



# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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**WELCOME!**

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

### TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

### SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration  
6:00 pm Mass

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am  
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed  
Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment  
Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm  
Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm  
Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (JULY 16 – JULY 17)

Donation	\$3,893.00
Donation Online	\$1,870.00
Maintenance Fund	\$40.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
<b>Total Donation</b>	<b>\$5,803.00</b>

**2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL GOAL**  
**\$24,876, Gifts Received \$32,802.50**



## Annual Catholic Appeal

TOGETHER WE CAN be Christ to Others



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### HELP WANTED

Are you looking for a way to help our parish?  
If your answer is "YES!", please consider this opportunity:

We need someone to care for the mission candle stand. Each week, this 30-minute job requires cleaning the candle holders and checking if the wax drawer needs to be emptied. Cleaning can be done at home so pick up holders after Mass and return them cleaned the next week.

Please email:  
michellem@ollpsea.org if you are able to help.

"ONE GENERATION  
PRAISES YOUR DEEDS  
TO THE NEXT AND  
PROCLAIMS YOUR  
MIGHTY WORKS."

PSALM 145:4

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## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time - C

### Homily by Father Peter Doan

The first reading today is from the Book of Genesis and hands on to us this tradition that Abraham was so close to God so that he could negotiate with God. In the outcome of this story, we can understand one of the Jewish traditions that there are always a number of holy people in the world and because of their prayers, the world goes on and God does not destroy it. The challenge is for you and for me: are we willing to give our lives for the salvation of the world? Are we willing to live of intercession for others, even when there seems to much evil at work in our world? Are we willing to follow the way of the Lord?

In the Gospel today, Jesus invites his disciples into prayer by not just teaching them the words of the Lord's Prayer but teaching them the importance of prayer especially when we need God's mercy. St. Augustine reminds us that prayer is our human way of reaching out to God even though God already knows what it is we need. The words of the Lord's Prayer invite us to surrender to God by seeking his will as we request his mercy. The Lord's Prayer is our humble attempt to knock without knowing what will be opened to us, to seek without always understanding what it is we need. Further, it is asking God to enter the chaos of our lives allowing his mercy to shower down on us through the Eucharist we celebrate and the abiding presence of his Spirit.

God's mercy is abundant and always available to us when we ask, remembering it is God's gift to us that was the primary reason for redemption. Christ entered the chaos of our lives so that we would learn through prayer to be merciful to others as we enter the chaos of their lives, providing hope for the hopeless and trust for those despairing.

Our broken world is screaming for peace while searching for justice. However, peace and justice come at a cost and that is surrendering ourselves to the will of God as Abraham did, in order to seek mercy on those who did not deserve to die, while trusting in his relationship with God as a loving Father.

We need to ask for the right things, for "good gifts." In pleading for the remaining ten just people of Sodom, Abraham asked for a good gift. If the conditions had been right, God was ready to give it to him.

Prayer, too, is a source of great power, capable of obtaining marvellous things, at least when we pray from the heart. True prayer requires that we pray with trust, believing that God hears and answers our prayers. If in some way, for instance, we don't take seriously our prayer, if we rush it, do it half-heartedly, or doubting the goodness and generosity of God, if we pray asking God for assistance but are really relying upon ourselves instead, and don't actually believe He'll do anything for us, then we shouldn't be surprised if our prayers seem not to be answered or if God seems not to take them seriously when, in fact, we haven't even taken them seriously ourselves. The prayer that penetrates the heavens is the prayer that comes from the depths of our being, a cry from the soul, rooted in faith, in absolute child-like trust.

To sum up, in this long discourse on prayer Jesus reminds us of who it is we are addressing (the Father), who we are (needy children), how to pray (persistently, insistently), and what to ask for (good gifts, most especially the Holy Spirit). Praying like this is a lot more than just saying certain words.

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

"Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time.  
What if there are at least ten there?"  
He replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it." (Gn 18:32)

### PSALM:

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

### SECOND READING:

He brought you to life along with him,  
having forgiven us all our transgressions. (Col 2:13)

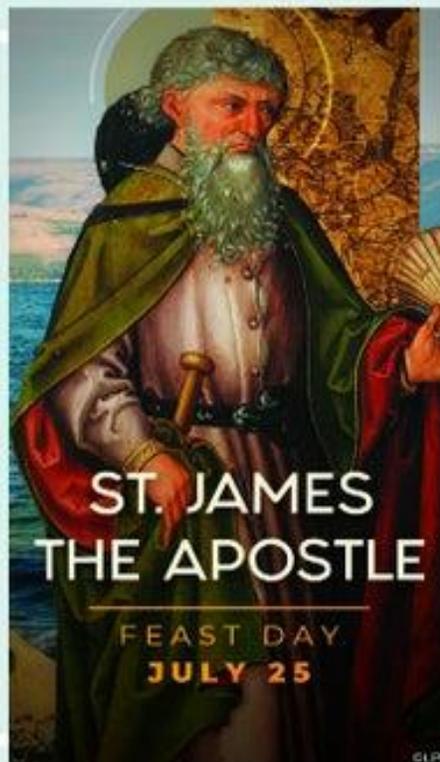
### GOSPEL:

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive;  
seek and you will find;  
knock and the door will be opened to you.  
For everyone who asks, receives;  
and the one who seeks, finds;  
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."  
(Lk 11:9-10)

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### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 24, 2022

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest  
Monday: St. James, Apostle  
Tuesday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Friday: St. Martha  
Saturday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest



## Saint of the Week

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.