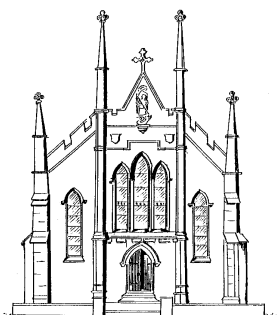


DAILY PRAYERS

WEEK 21 IN ORDINARY TIME



HOLY TRINITY & ST GEORGE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Sunday – Week 21

Collect:

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful
to unite in a single purpose,
grant Your people to love what You command
and to desire what You promise,
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on that place
where true gladness is found.
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 16:13-20

Today's prayer:

A Prayer to Serve God Well

Father of Mercy,
forgive my failings,
keep me in Your Grace,
and lead me in the way of salvation.
Give me strength in serving You
as a follower of Christ.
May the Eucharist bring me Your forgiveness
and give me freedom to serve You all my life.
May it help me to remain faithful
and give me the grace I need in Your service.
May it teach me the way to eternal life.

Glory be to the Father...

Monday – St Bartholomew

Apostle

patron saint of tanners, leather workers, and those suffering from nervous diseases.

Collect:

Strengthen in us, O Lord, the faith,
by which the blessed Apostle Bartholomew
clung wholeheartedly to Your Son,
and grant that through the help of his prayers
Your Church may become for all the nations
the sacrament of salvation.

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: John 1:45-51

Today's prayer:

O Glorious St. Bartholomew,
Jesus called you a person without guile
and you saw in this word
a sign that He was the Son of God and King of Israel.
Obtain for us the grace to be ever guileless and innocent as doves.
At the same time, help us to have your gift of faith
to see the Divine hand in the events of daily life.
May we discern the signs of the times
that lead to Jesus on Earth
and will eventually unite us to Him forever in Heaven. Amen.

Saint Bartholomew, Pray for us

*Saint Bartholomew, was one of the Twelve Apostles, traditionally
identified with Nathanael, whom Jesus praised as "a true Israelite in
whom there is no deceit" (John 1:47).*

*After the Resurrection he preached the Gospel with fearless zeal,
traditionally in Armenia, where he was martyred.*

Tuesday – Week 21

St Joseph of Calasanza

patron saint of Catholic schools, teachers, and Christian education.

Collect:

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful
to unite in a single purpose,
grant Your people to love what You command
and to desire what You promise,
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on that place
where true gladness is found.
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 23:23-26

Today's prayer:

O God, who adorned the Priest Saint Joseph Calasanz
with such charity and patience
that he labored tirelessly
to educate children and endow them with every virtue,
grant, we pray, that we, who venerate him as a teacher of wisdom,
may constantly imitate him,
for he was a co-worker of your truth.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

St Joseph of Calasanza, Pray for us

Saint Joseph Calasanz (1557–1648) was a Spanish priest who founded the Piarists, the first religious order dedicated entirely to providing free education for poor children. Despite misunderstanding and great personal trials, he remained steadfast in his mission, believing that education rooted in faith could transform lives.

Wednesday – Week 21

Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God

Collect:

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful
to unite in a single purpose,
grant Your people to love what You command
and to desire what You promise,
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on that place
where true gladness is found.
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 23:27-32

Today's prayer:

O God, who chose the Priest Blessed Dominic Barberi
to be a minister of Your salvation,
so that by his teaching and example
many might find peace and reconciliation in Your Church,
mercifully guide our steps, we humbly pray,
along that same way of love and truth
until by Your grace we gain its eternal reward.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God, Pray for us

Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God (1792–1849), born Dominic Barberi, was an Italian Passionist priest whose deep prayer, humility, and tireless preaching fostered Christian unity. After many years of missionary work in England, he famously received St John Henry Newman into the Catholic Church in 1845. He is remembered as an apostle of reconciliation and a pioneer of ecumenism.

Thursday – St Monica

Matron - *patron saint of mothers, wives, widows, and those praying for the conversion of loved ones.*

Collect:

O God, who console the sorrowful
and who mercifully accepted
the motherly tears of Saint Monica
for the conversion of her son Augustine,
grant us, through the intercession of them both,
that we may bitterly regret our sins
and find the grace of Your pardon.
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 7:11-17

Today's Prayer:

St. Monica, troubled wife and mother,
many sorrows pierced your heart during your lifetime.
Yet, you never despaired or lost faith.
With confidence, persistence, and profound faith,
you prayed daily for the conversion of your beloved husband, Patricius,
and your beloved son, Augustine; your prayers were answered.
Grant me that same fortitude, patience, and trust in the Lord.
Intercede for me, dear St. Monica,
that God may favorably hear my plea for (*Mention your intention here.*)
and grant me the grace to accept His Will in all things,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Saint Monica, Pray for us

Saint Monica (c. 331–387) is remembered for her unwavering faith, patient endurance, and persistent prayer for the conversion of her son, St Augustine. After many years of tears and trust in God, she saw her prayers answered in his baptism and eventual holiness

Friday – St Augustine of Hippo

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

patron of brewers because of his conversion from a former life of loose living, which included parties, entertainment, and worldly ambitions!

Collect:

Renew in Your Church, we pray, O Lord,
the spirit with which You endowed
Your Bishop Saint Augustine
that, filled with the same spirit,
we may thirst for You,
the sole fount of true wisdom,
and seek You, the author of heavenly love.
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 23:8-12

Today's prayer:

Late have I loved You, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you!
You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you.
In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created.
You were with me, but I was not with You.
Created things kept me from You;
yet if they had not been in You they would not have been at all.
You called, You shouted, and You broke through my deafness.
You shone, and You dispelled my blindness.
You breathed Your fragrance on me;
I drew in breath and now I pant for You.
I have tasted You, now I hunger and thirst for more.
You touched me, and I burned for Your peace. Amen.

St Augustine, Pray for us

Saint Augustine of Hippo (354–430) was one of the greatest theologians and teachers of the Church. After a restless search for truth, he was converted through the prayers of his mother, St Monica, and the preaching of St Ambrose. As Bishop of Hippo, he defended the Catholic faith and wrote enduring spiritual classics.

Saturday – The Passion of St John the Baptist

patron saint of many different subjects, including builders, tailors, printers, baptism, conversion to faith, people dealing with storms and their effects (like hail), and people who need healing from spasms or seizures. John also serves as the patron saint of a variety of places throughout the world.

Collect:

O God, who willed that Saint John the Baptist
should go ahead of Your Son
both in his birth and in his death,
grant that, as he died a Martyr for truth and justice,
we, too, may fight hard
for the confession of what You teach.
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: Mark 6:17-29

Today's prayer: To Saint John on His Feast Day

O Martyr invincible, who, for the honour of God and the salvation of
souls
did with firmness and constancy withstand the impiety of Herod
even at the cost of your own life,
and did rebuke him openly for his wicked and dissolute life;
by your prayers obtain for us a heart, brave and generous,
in order that we may overcome all human respect
and openly profess our faith in loyal obedience
to the teachings of Jesus Christ, our divine Master.

Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory be...

V. Pray for us, Saint John the Baptist

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. O God, You have made this day to be honourable in our eyes
by the commemoration of blessed John the Baptist,
grant to Your people the grace of spiritual joy,
and direct the minds of all Your faithful into the way of everlasting
salvation.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.