

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer beginning Sunday, May 3 (*Easter 4/Jubilate*)

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: 78

Verse: Proverbs 3:11-12

My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, nor detest His correction; ¹² for whom the LORD loves He corrects, just as a father the son *in whom* he delights.

Catechism: Ten Commandments—4-10 (Primary Texts); Table of Duties—To Parents: Ephesians 6:4; To Children: Ephesians 6:1-3

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+
<i>To Parents:</i> Fathers, do not exasperate your children, instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4)	3rd+
<i>To Children:</i> 1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.	1st+
2 "Honor your father and mother" - which is the first commandment with a promise - 3 "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." (Ephesians 6:1-3)	2nd+

Daily Readings

	Bible Narrative	2 nd Reading
Sun	Easter 4: "Your Sorrow Will Turn to Joy"—John 16:16-22	
Mon	The Death of Lazarus—John 11:1-16	Jer. 9:23-24; 10:11-16
Tue	Jesus Is the Resurrection and the Life—John 11:17-37	Jeremiah 31:2-9
Wed	Lazarus Is Raised from the Dead—John 11:38-44	Psalms 9
Thu	The Plot to Kill Jesus—John 11:45-57	Isaiah 59:17-21
Fri	Jesus Is the Way to the Father—John 14:1-14	Jeremiah 31:31-34
Sat	Easter 5: The Song of Isaiah—Isaiah 12:1-6	James 1:16-21

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

Hymn: 742 “For Me to Live Is Jesus” (stanzas 1-3)

Apostles’ Creed

Collect for Jubilate

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, 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