

Reflection of today Gospel
Lk 11:1-13 (111)



Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of Chapter 11 of his Gospel, 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. The disciples notice Jesus praying "in a certain place." They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Luke's version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Luke uses the more theological language of "sins" rather than "debts," which is used in Matthew's version.

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. The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things. <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday>

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, July 24, 2022
All members of Center of Jesus The Lord Deborah Montambo (Memory)

Tuesday, July 26, 2022
Myrtle Munna (Thanksgiving)

Sanctuary Candle
End to Abortion

To schedule Mass Intentions or Sanctuary Candle Memorials call the Center 529-1636

Pope Francis' July Prayer Intention
THE ELDERLY

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

Next Weeks Reading

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sunday, July 31, 2022

Reading 1: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23

Responsorial Psalm: 95:1-2,6-9

Reading 2: Col 3:1-5,9-11

Gospel: Lk 12:13-21 (114)

Online Offering

We are grateful for your continued support of our church. Online Giving allows you to make contributions to Center of Jesus without writing checks or worrying about cash donations. This site lets you set up automatic contributions and change the timing or the amount of your gift at any time. You can manage your contributions and you may make one-time donations to special causes as they come up. Please visit/click on <https://faithlife.com/centerofjesusthelord/give>. Thank You for your support!

FAMILY DAY 2022

Family Day in the Archdiocese of New Orleans is scheduled for Sunday, September 25, 2022. The purpose of Family Day is to provide the parishes of the Archdiocese of New Orleans an opportunity to gather their families and encourage them to renew friendships, form new ones, and to cultivate in an appreciation for the importance and goodness of family life. This year, families are invited to "Rise to the Occasion!": that is, meeting the challenges right before us and within our abilities with greater courage and hope to be 'leaven for the world.' The Office of Marriage and Family Life has prepared a packet of resources and digital assets you can use to promote Family Day in your parish this year that are available at nolacatholic.org/familyday. If you have any questions, you can contact the Office at 504-861-6243 or

Prayer During Hurricane Season
June 1-November 30

Let us pray that through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, we will be spared damage to lives and property during this hurricane season.

Center of Jesus Upcoming Events

Saturday, July 30
General Membership meeting for SCC

Saturday, August 6
Mass and Adoration

Saturday, August 13
Movie Event

Saturday, August 20
Prayer Team on Going Training

Sunday, August 21
Queenship of Mary and Pot luck Social

Week of August 21
New SCC study to begin

Saturday, September 3
Mass and Adoration

Saturday, September 10
CLC Spiritual Retreat

Saturday, September 17
Growth in the Spirit

Timmy McCaffery

Homeless ministry

The Homeless Ministry in partnership with DePaul USA is now accepting donations for the following items: men's razors, universal TV remotes, antennas, toilet paper, brooms & dustpans, trash bags, flashlights, used TVs. Financial donations also accepted to purchase the needed items. Checks payable to "Center of Jesus the Lord". Please contact Phillip and Linda for more information 504-512-0256.

MONTHLY SATURDAY ADORATION AND MASS

August 6, 2022

10:00 Eucharistic Adoration and Healing Prayer
11:00 Eucharistic Celebration



Our Online Offering:
<https://faithlife.com/centerofjesusthelord/give>

NEED ONGOING HEALING AND FOLLOW UP?
✘ *Inner Healing Prayer*
✘ *Spiritual Direction*

PRAY THE ROSARY
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL ROSARY
GROUP EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:00 PM
IN THE CHURCH

Stewards of Mercy
✘ Provides a mercy meal after funeral for
✘ grieving families for Center Members
If you or someone you know have a need for this
services please call the Center of Jesus the Lord at
504-529-1636

PRAYER FOR LIFE

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for creating each of us,
including our unborn brothers and sisters,
in Your image and likeness.
We ask for your protection on
all precious babies waiting to be born.
We lift up their mothers and fathers
in their moment of need.
We pray for the Justices
of the Supreme Court of the United States
as they reconsider *Roe v. Wade*.
Please grant them wisdom to make decisions
that safeguard the rights of the least among us.
Grant them the courage to stand for truth
even when they face opposition.
We pray for our nation that we may
ensure that every life be cherished
in the laws of our nation
and the hearts of our people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen



*There are no strangers here,
only friends we have not
yet MET*

**Pray the Divine Mercy Novena with us
Sunday before Mass at 9:45 AM**

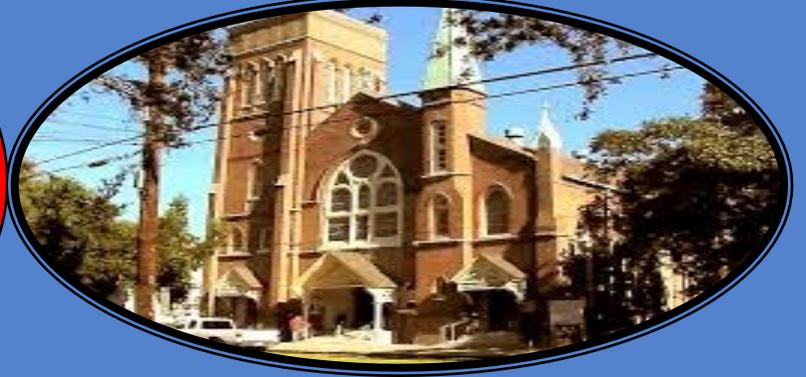
ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers are provided through the generosity of community members who contribute to their purchase. A donation to the flower fund is a beautiful way to remember, honor or give thanks for loved ones. The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God.

Altar Flower contribution envelopes can be found in the rear of the Church or at the Rectorry. A Minimum donation of \$50.00 is requested.

Sacrament of Reconciliation before Sunday & Tuesday Masses. To schedule an appointment, please call the Center to check the availability of the priest.

Center of Jesus the Lord at Our Lady of Good Counsel



JULY 24, 2022 - SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MISSION STATEMENT
Center of Jesus the Lord at Our Lady of Good Counsel is a joy filled, loving Catholic community where all are WELCOME! We are active in service to others, living the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

THE CENTER'S WEEKLY SCHEDULE
SUNDAY Praise and Worship: 10:00 AM; Eucharistic Celebration 10:15 AM;
Healing Prayer after Mass; Fellowship follows in dining hall
TUESDAY Praise and Worship 10:30 AM; Eucharistic Celebration 11:00 PM;
following Mass all are welcomed to join in fellowship (1307 Louisiana Avenue)
MONTHLY SATURDAY Eucharistic Adoration 10am with Healing Prayer followed by Mass