happy Mother's Day.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

We are very pleased to see events and ministries beginning to be active again here at St. Peter's! We have many exciting ways for you to be involved. At this time, we do have a few specific needs. Please contact Lisa Fontecha at 651-905-4304 or lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org, if any of these are of interest to you.

Wedding Coordinator

Once the marriage prep is completed and the blessed day approaches, our engaged couples are guided through the rehearsal and wedding day by one of our St. Peter's wedding coordinators. Responsibilities include leading the wedding rehearsal, opening the church for the wedding party, supporting them during their preparation time, and serving as sacristan/server for their marriage ceremony on the day of the wedding. Training and materials are provided. This ministry does require availability that includes Thursday and Friday evenings, and Saturday mornings and afternoons.

Giving Tree Co-coordinator

The Giving Tree provides help for almost 50 families every Christmas. Our team, comprised of two co-coordinators working closely with Lisa, works hard to gather gift requests, collect donations to meet those needs, and facilitates the sorting and distribution of donations to families in both our own St. Peter's family and the community we serve. This ministry is active from October through December. Good communication and organization skills are a must for this ministry, as well as a deep desire to help and maintain confidentiality.

ROSARY FOR ST. PETER'S

Join us for a rosary for St. Peter's at 7:30 a.m., every Sunday in the Chapel of the Nativity.

*"The Rosary is the tree of life which raises the dead, heals the diseased, and preserves those who are in health."
~ Pope Nicholas V*

*Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend*



CATECHISM CORNER BY DAVID DUNST



Catechism Corner

When considering the formation of Jesus's own prayer, his Jewish heritage and upbringing are obviously critical and foundational. On the other hand, his prayer is unique among exemplars of that spiritual tradition. The language of a child addressing his father is striking, and yet is completely justified and understandable, not to mention entirely authentic to his person (CCC 2599, 2620).

Jesus prayed often, as depicted in Scripture, and in solitude, even in the night. He is recorded as having prayed alone before decisive moments. However, Jesus's nature makes his very life prayer, because "he is in a constant communion of love with the Father." (CCC 2600-2604, 2620)

The prayer of Jesus is spelled out more explicitly, during his Passion and the hours before his betrayal. His words are even more pointedly filial and poignant. Jesus presents all of the sufferings and intercessions of all humanity to the Father, who receives and answers them with the glory of the Resurrection (CCC 2605-2606, 2620).

It is this precise language he gives to us in his own explanation of prayer. His example of prayer gives us the "Our Father," which contains that filial trust and covenant, as well as the dispositions for fruitful prayer. Purity of heart, boldness in calling God "Father," and a recollect awareness that keeps disciples from temptation are some characteristics of the prayer of Jesus, the Son of God, as given to his disciples (CCC 2608-2614, 2621).

Next week: what makes prayer effective, and Mary's example of prayer.



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