



PRAYER FOR THE SECOND WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I give thanks to you, Lord, For the blessing of a long life For, to those who take refuge in You, Grant always to bear fruit.

Forgive, O Lord, Resignation and disillusionment, But forsake me not When my strength declines.

Teach me to look with hope To the future you give me, To the mission you entrust to me And to sing your praises without end.

Make me a tender craftsman Of Your revolution, To guard with love my grandchildren And all the little ones who seek shelter in You.

Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis And grant Thy Church To deliver the world from loneliness. Direct our steps in the way of peace. Amen





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Weekday Masses Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM Weekend Masses Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:30 Am & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our website, <u>btsp.org</u>.

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By Sheri Wohlfert

The Blessing of Grandparents

Grandparents can be a blessing to both their children and grandchil-

dren. Whether you're living across town, across the state or living in the same home, here are some thoughts about this unique vocation.

The 3 T's – Time, Treasures and Talents

Grandparents have plenty of each to share. Sharing our stories, skills, recipes, hobbies, photos and patience will have a positive impact on us and our grandchildren. Parents have a strong focus on survival in the present, while grandparents can slow things down, visit the past and provide a connection to family values, traditions, history and identity.

Role Modeling

Media and culture don't often present a Gospel perspective, so our kids need every positive example of Christlike discipleship they can get. Grandparents can be strong examples of service and faith. Parents are the primary faith educators, but grandparents can help nurture the seeds of faith by fostering habits such as daily prayer, weekday Mass and rich traditions of our faith such as the rosary.

Love

If we could only begin to understand how truly loved we are by the Father, how different our world would be! Since parenting roles and responsibilities are different, grandparents have a unique opportunity to demonstrate the generous and extravagant love of God to their grandchildren, spoiling them with attention, patience, understanding and unconditional love. We all need to feel loved beyond what we think we deserve, and the extra love grandparents give can influence and encourage children to pass it on to others just as the Father asks us to do.

But first, set your relationship up for success. Grandparents are not parents! Set boundaries and expectations on both sides. Grandparents are meant to support, not control; ask and suggest is much better than dictate and demand. The goal is healthy, happy, faithful children, and that takes a team.

Editor's Note: *World Day for Grandparents and Elderly* is July 24, 2022. This year, Pope Francis is extending the opportunity for a plenary indulgence "to the faithful who devote adequate time to visit, in presence or virtually, through the media, their elderly brothers and sisters in need or in difficulty" on July 24.

Thoughts Worth Sharing

OUR FATHER

Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

July 24, 2022

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Gn 18:20-32 | Col 2:12-14 | Lk 11:1-13

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I miss my friend, Carol, a second mother to many of us navigating young adulthood in one of my adopted hometowns. Carol offered wisdom and perspective – and binders full of recipes for any occasion. So, even after moving away, I knew that I could "Dial A Cook" at a moment's notice and Carol would drop everything and patiently dictate a recipe. Today's Gospel fills me with gratitude for Carol, who through her love and generosity hints at God's love and generosity toward us. Carol is with God now, so I still talk to her from time to time. Today's Gospel reminds us that, likewise, we can bring anything to our loving God in prayer, and the Father will listen and respond. We may think we can power through our days, and our lives, on our own, but Jesus reminds us to persist in prayer: "And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Remember the time before smartphones? When you needed a cup of flour or an egg, that meant knocking on a neighbor's door. Now we most often text ahead, making the request a bit less awkward. Well, despite the proliferation of Catholic and spiritual apps, praying still requires "putting ourselves out there" before God. While God knows all and sees all, it us up to us to bring our deepest needs and desires to him. Our smartphones can help us here: We can set a reminder to pray each morning and each evening. We can model our persistence in prayer to our children and others by praying with and for them, especially at times when they are struggling with something or facing a difficult choice or situation. If an earthly Mother or Father knows how to give good gifts to their children, after all, "how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

PRAY Recite the Lord's Prayer, understanding that God knows our needs and will give us each our daily bread.

This Week in Worship



Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4 Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 23, Memorial of Saint Bridget of Sweden, Religious 4:00 p.m. James C Bolin, Jr. (Dec)

Sunday, July 24, The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time8:00 a.m.Ed Oberzut (Dec)9:30 a.m.Mass for Parishioners11:30 a.m.Marlene Romani (Dec)

Monday, July 25, Feast of St. James, Apostle 8:00 a.m. David Muto (Dec)

Tuesday, July 26, Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of
the Blessed Virgin Mary8:00 a.m.Mel Patten (Dec)

Wednesday, July 27, Weekday in Ordinary Time 8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, July 28, Weekday in Ordinary Time8:00 a.m.Lyliane Corvington (Dec)

Friday, July 29, Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus8:00 a.m.Robert B. Murray (Dec)

Saturday, July 30, Memorial of Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church8:00 a.m.Frank Rodriguez Family (Liv & Dec)4:00 p.m.Dorothy Young (Dec)

Sunday, July 31, The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time8:00 a.m.Bernie Repeta (Dec)9:30 a.m.Mass for Parishioners11:30 a.m.Marlene Romani (Dec)

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

- 07/24 Msgr. Antonio Diez
- 07/25 Rev. Jose Furtado
- 07/26 Rev. Robert Cadrecha

07/27 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

- 07/28 Pope Francis
- 07/29 Rev. Ambrose Kadambukatt, OCD

07/30 • Rev. Angel M. Rivera-Fals, SJ

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Pray for Someone New Everyday

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Faith Formation Classes

Registration has begun for our fall Faith Formation classes. Please look for the registration form in the bulletin. Please complete and return it to the parish office no later than August 5th to register.

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Prayer for Protection from Hurricanes

God, Our Father, Creator and Lord of the universe, you have set the earth on its foundation and all the elements of nature obey your command. We humbly beseech you to keep us safe from all dangers and calm the storm that threatens us. May we be secure in your loving protection and serve you always with grateful hearts. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

St. Anthony's Prayer for Peace of Mind

O holy Saint Anthony, your deep faith in Jesus Christ comforted your heart, especially during times of trial and distress. Help me grow in faith, so I may experience peace of mind and heart in my present needs (Here mention). Free me from undue anxiety, needless worry, and burdensome fears. Grant me sure confidence, unfailing trust in God's loving mercy and daily serenity. ~ Amen





Our Goal \$74,741



Thank you for your praverful giving!



Marriage Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving

The Marriage Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving will take place at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle on Sunday, August 21st at 3:00pm. This event honors couples throughout the diocese who celebrated their 25th anniversary in 2021 or 2022, as well as those celebrating 50 or more years of marriage.

Please RSVP to the parish office by Monday August 8th.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

When I Called, You Answered

Some of us have that friend about whom we are constantly discovering new things. Maybe we've known this person for ten or even twenty years, and one day at lunch we'll find out they're a direct descendant of a dead president or they once met a major celebrity.

"You never asked," they'll say with a shrug.

As annoying as this can be, it makes perfect sense, doesn't it? We never asked. There is something strangely sacred about the act of asking for something. It requires humility. It requires grace. It requires us to be awake, to be aware, to be vulnerable.

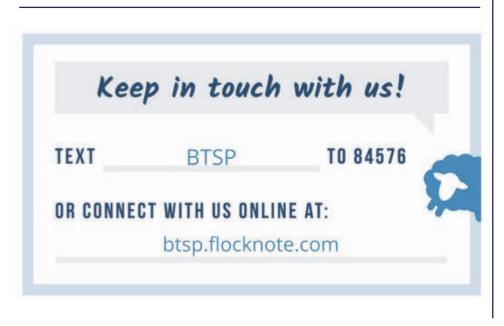
Too often we fall into a pattern of entitlement, even when it comes to information. We go through life thinking that a great cosmic conveyor belt of what we want is going to roll on past us, and we'll barely even have to extend our arms. We read our Bible and we hear all these amazing promises from the Father who loves us, and we get sort of complacent. *He's got this,* we think, and we shut our eyes to take a snooze on the road trip of life, confident that someone else is going to look out for stop signs and wrong turns.

It's true: God's got this. He *is* going to take care of us. But He wants us to be in relationship with Him. He wants us to be an active, receptive participant in our own salvation. See his patience with Abraham's entreaties on behalf of the righteous of Sodom: He wants to answer, not simply to tell.

He wants us to stay awake for the drive.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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St. James the Apostle July 25

Saint James the Apostle is also called James, son of Zebedee, or James the Greater to distinguish him from the other James in Jesus' group of twelve. Most of what we know about Saint James is recorded in the New Testament. He and his brother John were collected by Jesus along the sea of Galilee. Matthew 4:18-22 tells the story of Jesus calling first Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and then the sons of Zebedee. In Mark 3:17 the brothers receive a nickname from Jesus who calls them "sons of thunder" because of their many extreme reactions, like that in Luke 9:54 when they offer to call down fire on a Samaritan village.

Saint James was part of Jesus' intimate circle, a witness to the Transfiguration, the resurrection of Jarius' daughter, and the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. In A.D. 44 Herod Agrippa had "James, the brother of John, killed by the sword." (Acts 12:2) He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is written of in the New Testament.

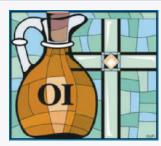
According to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, Spain where his relics were rediscovered in 9th century. This tradition has sometimes been attributed to a passage in the Song of Roland which tells of St. James appearing to Charlemagne in a dream, prophesying that Charlemagne would conquer the Moors in Spain. This was followed by a vision of stars which if followed would lead to the saint's lost tomb. In the Middle Ages Compostela was a hugely popular pilgrimage site. The saint's relics continue to rest in the cathedral there and one can still undertake the pilgrimage.

Please Pray for Our Sick and Homebound

Arnold, Barbara Bestow, Shawn Brown, Bob & Beverly Brown, Buck Brown III, George Brown, Shaquita Cary, Joan Chavez, John Christ, Kathryn Comeau, Teresa Daniels, Joshua Deacon Lionel Roberts Detore, Alice Devyn & Donna DeZarn, Vickie Doiron, Gary Doyle, Maureen Feltes, Chuck & Lauren Ferrara, Antoinette Fitzgerald, Dan Forbes, Monica & Tom Fr. Jim Klima Garcia, Jose M. Genereux, Carol Gregg, Joan Griffin, Lynda Butler Grimberg, Carol Hawkins, Ashlyn Hawkins, Barbara

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Anointing of the Sick

To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

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