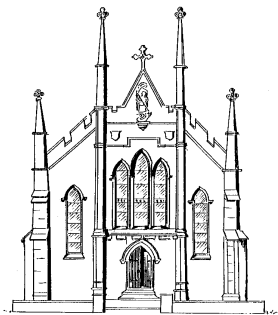


DAILY PRAYERS

WEEK 18

ORDINARY TIME



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CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Sunday – Week 18

Collect:

Draw near to Your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,
that, for those who glory in You as their Creator and guide,
You may restore what You have created
and keep safe what You have restored.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Luke 12:13-21

Today's prayer:

O God, my Promise-Keeper,
You are the Alpha and the Omega.
You were.
You are.
You are to come.
I give thanks to You, my God.
Although I am tempted to complain,
I simply look around and see a multitude of blessings
that You have lavished upon me.
As Your Word states,
“You give life and breath and everything.”
Instill in me a grateful heart
and show me more and more
Your love in my life.
Make me content with what You have given me.
You are enough for me.
Because of Your wonderful salvation gifted to me,
I praise You forevermore. Amen.

Monday –St John Vianney

Priest, *patron saint of parish priests*

Collect:

Almighty and merciful God,
who made the Priest Saint John Vianney
wonderful in his pastoral zeal,
grant, we pray,
that through his intercession and example
we may in charity win brothers and sisters for Christ
and attain with them eternal glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Matthew 9:35–10:1

Today's prayer: Prayer for Priests (*by St John Vianney*)

God, please give to Your Church today
many more priests after Your own heart.
May they be worthy representatives of Christ the Good Shepherd.
May they wholeheartedly devote themselves to prayer and penance;
be examples of humility and poverty;
shining models of holiness;
tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of God;
zealous dispensers of Your grace in the sacraments.
May their loving devotion to Your Son Jesus in the Eucharist
and to Mary his Mother
be the twin fountains of fruitfulness for their ministry. Amen.

St John Vianney, Pray for us

St John Vianney (8th May 1786 · Dardilly - 4th Aug 1859 · Ars-sur-Formans) He is often referred to as the Curé d'Ars ("the parish priest of Ars"). He is known for his priestly and pastoral work in his parish in Ars, resulting in the radical spiritual transformation of the community and its surroundings. He is noted for his saintly life, mortification, persevering ministry in the sacrament of confession, and ardent devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was canonized in 1925.

Tuesday – Week 18

Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major, Rome

Collect:

Draw near to Your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,
that, for those who glory in You as their Creator and guide,
You may restore what You have created
and keep safe what You have restored.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Matthew 14:22-36

Today's prayer: Prayer to Mary, Mother of the Church and Mother of our faith

Mother, help our faith!

Open our ears to hear God's word and to recognise His voice and call.

Awaken in us a desire to follow in His footsteps,

to go forth from our own land and to receive His promise.

Help us to be touched by His love, that we may touch Him in faith.

Help us to entrust ourselves fully to Him and to believe in His love,
especially at times of trial,

beneath the shadow of the cross, when our faith is called to mature.

Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One.

Remind us that those who believe are never alone.

Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus,
that He may be light for our path.

And may this light of faith always increase in us,
until the dawn of that undying day

which is Christ Himself, Your Son, our Lord!

*Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary at the conclusion of the Encyclical 'Lumen
Fidei' (29th June 2013)*

Today's feast focuses our attention on a church building - the basilica of St Mary Major in Rome. It is one of the oldest and most important shrines in the world dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Tradition says that in August 352 the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to a wealthy nobleman in Rome. She asked that a church be built on the spot where he would find snow. On that hot summer day, snow mysteriously appeared on the Esquiline Hill and a church was built on the spot and it was dedicated to Our Lady of the Snows.

Wednesday – The Transfiguration of the Lord

Collect:

O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration
of our Only Begotten Son
confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers
and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship,
grant, we pray, to Your servants,
that, listening to the voice of Your beloved Son,
we may merit to become co-heirs with Him.
Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Luke 9:28b-36

Today's prayer:

At the Transfiguration of Jesus Your Son,
Father, You showed Him in glory,
And gave a glimpse of what His disciples
would see in His risen life.
Bless us in our humanity,
with an awareness of Your presence,
leading us to share in Your divine life
even in our daily struggle.
Help us to deepen
our knowledge of the Law and the Prophets,
channels of Your grace throughout history,
and signposts for our journey. Amen.

Holy Patriarch Moses, Pray for us
Holy Prophet Elijah, Pray for us
St Peter, Pray for us
St James, Pray for us
St John, Pray for us

Thursday – St Edmund Arrowsmith, and Companions- the Lancaster Martyrs

Collect:

Almighty Father, may those died on the hill above Lancaster, grieving for England
which they prayed ‘God soon to convert’, be our patrons now in Heaven,
that our lives may witness to the faith they professed. Through our Lord
Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today’s Gospel reading: Matthew 10:17-20

Today’s prayer:

O God, in whom there is no change or shadow of turning, You gave
courage to the holy Lancaster Martyrs through the immeasurable graces
of the ancient Mass. Through their intercession, may we find joy in its
consolations and strength to serve you with their same courage and
fidelity. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Saint Edmund Arrowsmith S.J., Pray for us

Saint Ambrose Barlow OSB, Pray for us

Blessed James Bell, Pray for us

Blessed John Finch, layman, Pray for us

Blessed Richard Hayhurst, Pray for us

Blessed Robert Nutter O.P., Pray for us

Blessed Edward Thwing, Pray for us

Blessed Thurstan Hunt, Pray for us

Blessed Robert Middleton S.J., Pray for us

Blessed John Thules, Pray for us

Roger Wrenno, Pray for us

Blessed Edward Bamber, Pray for us

Blessed John Woodcock O.F.M., Pray for us

Blessed Thomas Whitaker, Pray for us

Venerable Lawrence Bailey

All Martyrs of Lancaster, known and unknown, Pray for us

Friday – St Dominic

Religious

Patron saint of astronomers

Collect:

May Saint Dominic come to the help of Your Church
by his merits and teaching, O Lord,
and may he, who was an outstanding preacher of Your truth,
be a devoted intercessor on our behalf.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Luke 9:57-62

Today's prayer:

*The 'O Spem Miram' – this is a Dominican Chant sung by the
Dominicans on the Fifteen Tuesdays preceding St Domininc's Feast Day.
It is connected to the last promises made by St Dominic to his brothers
and sisters, we offer this prayer for the salvation of souls
and for the work of the Dominican Order throughout the world*

O wonderful hope,
which you gave to those who wept for you at the hour of your death,
promising that after your decease
you would be helpful to your brothers and sisters.
Fulfil, what you have said, and help us by your prayers.
You shone on the bodies of the sick with so many miracles;
bring us the help of Christ, to heal our sick souls.
Fulfil, what you have said, and help us by your prayers.

Saint Dominic, Pray for us

*Saint Dominic, also known as Dominic de Guzmán, was a Castilian priest and
founder of the Dominican Order. He is alternatively called Dominic of Osma,
Dominic of Caleruega, and Domingo Félix de Guzmán. He was born on 8th
August 1170 at Caleruega, Spain and died on 6th August 1221, he is buried in
the Basilica of San Domenico, Bologna.*

Saturday – St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Martyr, *patron saint of Converts to Christianity and patron saint of Europe*

Collect:

God of our Fathers,
who brought the Martyr Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
to know Your Crucified Son
and to imitate Him even until death,
grant, through her intercession,
that the whole human race may acknowledge Christ as its Saviour
and through Him come to behold You for eternity.
Who lives and reigns
with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: John 4:19-24

Today's prayer:

O my God,
fill my soul with holy joy,
courage and strength to serve You.
Enkindle Your love in me
and then walk with me along the next stretch of road before me.
I do not see very far ahead,
but when I have arrived
where the horizon now closes down,
a new prospect will open before me
and I shall meet with peace.

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Pray for us

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (October 12th 1891, Breslau, Germany – August 9th 1942 when St Teresa was gassed and cremated at Auschwitz). Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Pray for all who are persecuted today that they may have strength and courage and pray for us all that we might have the courage to fight for justice.