

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24 July 2016

Dear Parishioners,

He will get up to give him whatever he needs. (Luke 11:8)

Imagine the situation: you are traveling through ancient Palestine and arrive in a village far later at night than you had planned. No inns are open here, and your empty stomach sinks as you realize the only option left is knocking on the door of an old friend. You know the culture, which dictates that it would be extremely rude and inhospitable not to welcome a guest. But that doesn't make it any less embarrassing.

You arrive at his house close to midnight and pause. Like most families of this time, they live in a one-room house. Knocking on the door means disturbing not just your friend, but his wife and children; they could be up until sunrise settling the children down again! You hesitate, weighing the awkwardness of imposing yourself against the exasperation your friend will surely show. Finally, rousing all your boldness, you knock.

Many of us experience a strong social instinct to be "low maintenance," to avoid ruffling feathers or putting undue pressure on those around us. This desire comes from a good place. We want to love people, not burden them. But in today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that we should have no such hesitation in our relationship with God. The guest, pestering his friend, is our model of unembarrassed petition. And when his request is not immediately granted, he is not discouraged but continues "pestering."

In some countries, the phrase "God botherer" is used as a derogatory term for Christians. In fact, this parable shows us that, not only are we to "bother" God constantly with prayer, but he urges us to. Our heavenly Father loves nothing more than hearing his children's petitions. So don't hold back from asking big things from God because you think you're asking for too much. Just keep on knocking!

"Lord, I present my needs and desires before you.
Give me the courage to come to you without any hesitation."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Pray for our sick...

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Daniel Boone, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Jeannie Chapron, Harry Charles, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Benjie Delille, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Nigel Dunn, Betty Eason, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan, Briana Katz, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Peggy Wright and Ralph Wright.

Did You Know?

Parents should be wary of online solicitation
A study on online victimization found that approximately one in five children receive sexual solicitation from a stranger over the internet. Given today's reliance on online contact, imagine how much that number has grown over the last several years. Children who use the internet cannot be totally safe from dangers, because the internet is open to all, but parents should monitor activity and sites visited to ensure that their kids aren't being contacted by predators. Talk to your child about internet safety and appropriate vs. inappropriate communication. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "An Overview of 'Online' Problems and Risks," email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or call (213) 637-7227.

Stewardship Thought

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you." LUKE 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask Him, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that in our culture we often confuse what we really **need** with what we simply **want**. Many people need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good steward only asks God for what he needs.

As part of the *Safeguard the Children* program, adult supervision is mandatory for all underage children.
Children should be accompanied to the restroom by an adult or guardian.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5:15 PM	July 23 Intention of Theresa Burrell
Sunday 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:15 PM	July 24 Soul of Margo Steeneken Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia & Wilfred Morgan, Jr. Intention of all Parishioners
Monday 8:00 AM	July 25 Intention of Cheryl Alexander
Friday 8:00 AM	July 29 Intention of Brianna Katz
Saturday 5:15 PM	July 30 Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:15 PM	July 31 Soul of Eunice Joseph Soul of Connie Farlice Souls of Henry Sr. & Leola Marine

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Gn 18:20-32, Ps 138:1-8, Lk 11:1-13
Monday	2 Cor 4:7-15, Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday	Jer 14:17-22, Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	Jer 15:10-21, Mt 13:44-46
Thursday	Jer 18:1-6, Mt 13:47-53
Friday	Jer 26:1-9, Jn 11:19-27
Saturday	Jer 26:11-24, Mt 14:1-12
Sunday	Ecc1 1:2; 2:21-23, Ps 90:3-17, Lk 12:13-21



WEEKLY OFFERING

July 17, 2016

\$5237.83 Tithe and Offering
540.00 Building Fund
458.00 We Care"



IN THE PARISH HALL!

Saints of the Week

July 25th – St. James, Apostle; brother of John; called “the Greater” because he followed Christ before the other apostle of the same name (May 3rd); the first of the twelve to be martyred, being decapitated by the order of Herod Agrippa I ca 44A.D.; venerated at Compostella, Spain; named in the Roman Canon (First Eucharistic Prayer); patron of pilgrims, Spain Guatemala, and Nicaragua.

July 26th – Sts. Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary; veneration of St. Anne originated in the 6th century Eastern Church; patroness of childless women and miners. Devotion to Joachim dates from the 8th century.

July 29th – St. Martha, the sister of Mary and Lazarus, good friends of Jesus; model of hospitality and faithful disciple; confessed her faith in Jesus as the Son of God; patroness of housewives, waiters, and waitresses; died in the first century.

July 30th – St. Peter Chrysologus, a bishop, meaning of “golden speech” for his exceptional preaching ability; 170 of his holiness are extant; he died in 450.

July 31st – St. Ignatius of Loyola, a priest; formerly a soldier; converted to God; undertook theological studies in Paris; founded the “Society of Jesus” (Jesuits) in Rome; approved by Pope Paul III in 1540; through his writings and training of his disciplines they won great praise for the renewal of the Church; he authored the “Spiritual Exercises,” at his death in 1556, the Order numbered ca. 1,000; today numbering ca 19,200; devoted “Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam” (“For the Greater Glory of God”). He is the patron saint of retreatants and soldiers. [not observed this year as it occurs on a Sunday].

Celebrating the culture of “Panama and Belize”

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

AT KENNETH HAHN PARK

SATURDAY AUGUST 6, 2016

9AM to 5PM



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