

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Scripture readings speak about the necessity for persistence and perseverance in prayer with trusting faith and boldness.

I happened to read a book on homily where the author said: "I remember a person claiming to be a Christian who wrote to the "Letters to the Editor section" of a newspaper. In his letter, he complained that it did not make sense for him anymore to go to Church every Sunday. He explained: "I've gone to Church for thirty years now and heard something like 3,000 sermons. But throughout my life, I can't remember one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, and the priests are wasting theirs, too." This became a controversial issue that went on for days and even weeks with many people reacting to agree or disagree with his opinion. But somebody wrote an enlightening letter. It said: "I have been married for thirty years now. In that time my wife cooked 32,000 meals. But throughout my life, I cannot recall what the menu was for one of those meals. But I do know this; they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be dead today." What do we mean by prayer? It is the expression of men's and women's desire for communion with God. Some spiritual writers would define it as: "the lifting up of mind and hearts to God" or "the communication between God and human being."

A Christian without Christ is like a vehicle without brakes and accelerator. He could not move or stop. If we take the word 'CHRIST' out from the word 'CHRISTIAN', the remaining letters are 'IAN' which means I Am Nothing. In other words, without Christ, I Am Nothing at all.

There are no such things as unanswered prayers. All our prayers are being answered. In today's gospel, Jesus says: "Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you," (v. 9). God never lies and He is faithful to all His promises. God is not at our disposal. We give Him the freedom to answer 'yes' or 'no' or 'wait'. For if we want to get what we want every time we pray, we are not praying to God but to ourselves. Hence the saying: "Man proposes, God disposes."

There was a father who was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer. He was given two months to live. So the children prayed to God to give their daddy some years to live. Sad to say, the father died before the two months ended. The children were desperate and down because for them God did not answer their prayers. The mother told her children: "God answered your prayer but in a different way. He didn't want your papa to suffer long with terrible pains, so He took him away much earlier than expected."

To end my sharing, let us reflect on what Benjamin Franklin said: "Work as if you were to live 100 years and pray as if you were to die tomorrow".

(Fr. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.)



Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, July 28 **9:00 a.m.**

Birthday blessings for Jenelyn Abugan
req Tessie and Loy Abugan
Birthday Blessings for Marlene Castura req Myrna Dizon

Tuesday, July 29 **9:00 a.m.**

For the intention of McNamara for his birthday
req Leilani
Virginia Pretto req Theresa Didero and John Cancian
In thanksgiving req Anne McInnis
In memory of Even Sherk req Jackie Sherk

Wednesday, July 30 **9:00 a.m.**

All souls in purgatory req Benilda Fajardo
Margaret Golden req Bonnie and Terry Bulmer

Thursday, July 31 **9:00 a.m.**

Birthday Thanksgiving for Luca Mathew req Suja Mathew
Helen McSorley req Theresa Didero and John Cancian

Friday, August 1 **9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

All souls in purgatory req Pauline Nguyen
Soul of Ildefonsa Teves req Leilani

Saturday, August 2 **5:00 p.m.**

Rose and Jack Zamorski req Patricia and Anthony McLaughlin
Repose of soul of Leticia Torio
req Theresa Didero and John Cancian
Soul of Francois Xavier Roesch req Wanda Roesch
Sister Yen req Theresa DeFreitas
Maureen Williams req Williams family
For the soul of Helen McSorley req Greg and Genevieve
Wallegham
Repose of soul of Helen McSorley req Antu

Sunday, August 3 **10:00 a.m.**
For St. Charles Garnier Parish Community



SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns continually in the presence of our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This week the Lamp burns for

Healing and intentions of Hendrickson Sy
req Felisa Go
In memory of Francois Xavier Roesch
req Wanda Roesch
In memory of Evan Sherk
req Jackie Sherk

Bible Verse For This Week

*"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:
marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knows right well."*
-Psalm 139:14



**PARISH
SUPPORT**

July 19/20, 2025

Sunday Offering \$ 2,116.00
Loose Offering 576.00

Thank you for your generosity and continued support to St. Charles Garnier Parish.

Monthly Coffee Time

Sunday July 27 - Grandparents Day
Come and share in parish fellowship and celebrate all those who are grandparents.
Our gathering will follow the 10:00 Mass.
Please bring a refreshment to share.

Missionary Visit

On August 2nd and 3rd Bishop Prosper from the Archdiocese of Arusha, Tanzania, will be with us to share about the mission work in his Archdiocese and to seek our support through this mission appeal. We welcome Bishop Prosper.

Outside Concrete Work

As it has been identified for some time, it has been planned to replace the concrete in the front of the church and rear walkway to address safety issues. We are now able to proceed. This work will begin on Monday July 28th. As a result, there will be no available parking at the front during this time. The contractor will ensure that at least **one entrance** is accessible for each stage of the work. Please take note when you arrive. It is expected that the project will be completed in less than 2 weeks. We are so pleased to have this work done for the sake of safety and beautification of our church. Your cooperation is appreciated.

PARISH MOVIE & DINNER NIGHT

"THE TROUBLE WITH ANGELS"

Saturday, AUG. 9, 2025



Following the 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass
Lasagna Dinner & Movie: \$15 / Person
Tickets are available after every Holy Mass

Please Invite Your Family & Friends

Thank you to our parishioners who stayed after Mass last Wednesday to help clean our Church. Your cooperation and your time are greatly appreciated. God Bless you.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

**Jubilee Year 2025 and Pilgrims of Hope
CANADIAN MARTYRS SHRINE, MIDLAND
SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025**

The Shrine has been designated as an official pilgrimage site for the Jubilee Year of Hope.

How to obtain Jubilee indulgence?

1. Detachment from all sin, even venial.
 2. Sacramental confession.
 3. Holy Communion.
 4. One 'Our Father' for the intentions of the Pope
- (remission of temporal punishment due to sins)

TICKETS: \$ 65 PER PERSON

-We will be traveling Canada Coach Bus. Please arrive at St. Charles Garnier Parish by 7:30 a.m.

-The bus will depart at 8:00 a.m. sharp. We'll return to Hamilton by 7:00 p.m.

-Healing Mass at the Shrine at 1:30 p.m.

Celebrated by Fr. Saju.

- Please bring your own bagged lunch.

For more information, contact the parish office:

call us: 905 528 0074 or

email us: saintcharlesgarnier505@gmail.com

PLEASE GET YOUR TICKETS AND SPREAD THE WORD

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalms 119:105

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION 1st OF AUGUST 2025

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

9:30 a.m. Adoration Begins

4:00 p.m. Benediction

4:30 p.m. Fish and Chips Dinner (Buy tickets on or before July 30, 2025)

6:00 p.m. Confession

7:00 p.m. Holy Mass, Consecration of Families to the Sacred Sacred Heart of Jesus

PRAYER FOR WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

How beautiful are these words of yours, Lord!

*Help us to continue our pilgrimage through time,
animated by the hope that comes from You!*

*Help us in this divisive world,
to bring the hope of communion.*

*Help us in this world, wounded by wars,
to bring the hope of peace.*

*Help us in this world, which is dehumanizing,
to bring the beauty of an ancient smile.*

*Help us to be, for our grandchildren, for our loved ones
and for everyone we meet,*

the memory of your tenderness.

*Help us to bring, in a world distracted from You,
the Hope of a new life that only You can give!*

For in You, Lord, nothing is lost

For in You, Lord, everything begins again! Amen