

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer beginning Sunday, April 19 (*Easter 2/Quasimodo Geniti*)

Pray and confess aloud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Psalm of the Week: 76

Verse: Matthew 10:32-33

Whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. ³³ But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

Catechism: Ten Commandments—4-10 (Primary Texts); Table of Duties—To Husbands: 1 Peter 3:7; Colossians 3:19

As the head of the family should teach them in a simple way to his household

4. Honor your father and your mother.	Pre+
5. You shall not murder.	Pre+
6. You shalt not commit adultery.	Pre+
7. You shall not steal.	Pre+
8. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.	Pre+
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.	Pre+
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.	Pre+
Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. 1 Peter 3:7	1st+
Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. Colossians 3:19	1st+

Daily Readings

	Bible Narrative	2 nd Reading
Sun	Easter 2: The Lord Appears in the Upper Room—John 20:19-31	
Mon	The Resurrection—Matthew 28:1-15	Exodus 15:1-18
Tue	The Disciples on the Road to Emmaus—Luke 24:13-27	Acts 10:34-43
Wed	Jesus Is Revealed in the Breaking of the Bread—Luke 24:28-35	Acts 13-26-33
Thu	Jesus Eats Broiled Fish in the Upper Room—Luke 24:33-49	Acts 3:11-21
Fri	Jesus Ordains the Apostles—John 20:19-31	1 John 1:1—2:2
Sat	St. Mark, Evangelist: Mark 16:14-20	2 Timothy 4:5-18

Devotional Reading (Portals of Prayer, Higher Things Daily Devotion)

Hymn: 471 “O Sons and Daughters of the King” (stanzas 1, 6, and 8)

Apostles’ Creed

Collect for Quasimodo Geneti

Almighty God, grant that we, who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection, may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Daily Themes for Prayer

- Sunday: *For the joy of the Resurrection; for the faithful preaching and hearing of God’s Word; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*
- Monday: *For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for vocations and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for our schools, our home schools, our colleges and seminaries; for good government and peace.*
- Tuesday: *For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.*
- Wednesday: *For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must rear their children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*
- Thursday: *For the Church and her pastors; for missionaries, teachers, deaconesses, and other servants of Christ and His Church; for the fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of the Lord’s Body and Blood.*
- Friday: *For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; for its spread throughout the whole world; for the persecuted; for the sick and dying.*
- Saturday: *For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for pastors as they prepare to administer Christ’s holy gifts; for receptive hearts and minds on the Lord’s Day.*

In Our Prayers at St. John— See the Sunday Service Folder & Prayer Chain

Lord’s Prayer

Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism