

Pope Francis: Perserverance in prayer needed, but not “magic wand”



(Vatican Radio) Pope Francis on Wednesday said “prayer is not a magic wand.” He was speaking during his weekly General Audience in St. Peter’s Square.

The Pope was discussing the Parable of the Unjust Judge – also known as the Parable of the Persistent Widow – from the Gospel of Luke.

In the parable, the persistence of a widow forces the unjust judge to grant her request for justice, “so that she will not eventually wear [him] out.” (Lk 18: 1-8).

“Widows, together with orphans and foreigners, were the most vulnerable groups of society” – Pope Francis said – “The rights secured to them by the Law could be easily trampled upon because, being alone and helpless, it was difficult from them to avail themselves: A poor widow, there, alone, no one to defend her, she could be ignored, even denied justice; thus also with the orphan, the foreigner, the migrant...at that time this was a very great problem.”

The Holy Father said the widow in the parable used the only weapon she had: Her persistence is presenting her request for justice, “and this persistence achieved its goal.”

Pope Francis said if the widow can bend the will of the Unjust Judge, then God, who is “a good and just Father,” will “do justice to those who cry out to him day and night.”

“All of us experience moments of fatigue and discouragement, especially when our prayers seem ineffective,” Pope Francis said.

“But Jesus assures us: unlike the unjust judge, God promptly answers promptly his children, although this does not mean he does it in the time and manner that we would like. Prayer is not a magic wand!” – continued the Pope – “It helps to preserve our faith in God, and to trust in Him even when we do not comprehend His will. In this, Jesus himself - who prayed so much! – is the example.”

Pope Francis gives the example of Our Lord’s prayer at Gethsemane, where he prayed for the Father to “deliver him from the bitter cup of the passion.”

“But his prayer is permeated by faith in the Father, and trusts without restraint in His will: But – says Jesus – not as I will, but as you will,” Pope Francis explained.

“The goal of the prayer is of secondary importance; what matters above all is the relationship with the Father,” – the Pope continued – “This is what makes the prayer transform the desire and shape it according to the will of God, whatever it may be, because the person who prays first of all aspires to union with God, who is Merciful Love.”

Pope Francis concluded his catechesis by mentioning the parable ends with a question: When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?

“And with this question we are all warned: we must not desist from prayer, even if it is not answered,” the Pope said. “And it is the prayer which keeps the faith, without this, the faith wavers”

“We ask the Lord for a faith which becomes unceasing prayer, persevering, like that of the widow in the parable, a faith that is nourished by the desire of his arrival. And in this prayer we experience the compassion of God, like a Father who comes to meet his children full of merciful love.”

After his catechesis, Pope Francis [prayed for the victims of terrorist attacks](#) that took place in Syria on Monday, and also [made an appeal](#) for International Missing Children’s Day. [\(from Vatican Radio\)](#)



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Now the day began to wear away, and the twelve came and said to him, “Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place.” But he said to them, “You give them something to eat.” They said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.” For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” And they did so, and had them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

Luke 9:12-17



Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday: 7:00 pm
Sunday Rosary 8:15 am
Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Spanish Mass 4:00 pm

Weekday Mass Times:

Rosary: Monday - Saturday 8:30 am
Monday to Saturday: 9:00 am
Wednesday: 9:00 am and 7:15 pm
Perpetual Help Devotions at both Wednesday Masses

PRAYER LIST

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 30
9:00 am †David Simister

Tuesday, May 31
9:00 am †Mary Young

Wednesday, June 1
9:00 am †Lorne Stewart
7:15 pm †Lily Lynn Henderson

Thursday, June 2
9:00 am †Audrey Bentley

Friday, June 3
9:00 am †Jose, Maria & Tony Figueiredo

Saturday, June 4
9:00 am †Ferdinand Frias
7:00 pm Eileen Provost

Sunday, June 5
9:00 am †Joe Bairos & Family
11:00 am For the Parish

Beverly Banda	Paulette Martin	Mona Whelan
Judy Banda	Maria Mazza	Jack Wood
Lucille Banda	Shirley McCann	Emil Zalesak
Conrad Brassard	Jeannette McNulty	Elsie Zunti
Betty Campbell	Laureen Melchkart	†Mary Arnesen
Hazel Caron	Lynn Melnyk	†Sr. Elizabeth Miller
Gerry Degagne	Yvonne Mercereau	†Mary Weston
Kathie Doepker	John Orlando	
Lillian Dumont	Teresa Orlando	
Sandra Dundas	Walter Prochera	
Ted Fortosky	Bernard Provost	
Lorraine Fox	Michael Prystupa	
Nora Hayes	Teresa Richmond	
Janice Herbers	Tony Roques	
Bettyna Ho	Paul Ruot	
Betty Hummel	Filomena Santoro	
Marjorie Joseph	Eugene Schedlosky	
Sr. Mildred Kaufman	Laura St. Germaine	
John Keindel	Ray St. Germaine	
Rick Kostiuik	Cheryl Tullis	
Marilyn Lewer	Laura Ulsifer	
Herb Lowe	Catherine Vogelgesang	
Anne Lukan	Lillian Williamson	

Sacrament of RECONCILIATION (confession)

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
and 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Priests are available anytime by appointment



REDEMPTORIST PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Each Wednesday at 6:30 am and 10:30 am the Redemptorists offer Perpetual Help devotions on Vision TV. Shaw Cable 122 Sasktel Max 23

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$ 5,130
 Week of May 16—May 22, 2016
 Envelopes & PAD: \$ 3,681
 Loose: \$ 603
 Total for the week \$ 4,284

Under Budget \$ 846

Year to Date Budgeted offering 107,730
 Year to Date Donations 102,938
 Under Budget \$ 4,792

Long Range Planning: Have you considered including your parish in your will or naming "St. Mary's Parish Building Support" as an alternative charity in an obituary notice?

**Next Sunday June 5—10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Sunday Summary**

1 Kings 17:17-24
 A prophet of solitary ways restores a dead child to his mother alive.
Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13
 While others descend to the depths, the friends of the Lord will be preserved.
Galatians 1:11-19
 Paul insists that God alone influenced his journey of faith.
Luke 7:11-17
 Jesus feels the grief of a bereaved mother, and restores her son to life.

Dates to Remember

Mon, May 30	RCIA	7:00PM
Mon, May 30	Liturgy Committee Meeting	7:00PM
Tues, May 31	Prayer Shawl Ministry	11:30AM
Tues, May 31	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00PM
Wed, June 1	CWL Meeting	8:00PM
Wed, June 2	K of C Meeting	8:00PM
Sat, June 4	Confirmation Practice	1:00PM
Mon, June 6	RCIA	7:00PM
Tues, June 7	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00PM
Sat, June 11	Sodalitas	10:00AM
Sun, June 12	K of C Pancake Breakfast	10:00AM
Tues, June 14	Confirmation	7:00PM

**LECTORS AND MINISTRIES OF HOLY COMMUNION
 Next Week June 4/5**

	LECTORS	COMMUNION
7:00 PM	Darlene Sane Vernon Sane	Sr. Josie Bouvier Brian Favel Vic Fortosky Loretta Skipper
9:00 AM	Annette Piche Kurt Stang	Jim Penna Rose Wasylenska Marlene Blom Vic Garchinski
11:00 AM	Sylvia Zakreski Maria Zalesak	Zeljko Bilandzic Ben Fortosky Arnel Mendoza Eileen Provost

In today's excerpt from his letter to the Corinthians, Paul articulates what we now refer to as the *institution narrative*, and these words comprise the *earliest* scriptural account of the Last Supper. Paul is writing to the Christians in Corinth in the early 50's, some twenty years after Jesus' death and resurrection and about twenty years before the first Gospel, Mark, was written. He is very disturbed by their manner of treating one another when they come together to celebrate. To get a better understanding of Paul's narrative it may be helpful for us to consider the fuller context of 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 where he recalls what happened "on the night (Jesus) was handed over."

First, we must remember that at those times there were no special buildings erected for Christian worship. Worshipers gathered in the homes of people who were wealthy enough to have sufficient room for such a gathering. Because the larger homes in Corinth were of a style similar to the larger homes in Rome, these had a *triclinium*—a three-sided chamber in which the more privileged guests (usually nine in number) would recline around a low table. There was also a larger area, the *atrium*, where other less distinguished guests would gather to eat.

Paul was very upset when he heard about the inappropriate habits that became part of the celebrations of this faith community in Corinth. There were obvious social gaps between the rich and the poor; special status was given to a privileged few, while many people present were totally ignored; and the celebration gave little evidence of what Paul considered essential for a Spirit-filled community gathering made one in Christ.

Paul notes that in their "coming together" they did not really come together at all. For one thing, the more privileged and wealthier among them would often "overindulge" and give little heed to the poorer members. This social gap between rich and poor became most evident in their celebration of the Lord's Supper. Paul was especially disturbed to hear that the wealthier among them often ate and drank to excess while the poorer members received much less than the others, and often, nothing at all.

It is precisely to confront this scandal of *division* where there should be *unity* and *community* that Paul recites the tradition that he had passed on to them when he had originally catechized them. Paul's rehearsal of the solemn account of the Last Supper was meant to alert them to a fundamental realization: that their failure to care for one another's basic needs in the gathering for the Lord's Supper flies in the face of the very meaning of that ritual practice. The Lord's Supper—what we have come to call the Eucharist (in Greek) or the Mass (in Latin)—commemorates Jesus "handing over" of himself for our redemption; thus our celebration of that event should be evident in our "handing over" of ourselves to one another, at least in seeing that each one is cared for. However the rest of their culture may discriminate between privileged and non-privileged guests at dinner gatherings, Christians, when they come together for the Lord's Supper, are to "receive" one another as guests. In this regard, Paul's motto was (Gal 3:28) "...neither Jew nor Greek, neither slave nor free person...not male or female." Paul felt that none of these distinctions should be in evidence among Christians, especially so at the Lord's Supper.

Luke's Gospel description, describing the feeding of 5,000 people with 5 loaves and a couple of fish, has been commonly understood as a foreshadowing of the Eucharistic meal where Jesus continues to feed the gathered assembly. More recent scriptural insights, however, describe a foreshadowing that gives an even richer meaning to the Eucharistic gathering. Having been nurtured by the Eucharist and having become *people-of-the-Eucharist*, do we not have some responsibility to do what Jesus himself has done? We live in a world where many millions go unfed every day and our common attitude is something like..."The world is so large and the problem is so great, what difference can our little contribution make?" Or, we may hear words like, "People must simply fend for themselves; that's the reality." The more probable meaning however is this: the hungry and the needy and the outcasts of the world are "in front of us" in much the same way that they were in front of Jesus in the desert, tired and hungry and without food. What Jesus did in His time, we people of the Eucharist, must do in our time. *We are all one with Christ*. As such we are called to be "people of the Eucharist"—people of service—so that ultimately, they all may be one (Monika Hellwig.)

In the Eucharist the ordinary becomes the extra-ordinary: ordinary bread and wine become the Body and Blood of the Risen One; and ordinary people like you and me become the extra-ordinary Body of Christ, the Church!

Fr. Frank Reitzel, C.R.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR SR. ELIZABETH MILLER:

The family of Sr. Elizabeth Miller would like to invite members of St. Mary's Parish to attend the Celebration of Life for Sr. Elizabeth Miller O.S.U. on May 31 at 10:30 at St. Mary's Parish. Sr. Elizabeth passed away on Monday May 9 in Chattam, ON.

ST. MARY'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meeting Tues., May 31st at 7:15 pm. (Lower hall) Repeat because of power outage last week
Theme: Meditative PowerPoint – Images of Mary "The 'yes' of Mary," ... "opens the 'yes door' of Jesus: 'I have come to do your will', the 'yes' that goes with Jesus throughout His life, even to the Cross." Pope Francis

RESPONSE TO THE WILDFIRE IN FORT MCMURRAY:

Please continue to pray for the people of Fort McMurray, and for all those in security, firefighting and public service who are responding to the wildfires and providing assistance to some 70,000 who have been evacuated. The government of Canada will match personal donations to the Canadian Red Cross for Fort McMurray disaster relief. Donations may also be made to the Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Paul. Bishop Paul Terrio confirms that one-half of any contributions to the diocese will be to assist the Catholic parishes and parishioners of Fort McMurray, while the other half will be forwarded to the Fort McMurray Ministerial Association for ecumenical assistance to those who have lost homes and jobs. Cheques to Diocese de St-Paul / Diocese of St. Paul can be dropped into your parish collection or mailed directly to Financial Officer, Diocese of St. Paul, 4410 - 51st Avenue, St. Paul, AB, T0A 3A2

SAINT JOHN BOSCO WILDERNESS CAMP

– at Zeden Lake located in the Narrow Hills Provincial Park. What are your summer plans? Looking for an exciting new adventure? St. John Bosco Wilderness Camp is a summer camp for youth ages 8 – 17 held in northern Saskatchewan. Youth and teens enjoy activities such as canoeing, swimming, archery, wide-games, hiking, orienteering, Nature-lore, and Liturgy. Campers have the opportunity to experience wilderness travel and camping making lifelong friends and developing a new appreciation for God and nature. For more information and/or to download registration form, visit our website at: www.johnboscocamp.com. or call us at 1-844-752-6726.

PURITY RALLY, 2016.

Come join us on Saturday, June 4th. At Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Martensville, SK. 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
 For ages 3 – 10, the cost is \$10/Child, \$20/Family. This will be a fun filled day of growing in faith! With lots of fun games, interactive talks, awesome skits, and lots of music! This only happens once a year so make sure to bring your kids out for this awesome day! Registration will be at the door but if you would like to sign a waiver online ahead of time please do so by contacting laura.rice@purewitness.com. Parents and younger children are welcome to attend the day as well.

"THE PAPAL BASILICAS OF ROME," a documentary film produced for the Year of Mercy, will be shown at Scotiabank Theatre, 347 2nd Avenue South at 7:30 p.m. June 9 (3D) or at 12:55 p.m. June 12.

THE PRAIRIE CENTRE FOR ECUMENISM PRESENTS A PUBLIC LECTURE

by Dr. Michael Kinnamon, former general secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and author of *The Ecumenical Movement* and of *A Light to the Nations*. This public event will be held 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 21 at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, 10 Grosvenor Crescent, Saskatoon. Wine and Cheese reception to follow. For more information contact the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism, (306) 653-1633 or admin@pceecumenism.ca or visit the website at www.pceecumenism.ca

BLACKSTRAP CATHOLIC YOUTH CAMP

is held throughout the summer in week-long sessions for youth from ages 8 to 13 years, giving youth the opportunity to experience God through nature and fellowship with other young people. Summer 2016 sessions run July 3-8; July 10-15; July 17-22, July 24-29, and July 31-Aug. 5, with indoor and outdoor activities, including canoeing, swimming, hiking and tenting. The camp is sponsored by the Saskatoon Knights of Columbus. For more information see the website at <http://blackstrapyouthcamp.org> or call (306) 492-4813.

CALANDER OF THE SAINTS

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary—May 31: This feast, commemorating the meeting between Mary and Elizabeth, has been celebrated in the Roman liturgy since the 8th Century. Found in Luke's Gospel, this event is one of rejoicing in the wonders God has done, as both the barren Elizabeth and the young Virgin Mary find themselves with child. Each woman experiences an outpouring of the Holy Spirit: Elizabeth's response is to declare Mary and her child blessed; and Mary's response is the hymn of praise, the Magnificat.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus—June 3: The heart of Jesus is adored as a symbol of his threefold love: human, spiritual, and divine. In the Old Testament, this love is described as a father's love for his children or a husband's love for his wife. In the New Testament, the promise of living water, the Holy Spirit, is fulfilled in the pierced heart of the Messiah. Our modern understanding of the Sacred Heart of Jesus has been shaped by the visions experienced by St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 17th century. In modern times, the image of the Sacred Heart in the home has become a sign that the love of Jesus rules over the family. In 1899, Pope Leo XIII consecrated the world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary—June 4: The devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is closely linked with that to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Although popular devotion began in the 17th century, it was in 1805 that permission was given for a feast of the Pure Heart of Mary. In 1944 the feast was instituted in the Western Church. Since then, popes have on numerous occasions consecrated the whole world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Mary's sanctity and her love as the Mother of God are signified by her immaculate heart.