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Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat: 8:30am

Tues: 7:00am | Thurs: 7:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Mon: 9:00am | Thurs: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Sat: 3:30 - 4:30pm

By appointment: 817-421-1387

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday-Thursday*: 9:00am - 9:00pm

*Thursday Family Adoration: 5:30pm - 6:00pm

Friday & Saturday: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Sunday: 5:00pm - 9:00pm

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1514-1515) teaches that this sacrament is not only for those at the point of death, but for anyone seriously ill or facing serious surgery. In fact, it is preferred that parishioners entering the hospital for surgery should ask the priest for this sacrament before being admitted. Parishioners should never wait until the last minute to call. We encourage parishioners facing surgery to let the parish priest know of their condition before entering the hospital so that they can be anointed before admission.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading

Abraham pleads with God to save the innocent people of Sodom and Gomorrah. (Genesis 18:20-32)

Psalm

Lord, on the day I cried for help, you answered me. (Psalm 138:1-3,6-8)

Second Reading

You were buried with Christ in Baptism and also raised with him. (Colossians 2:12-14)

Gospel

Jesus teaches the disciples about prayer. (Luke 11:1-13) ©2025 Loyola Press

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35 Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

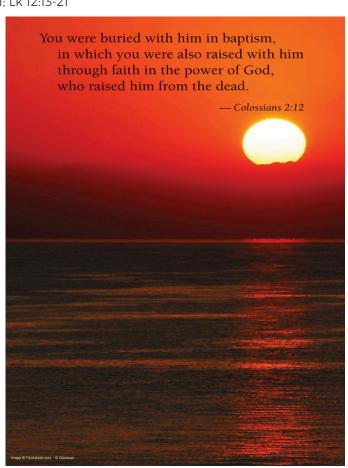
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53 Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt

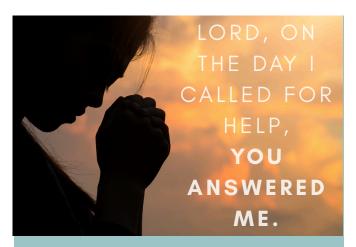
13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25: 1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-

11: Lk 12:13-21





Shepherd's Corner

I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me

When I was young, I remember trying to negotiate my bedtime with my mom and dad. I would try to bargain (actually I whined) with them, saying things like, "Please, please, just a half-hour longer and I promise to _____." You can fill in the blank for yourselves. It would range from doing my chores without being asked to never asking for anything again. Of course, the whining would increase when my sister and brother came home to visit, but it was their fault I whined more. Remember, they were 15 and 13 years older than me, but I still didn't think it was fair that they didn't have a bedtime. And worse was when my brother would loudly say, "Since Michael's in bed, let's order a pizza!" Oh, the torment they put me through. But I digress, I was talking about bargaining with my parents.

Although I would try to bargain with my parents, I don't ever remember bargaining with my Aunt Dolly or Uncle Ollie when I would stay over night at their house. I may not have agreed with them, but I would go to bed when they told me. I think the reason I felt able to negotiate (or at least try to) with my parents was because we had a good relationship. I was lucky, I knew I was loved. Sometimes my parents would appease me, other times they remained steadfast in their decision.

I remember having a conversation with them sometime in my early teen years, and I learned that, at times, it was hard for them to not give in to my persistence (read, stubbornness). But they reminded me they saw a bigger picture than I did. Now I can understand, more readily, that the exuberance of youth does not equal the wisdom of age. Hindsight shows me that they didn't want me to get hurt by some of the choices I would make. A note for those younger ones reading this: please know that being loved doesn't mean getting your own way; it means someone cares for you enough to risk your anger toward them in order to protect you from making bad choices.

In our first reading today, we hear how Abraham bargains with God like the way I bargained with my mother (although there is a good chance he didn't whine as much or as often as I did). Abraham could do this because he had a relationship with God. He saw God active in the lives of the Israelite community, and he knew God loved them. Abraham's God wasn't a God who was sitting in heaven watching the people and keeping score of everything they did wrong. Abraham knew God only wanted the best for them. And if God didn't seem to answer his prayers, he trusted that God knew best. Well, Abraham's God is our God too; a loving Father who only wants the best for us.

That's what Jesus is reminding people of in the Gospel when he says no father would hand his son a snake or scorpion when they asked for food. If a human father only wants the best for his child, imagine how much our Father in heaven (the one who created us and let his Son die for us), wants the best for us. Like my parents (and I'm sure yours), sometimes God has to say 'no' or 'not yet' to certain things we ask for. He doesn't do this out of capriciousness or spite, but out of love. God sees the bigger picture and knows what we need to get into heaven. He also knows what things can keep us out.

May we not get discouraged when it seems our prayers go unheard. Instead, let's continue to reflect on the fact that he loves us so much that He allowed Jesus to die for our sins so that we may inherit the Kingdom of Heaven and be with Him for eternity.

Peace and Blessings, Fr. Mike



THIS WEEK

AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, JULY 28

• OCIA | 7:00pm | Upper Room

TUESDAY, JULY 29

- Rosary Making Workshop | 10:00am | Blessed Imelda Lambertini
- An Introduction to Inner Healing | 7:00pm | Upper Room

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

• Abide | 6:00pm | Upper Room

THURSDAY, JULY 31

- Thursday Morning Scripture Study | 10:00am | Upper Room
- Vocations Rosary | 6:30pm | Church

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

- Parishioner Meet & Greet: Coffee & Donuts | 9:00am | Parish Hall
- Social Seniors | 12:00pm | St. Aloysius Gonzaga

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

- Men's Rosary & Discipleship | 7:00am | Daily Chapel
- Unbound Now: Not In My City | 9:00am | Parish Hall
- Baptism Prep Class | 9:30am | St. Maria Goretti
- Diaper Drive | Before & After 5:00pm Mass | Parish Hall
- Samuel Ministry | 6:00pm | St. Maria Goretti

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

- Diaper Drive | Before & After All Masses | Parish Hall
- Power Night | 5:30pm | Upper Room

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AUG 1

SOCIAL SENIORS

Friday, August 1 12:00pm | St. Aloysius Gonzaga

Join us to meet up with old friends and make some new ones! This month, we will be joined by



parishioner, Jeff W, who will share his experiences working in Prison Ministry. Feel free to bring a sack lunch and drink.

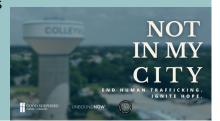
AUG 2

UNBOUND NOW: NOT IN MY CITY

Saturday, August 2 9:00am | Parish Hall

Human trafficking is happening in North Texas, and we need your help! Our Not In My City campaign empowers individuals and communities with up-to-date information about human trafficking, available local resources for victims, and actionable ways to get involved in the fight to end human trafficking. Everyone has a role to play in making our communities safer. Join us in saying: "Not In

My City." Light refreshments will be provided. Please let us know you are coming and learn more about what to expect at gscc.net/nimc.



AUG 5

STEPHEN MINISTRY INI MEETING Stephe

Tuesday, August 5 7:00pm | St. Bernadette

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Parish Hall

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Learn more about all of our ministries at gscc.net/ministries

First Monday of the Month | 6:30pm

Women's Rosary & Readings

First Wednesday of the Month | 9:30am

One Wednesday per Month | 10:00am

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Offertory Revenue (includes Holy I	Fav (unfav)		
	Actual	Budget	Variance
May-25	353,473	405,957	(52,484)
Year-to-date (July 2024 - June 2025)	4,744,990	4,746,814	(1,824)

	Fav (unfav)			
Prior Year	Variance			
373,231	(19,758)			
4,524,055	220,935			

4 PM

May 2025 Average	649	296	961	1,086	628	3,619
May 2024 Average	667	276	894	1,036	629	3,502
Increase (Decrease) from last year	-18	19	67	50	-1	117
New Families Added - May 2025						21

7 AM

Capital Campaign

Mass Attendance

\$ Pledged % of Goal Families Participating 105%

Funds Collected

As of June 30, 2025

6,290,813

5 PM

1,127

9 AM

11 AM

5,609,802

Total

Goal for receiving all payments 12/31/2025

% of Pledges Collected

89%







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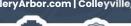
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