

July is the month of the
Precious Blood
National Eucharist Revival

1st Reading: [Gn 18:20-32](#)
Responsorial: [Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8](#)
2nd Reading: [Col 2:12-14](#)
Gospel: [Lk 11:1-13](#)

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's reading, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbor, and assurances that God hears our prayers.

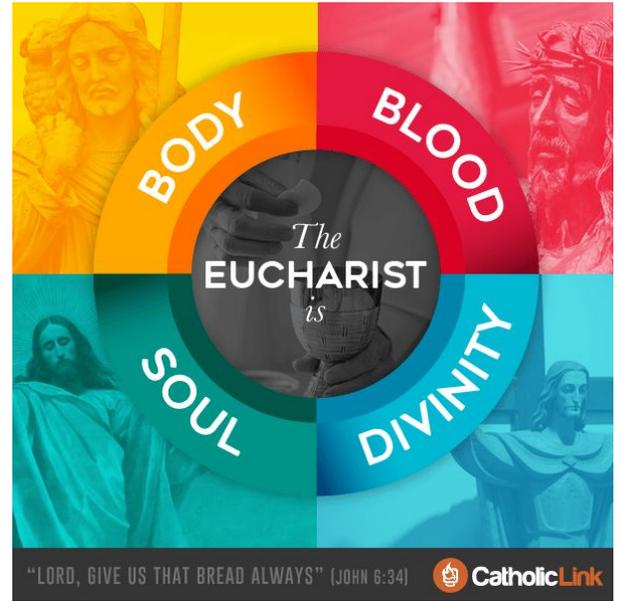
Jesus teaches the disciples a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbor who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbor is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbor is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us?

Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word Holy Spirit. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost. Loyolapress.com

Family Reflection: Talk about it!

Jesus teaches us how to pray. When this past week did you take the time to pray, to talk to and listen to God? How do you ask God for what you need? How do you listen for his response?



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2022



July 26: Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Grandparents of Jesus)
Saints Joachim and Anne are the Patron Saints of: Grandparents

Links for More Resources, Ideas and Activities

vatican.va : Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

Franciscanmedia.org : Saints Joachim and Anne

Teachingcatholickids.com 10 simple ways to celebrate the feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne

Considerable.com 100 things to do with your grandchild this summer

simplycatholic.com - The spiritual benefits of prayerful play

1. Look at pictures or videos and tell family stories.
2. Cook or bake a meal together or a special family recipe.
3. Play a board game or cards together.
4. For those with much distance, organize a zoom call.
5. Learn more about your family tree.
6. Ask your grandparents to share stories about how they met and look at their wedding album.
7. For those grandparents that have passed, visit their grave or light a votive candle and say a prayer, or request a Mass in their honor.
8. Have children and grandchildren bless the grandparents.
9. Visit an elderly neighbor and be a blessing to them; do a service or bring a small gift
10. Remember your grandparents by doing something they loved (make a recipe, listen to music, go fishing or some other activity)
11. Celebrate Mass together.



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