

# THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## SAINT SYMPHOROSA PARISH

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Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of Chapter 11 of his Gospel, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbor, and assurances that God hears our prayers.

The disciples notice Jesus praying "in a certain place." They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Luke's version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct.

We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Luke uses the more theological language of "sins" rather than "debts," which is used in Matthew's version.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers

prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbor who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbor is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbor is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word *Holy Spirit*. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost.

The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things.

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**"Give us this day our daily bread"** - Many times we begin our prayers with petitions, telling God what we want him to do for us. But in the Lord's Prayer, as Jesus implies, we need to start with putting ourselves in God's presence, reminding ourselves that we are his servants and thus committing ourselves to his purposes. And only then, in that context and with all this in mind, are we in a position to distinguish our needs from our desires.

And then we proceed to ask him to provide us with all that we need. And not just in general, but all our specific needs — our daily bread. And notice that this is not everything we might desire. He fed them with daily bread — manna — in the desert.

Those 40 years were in many ways a time of privation — they missed the "flesh pots of Egypt." Nowhere does God promise to satisfy all our desires because that might not serve his purposes. But God does promise to provide our most basic needs if we ask him to do so. And that's what we ask for, our daily bread, our basic needs.

~Fr. Idzi



The faithful all around the world are invited to join with Pope Francis for his special intention. Won't you join in? The intention for the month of July is for the Integrity of Justice.

**That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.**

### Parish Staff

Rev. Idzi Stacherczak  
Pastor

Rev. Ted Bojczuk  
Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Norman Trela  
Retired Priest

Ken Hilliard  
Operations Director

Deacon Raul Duque  
Music Director

Magdalan Barry  
Parish Secretary

Nancy Markham  
Office Coordinator

Judy Banasiak  
Religious Education  
Coordinator

Kathy Berry  
Principal

Chris Garza  
Assistant Principal

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### Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday  
9:00 am—7:00 pm

Saturday  
9:00 am—12:00 pm

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### Schedule of Masses

Sunday  
7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

Saturday Evening Mass  
5:00 pm

Weekdays: 8:00 am  
Monday through Saturday

Holy Days:  
7:30am, 9:30 am and  
7:00 pm

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### Sacrament of Penance

Monday - Saturday  
after the 8am Mass

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### Parish Office

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### Parish School

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Chicago, Illinois 60638  
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# CATECHISTS NEEDED

## Can You Help?

Although we are in the middle of summer and the thought of starting a new Religious Education school year may seem a bit premature, it is never too soon to begin planning for our wonderful students who are in need of individuals that are willing to share their faith.

We are looking for individuals who love their faith and want to make a difference in a child's faith formation. I believe we have people in our parish who are willing to bring the Word of God to children who cannot attend a Catholic School. Won't you please help us by volunteering as a catechist so that we can continue to accept all of the children who come to us?

For those, who are a little afraid of teaching, be aware that the Archdiocese of Chicago offers classes for new catechists to help prepare you to teach.

We are in need of three teachers for the coming year. **PLEASE HELP!!!**

If you are interested, please call the rectory at 773.767.1523 ext. 226. If I am not in the office, leave your name and phone number and I will return your call.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Judy Banasiak, Coordinator of Religious Education



## An Invitation to Join\* The Roman Catholic Church

\*or perhaps become fully initiated  
into the sacramental life of the Church

## through the RCIA Process

If you are (or know someone who is):

- An adult who has never been baptized
- An adult who was baptized in another denomination or faith tradition
- An adult who is baptized Catholic but would like to complete his or her Sacraments of Initiation (receive the Eucharist/celebrate your First Holy Communion; celebrate your Confirmation)

This fall, our parish will begin the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process with the period of inquiry and questioning – there is no formal commitment at this time. The only requirement at this point is a desire to explore one's relationship with God through the Catholic Faith. In a supportive group setting, we will learn about the teachings of the Catholic Faith, share stories, and journey together toward greater intimacy with our God through the reception of the Sacraments.

For more information, please contact our Parish Office at  
773-767-1523.

## RENEW MY CHURCH: A PRAYER

As followers of Christ, all that we do – the very work of our mission – must be rooted in prayer. Let us take a look at the prayer specifically written to bless our Renew My Church efforts:

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today,  
as you spoke to holy men and women  
who have gone before us.  
In every age and in our own time,  
you call to us and say: Renew My Church.  
Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us,  
and so enable us  
to hear you clearly  
to listen to each other attentively  
to imagine our future boldly  
to discern your direction wisely  
to persevere in your holy will courageously  
to stay together in charity  
to surrender our own plans readily  
to embrace the greater good  
to hand on your gifts to future generations.

May we remain in the holy company of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints.  
May their example and presence  
inspire us with patient confidence  
in the work of your grace.  
We ask this of you who live and reign  
with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
forever and ever. Amen



In these words, we acknowledge that our Lord is bringing us into a family activity that spans the life of the Church; we are united in the communion of saints, as well as the holy men and women who laid the bricks of our parish Churches and built the faithful heritage of the archdiocese.

We beseech the Lord to pour out the Holy Spirit so that we are graced with what is necessary to truly renew beginning with the ability to hear and listen to God and our neighbor. This is so fundamentally important as it reminds us that our focus must be on what the Lord is speaking to us and what our fellow Catholics in our neighboring parishes and across the archdiocese are sharing with us. Once we can open our ears and our hearts to God and neighbor, we can imagine a future that is bigger than what we're holding onto right now.

I invite you to reflect upon each line of this prayer slowly and deliberately. Thousands of people across our archdiocese and beyond are praying these words on behalf of our local Church. Allow this to become your prayer, as well.

As always, for more information, visit [RenewMyChurch.org](http://RenewMyChurch.org), our parish website at <https://www.stsymphorosa.org/renew-my-church>, or call the parish office at 773.767.1523.



*Offerings for the weekend of  
July 21, 2019*

*Weekly Budget (Est.): \$9,000.00*

*Contributions: \$4,728.33*

*Envelopes: 237*

*Thank you for your support & generosity!*



**Split the Pot**

*July 21, 2019*

*Received this week: \$285.00*

*Winning envelope: #3220*

*Reminder: A minimum of \$5.00 is  
required to participate.*



**Our Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament for the month of July is offered for the following intentions:**

**For the repose of the soul of Tom Bogumil  
given by Dorothy & Family**

**For the repose of the soul of Tom Markham  
given by Family & Friends**

**For Nathan, Riha & Evan Mielnicki for their health and all  
the Lord's blessings in honor of their birthdays  
given by Grandma Mary**

**May this light which reminds us of Jesus' presence in the  
Tabernacle help welcome these and all of our prayers into  
His eternal presence.**



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the St. Symphorosa School Honor Roll Students.  
You are the future of our world and school. Thank you for all the hard work you all put forth to excel and succeed in your studies.



The following students completed the 3rd Trimester of the school year on the A Honor Roll:

**3rd Grade**

Paul Cornejo  
Lillian Engelhardt  
Alexis Petraitis  
Sean Ruckman

**4th Grade**

Elizabeth Augustine  
Cipatli Flores  
Jack Jania  
Norah Pacius  
Miguel Zamora

**5th Grade**

Emily Cornejo  
Jacob Diaz  
Olivia Granado  
Soraya Lopez  
Abigail Ortman  
Richard Pater  
Alyssa Perez  
Saul Ruiz

**6th Grade**

Alexander Calderon  
Christopher Flores  
Xavier Gonzalez  
Kylie Risley  
Natalia Szczurek

**7th Grade**

Daniel D'Andrea  
Aidan Frangella  
Grace Jania  
Natalie Lopez  
Julie Marella  
Dominic Pettenon  
Leah Sautkus  
Ryan Spain  
Dulce Villanueva  
John Witowski

**Grade 8**

Ashton Anda  
Maya Aponte  
Nathaniel Budz  
Jack Falvey  
Felix Diego Gonzalez  
Victoria Granado  
Olivia Herrera  
Joseph Kappel  
Domenico Lepore  
Kayla Ligue  
Patrick Marella  
Emily Risley  
Sydney Santiago  
Nayeli Scott



The following students completed the 3rd Trimester of the school year on the B Honor Roll:

**3rd Grade**

Allie Amato  
Abigail Carmona  
Abigail Castaneda  
Amya Johnson  
Jason Jones  
Anaïd Villanueva

**4th Grade**

Daniel Carmona  
Giuliana Lepore  
Eleanor McHugh  
Michael Wilinski

**5th Grade**

Ryan Andaverde  
Minerva Carmona  
Phaedra Hisson  
Jason Hoffman  
Kyleigh Krutilla  
Zachary Lechuga  
Kameron McHugh

Emilio Perez

Joseph Ramirez  
Victoria Stamatakos

**6th Grade**

Andrea Holik  
Angela Zubrzycki

**7th Grade**

Andrew Buenrostro  
Anali Carmona  
Daniel Hernandez  
Anthony Kappel  
Sophia Koch  
Giovanni Lepore, Jr.  
Kaden McHugh  
Isabel Palomar  
Nicholas Smolek  
Leah Vazquez

**Grade 8**

Maria Isabella Escot

The following students completed the 3rd Trimester of the school year on the Effort Honor Roll:

**3rd Grade**

Mireya Torres

**4th Grade**

Andy Sandoval

**5th Grade**

Joshua Blons  
Isabella Loza

**6th Grade**

Paul Przeklasa

**7th Grade**

Ryan O'Connell



**Father:**

Many thanks to you and your co-workers for helping our Little Sisters this weekend. May

God Bless you abundantly for your goodness to Sr. Maria Francis and Sr. Dorothy who attended yesterday.

Sincerely, Sr. Maureen

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## MARRIED IN 1969?

Join us to celebrate 50 years of marriage  
at the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass!

Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from across the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to gather together for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass that will be celebrated by Cardinal Cupich on Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 2:45 p.m. The Mass will be held at St. John Brebeuf in Niles, Illinois.

To register, contact your parish office,  
or register online at [bit.ly/goldenweddingchicago](http://bit.ly/goldenweddingchicago).

**We hope to see you there!**



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday, July 29, 2019**

**Saint Martha**

8:00am Health and all the Lord's blessings for Vitoria Sophia on her 1st Birthday (*Rosario Battung*)  
 †Virginia Krzan (*Soltis Family*)  
 †Roberto Rodriguez (*Inez Rodriguez*)

**Tuesday, July 30, 2019**

**Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop**

8:00am †Jim Thorpe (*Lorraine DeLauriea*)  
 †Pat Zagorski (*Barbara Rendak*)

**Wednesday, July 31, 2019**

**Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**

8:00am Health and all the Lord's blessings for Arlene Scaletta (*Fr. Idzi*)  
 †Gary Grisko (*Family*)

**Thursday, August 1, 2019**

**Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop**

8:00am Health and Birthday blessings for Arlene Scaletta (*Mary Kolimas*)

**Friday, August 2, 2019**

**Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop**

**Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest**

8:00am †Joseph Loduca (*John Kapusciaz*)  
 †Michael & James Gurgone (*Family*)  
 †Marian Zdziennicki (*Sister*)

**Saturday, August 3, 2019**

8:00am †Johanna Krzan (*Soltis Family*)  
 †Margaret Arvetis (*Son*)  
 †Pas Cordova (*Rosario Battung*)  
 5:00pm †Michael White, Jr. (*Rich & Mary Kavlauskas*)

**Sunday, August 4, 2019**

7:30am †Mary Lou Madej (*Husband Ray*)  
 9:30am †Jim Thorpe (*Kolasinski Family*)  
 †James Thorpe (*St. Symphorosa Altar & Rosary Society*)  
 11:30am †Mildred Haas (*Dorothy Mishka*)  
 †Chuck DeLauriea (*Judy & Ed Behm*)  
 †James DeStefano on the 40th Anniversary of his death (*DeStefano Family*)



*There are in the end three things that last:  
 Faith, Hope, and Love, and the greatest of  
 these is LOVE.*

Ignatius Battiato  
 Dorothy Bogumil  
 Fr. Ted Bojczuk  
 Pat Carmody  
 Michael Clifford  
 Florence Comiso  
 Chris Doherty  
 Juan Figueroa  
 Geri Gestaut  
 Carol Golab  
 Carol Gress  
 Suzann Gunter  
 Kathy Haars  
 Megan High  
 Dawn Hoyt  
 Heather Hradek  
 Denise M. Jandura  
 Rich S. Jandura  
 Lee Karpinski  
 Dennis Kline  
 Antoinette Kloppman  
 Walter Kokoszka, Sr.  
 Claudia Kwilosz  
 Norman Kwilosz  
 James Lapsansky  
 Donna Lauritzen  
 Domenico Lepore

Rosemary Litwin  
 John Martini  
 Lou Mackey  
 Lori McCarthy  
 Kathleen McAuliffe  
 Thomas Minnich  
 Christine Mosqueda  
 Genevieve Nagle  
 Ray Oracki  
 Baby Alexander J Pentz  
 Gi Gi Picciolini  
 Marie Pratt  
 Ann Robertson  
 Edward Robertson  
 Fr. John Rudnik  
 Joseph Rudnik  
 Gloria Schillings  
 Coltyn Schmidt  
 Kristyn Schmidt  
 James Suchy  
 Chalida Svatisalee  
 Terry Styka  
 Mary Thorpe  
 Nancy Webb  
 Barb Ziegler  
 Michelle

Due to privacy laws, names may only be added to our prayer list by immediate family.  
 Please let us know when to remove a name.

## SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Sgt. Jaime A. Acosta, USMC            | Staff Sgt. Andrew Gaca, USAF         |
| Sgt. Ted Bartelmey                    | Sgt. Michael Hough, US Army          |
| CS-1 Joel Battung                     | Anthony Johaniewicz, US Navy         |
| 1st Sgt. Chas. Berglund, USMC         | Lance Corp. Tim Lisenko, USMC        |
| Sgt. Naveen Bobba, USMC               | Trevor Lutz, US Army                 |
| Sgt. Arthur A. Boruch, National Guard | Corporal Zachary Maderak, USMC       |
| Hospitalman Blythe A. Cisneros, USN   | Pvt1st Class Daniel Morales, US Army |
| Airman Carlos Cisneros, USAF          | SPC Alex Ramos                       |
| Sgt. Frank Cisneros, USMC             | Staff Sgt. Abel Sandoval, USMC       |
| Corpsman Nicholas J. Cundari-USN      | WO-1 Richard Sobeske, US Army        |
| Captain Kevin Dobbyn, US Army         | Sgt. 1st Class Kristina Stuhlmacher  |
| Sgt. John Flores, IL National Guard   | 1LT Zachary White, IL Army NG        |



In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that God is out "Father" and just as a parent's love for their children is unlimited, so is God's love and care for us unlimited.

Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist those in need within our parish with food, utilities, rent bills, etc. Thank you for your generosity!

St. Vincent de Paul phone number: (773) 682-3342

## JOIN US....

On social media via

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@StSymphorosa

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Instagram

[stsymphorosacatholic](https://www.instagram.com/stsymphorosacatholic)

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## Popsicles with the Principal



**Prospective and Current St. Symphorosa Families:**

Come join Mrs. Berry for a Popsicle!!

Drop by anytime between 11-12:30pm on Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>  
 or Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> between 1:30-3pm

**Call 773-558-6888 if you are interested in a school tour**

*Let's enjoy a summer treat, cool off and  
 talk about St. Sym's School*

St. Symphorosa School 6125 S. Austin