**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY**

**Asked and Answered:**

**Readings:**[**Genesis 18:20–32**](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/Gen%2018.20%E2%80%9332)[**Psalm 138:1–3**](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/Ps%20138.1%E2%80%933)**,** [**6–8**](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/Psalm%20138.6%E2%80%938)[**Colossians 2:12–14**](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/Col%202.12%E2%80%9314)[**Luke 11:1–13**](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/Luke%2011.1%E2%80%9313)

**Though we be “but dust and ashes,” we can presume to draw near and speak boldly to our Lord, as Abraham dares in this week’s First Reading. But even Abraham—the friend of God (see** [**Isaiah 41:8**](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/Isa%2041.8)**), our father in the faith (see** [**Romans 4:12**](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/Rom%204.12)**)—did not know the intimacy that we know as children of Abraham, heirs of the blessings promised to his descendants (see** [**Galatians 3:7**](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/Gal%203.7)**,** [**29**](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/Galatians%203.29)**). The mystery of prayer, as Jesus reveals to His disciples in this week’s Gospel, is the living relationship of beloved sons and daughters with their heavenly Father. Our prayer is pure gift, made possible by the “good gift” of the Father—the Holy Spirit of His Son. It is the fruit of the New Covenant by which we are made children of God in Christ Jesus (see** [**Galatians 4:6–7**](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/Gal%204.6%E2%80%937)**;** [**Romans 8:15–16**](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/Rom%208.15%E2%80%9316)**). Through the Spirit given to us in Baptism, we can cry to Him as our Father—knowing that when we call He will answer. Jesus teaches His disciples to persist in their prayer, as Abraham persisted in begging God’s mercy for the innocent of Sodom and Gomorrah. For the sake of the one just Man, Jesus, God spared the city of man from destruction (see** [**Jeremiah 5:1**](https://biblia.com/bible/rsvce/Jer%205.1)**; Isaiah 53), “obliterating the bond against us,” as Paul says in this week’s Epistle. On the Cross, Jesus bore the guilt of us all, canceled the debt we owed to God, the death we deserved to die for our transgressions. We pray as ones who have been spared, visited in our affliction, saved from our enemies. We pray always a prayer of thanksgiving, which is the literal meaning of Eucharist. We have realized the promise of this week’s Psalm: We worship in His holy temple, in the presence of angels, hallowing His name.In confidence we ask, knowing that we will receive, that He will bring to completion what He has done for us—raising us from the dead, bringing us to everlasting life along with Him.**

***The St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology***

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**K-12 Religious Education**

***Classes began Wednesday, September 19th.***

**St. Anthony “Wish List”**

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***Renovations for “Tony’s Place”- Our CCD building is in great need of repairs! If you would like to donate towards this wish, please write “Tony’s Place” on the bottom of your check & drop in collection basket. Throw your loose change in the Big Coke Bottle too! Thank you in advance!***

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**2nd Collections for Aug & Sept**

**Aug. 18th – Local STVDP**

**Sept. 1st – Cath. Univ.**

**Sept. 15th – Local STVDP**

**Sept. 22nd – Atlanta STVDP**

**Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus?** 

[**www.kofc.org/join**](http://www.kofc.org/join)

**or**

**Call Tom Brown @**

**678-787-3028**



**Flowers this weekend are:**

**In Memory Of:**

**Bob Martin**

**Requested by:**

**Maryanne Martin & Family**

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PRAYERS FOR OUR

PARISHIONERS

***Pray for the soul of*:**

**Alanna Popovich, Bill Adamson, Glenn McFarland Jr., Linda Traupane, Billy Shaw, Louise Ciamillo, Bobby Wayne, & Amber Aiello’s grandma.**

***Please pray for:***

**Mary McFarland, Richard Waddell, Raymond O’Keefe, Bruce Culbert, Doris McGowan, Rose Schwartz, Kathy Suvada’s daughter Nikki, Gene Bishop, Virginia Hastings, Ruth McCart, Patti LaRosa, Bob Bender, Mary Arp, Matt Guilfoyle, Lorraine Reynolds, Lou Ciamillo & Family.**

 ***Please pray for:* the safety of our marines, soldiers, sailors Luke Malonis, Sean Hastings, Phillip Thomas, John J. Banaghan, Carlos Rodriguez, Christopher, Greg Langas, Jeff Longhurst, Nicholas Horton, Josh Adkison, Chris Jones, David Rogers, Anthony Clark Yebba, Edward Bowen, Matthew & Patrick Mills, Michael Waranis, Clayton Cornell, Taylor Biggers, Anthony Difiore, & Donald P. Lozano. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF A NAME NEEDS TO BE ADDED OR REMOVED FROM THE LIST. We will delete names after 30 days**



**Last week’s Collections**

**07-20-19 Offer. $2400.00**

**07-21-19 Offer. $2299.00**

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**We thank you for your continued support of our parish! If you missed a prior collection, you may drop your envelope in the next collection. We are so grateful for our wonderful parishioners and visitors!**

**RCIA & Adult Classes**

**RCIA- Sundays 9am-10am. -See Fr. John**

**Adult Ed: Every Sunday morning @ 9:30am in the parish hall with Dcn. John.**

**Help! We have ants!**

**Please everyone, when using the hall, clear all trash to trash bins at Fr. John’s house and SWEEP the floor after your event or donuts. If you spill or drop food, Please clean up so those little critters don’t come in! If everyone pitches in we can keep a clean parish hall. Thank You!**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mon. July 29th -9:00am Mass**

***Joseph Carroll-RIP ![C:\Users\nbailey\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\H5SZIAJA\cross___rose_by_hitenshi16-d6gzdot[1].png]()***

**Requested by: Frank & Mary Jane Bentz**

**Tues. July 30th – 9:00am Mass**

***Jim Schwartz-RIP ![C:\Users\nbailey\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\H5SZIAJA\cross___rose_by_hitenshi16-d6gzdot[1].png]()***

**Requested by: Susan Schwartz**

**Wed. July 31st - 9:00am Mass**

***Chris Bludworth-RIP ![C:\Users\nbailey\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\H5SZIAJA\cross___rose_by_hitenshi16-d6gzdot[1].png]()***

**Requested by: Susan Schwartz**

**\*\*First Fri. Aug. 2nd -11:00am Mass**

***Bill & Terry Weaver- Sp. Int. “Healing” ![C:\Users\nbailey\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\CS4T7RAH\praying-hands-eps-5377182[1].jpg]()***

**Requested by: Frank & Mary Jane Bentz**

**\*\*First Sat. Aug. 3rd – 9:00am Mass-**

***No Mass Intention Scheduled***

**Sat. Aug. 3rd – 4:00pm Mass**

***John Tierney-RIP ![C:\Users\nbailey\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\H5SZIAJA\cross___rose_by_hitenshi16-d6gzdot[1].png]()***

**Requested by: Mary Burke**

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**Donuts & Coffee**

**Servers needed!**

**We would like to add to our wonderful families and individuals that have offered to serve donuts on Sunday. We welcome families or individuals that would like to serve. Names rotate so you only serve once every 2 months or so. Please call the office if you would like to help!**

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**School Supplies Needed!**

**Works of Mercy**

***We will be collecting for needy students at Fannin County Elementary Schools & Mountain Area Academy on the weekends of July 27& 28th and August 3rd & 4th.***

***Items needed:***

**Crayola Crayons**

**Regular Pencils**

**Colored Pencils**

**Wide-Ruled loose leaf paper**

**Glue Sticks**

**Single Subject Spiral –Notebooks**

**Stickers**

**Hand Sanitizers**

**Sanitizing wipes**

**Kleenex**

**We Thank You In Advance!**

**Please put your school items in the bin in the vestibule.**



***Consecration to Jesus***

***through Mary***

**33 Days to Morning Glory**

**Six week program**

**One meeting each week lasting 1 ½ hours.**

**Video presentation, small group discussion,**

 **short daily reading.**

**Last week of August through the beginning of October.**

**Day and time TBD according to participants. For all who have not made a consecration to Jesus through Mary and for anyone who would like to renew their consecration.**

**Please sign up on bulletin board in vestibule.**