



The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: God's determination to punish Sodom and Gomorrah for their sinfulness has Abraham pleading with God not to sweep away the innocent with the guilty. Secure in his covenant relationship with God, the crux of Abraham's prayer is summarized in a rhetorical question asked of God: "Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?" Since doing justice is the essence of covenant relationship, the answer is an obvious yes. But how far does justice go in this context? Through prayer, Abraham is able to come to know and understand God's way of doing things, and in asking God for justice, he is able to attune his will to God's will. Prayer is not a matter of changing God's mind to our way of thinking, but rather an attunement to God's ways of acting and thinking, as we strive to align ourselves with God's will.

Responsorial Psalm 138: This psalm of praise and thanksgiving to God assures us that when we call upon the Lord in need, the Lord hears and responds. "The Lord is exalted, yet the lowly he sees" summarizes well the faith and trust of all in covenant love relationship with God. Because of God's kindness, that enduring faithful covenant love, we know what we are not forsaken that the Lord's right hand does protect and save. Abraham's prayer to God flows out of the sure bond of covenant love, and of knowing God to be full of mercy, compassion and very concerned about doing justice.

Second Reading: In Baptism we are buried with Christ and through God's power we are raised with him. God raises us up with Christ even while we are slaves to sin and legally bonded to evil powers. In Christ, God brings us to life, forgiving all our transgressions and eliminating any legal bonds against us from evil powers, by nailing all to the cross. Colossians asserts that we have been justified and made righteous before God through Christ's Cross, symbolic of that total gift of self-emptying love. As disciples, we are called to model ourselves on Christ, and manifest that same love towards one another, even when not deserved or accepted.

Gospel: Luke's Jesus is a person of prayer whose personal relationship to God sustains his life and ministry. His disciples, very much aware of this, ask Jesus to teach them how to pray. Jesus responds with what we now call the Our Father or the Lord's Prayer. We are taught to call upon God as we would a loving parent, bless, and praise God for life's many blessings, and ask God for those things that we need in life to be faithful partners in a covenant love relationship. A parable follows the prayer reminding us that we should be bold and persistent in our prayers to God, not to get our own way, but to ask God for justice and right relationship in all things so that we might live as God desires. The final sayings stress the reality that just as parents desired nothing but the best for their children, so too God desires nothing but the best for us and will provide what God deems best whenever we are bold enough to ask.

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Remembering those affected by recent violence around the world...



*Spirit of Life, may we see the value of life.
 Spirit of Hope, may we renew our hope in you.
 Spirit of Peace, may we find peace in your love,
 And love each other enough to bring your peace to our world. Amen.*

-Author Unknown

Tickets on sale now!!!

St. Peter Parish Annual Fundraising Dinner and Talent Show
 Saturday, September 10th, 7:00pm to 10:00pm at St. Peter Parish Hall



Admission— \$30

Raffle tickets—\$10 for a pack of 6

Tickets are available to purchase after every weekend mass.

MASS INTENTIONS / LECTIONARY READINGS

July 23 Sat	<i>No morning Mass</i> 5:30 PM Mass— + In remembrance of James R. Kiniry Jr.	<i>Readings are the same as Sunday</i>
July 24 Sun	<i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:30 AM Mass— For the parishioners & visitors of St. Peter Parish 10:30 AM Mass — + In remembrance of Tell Dr	Gn 18:20-32 Ps 138:1-3,6-8 Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13
July 25 Mon	9:00 AM—Word and Communion Service	2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1b-6 Mt 20:20-28
July 26 Tue	9:00 AM—Word and Communion Service	Jer 14:17-22 Ps 79:8-9,11,13 Mt 13:36-43
July 27 Wed	9:00 AM Mass — +In remembrance of Vicente Gonzales	Jer 15:10,16-21 Ps 59:2-4,10-11,17-18 Mt 13:44-46
July 28 Thu	9:00 AM Mass — +In remembrance of Jose Gonzales	Jer 18:1-6 Ps 146:1b-6b Mt 13:47-53
July 29 Fri	9:00AM Mass — +In remembrance of Wong Lai Ming	Jer 26:1-9 Ps 69:5,8-10,14 Jn 11:19-27

WELCOME VISITORS! If you come to St. Peter Parish and are not a registered parishioner, please consider becoming one. Registration forms may be found in the vestibule of the church. Please fill one out and drop it in the rectory mail slot. Thank you.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS July 9/10, 2016

**Sunday
Contribution
\$ 3,429.44**

**Capital
Improvement
\$ 110.00**

Weekend Presiders

July 23/24
Fr. Vu

July 30/31
Fr. Negusse

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Jesus is describing God's immeasurable generosity when He says in today's Gospel, "Whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted." But it should also be the description of us Christian stewards—those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts in service to others.