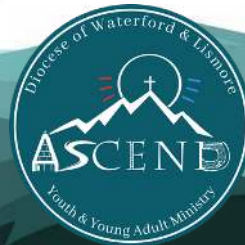




To the Heights



Year C 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SPOTLIGHT!



Jubilee of Consecrated Life - Celebrating the Men and Women Religious of our Diocese on Thursday 9th October!
Wonderful to see so many represented there!

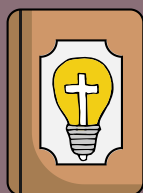
PRAYER INTENTION!

For all the men & women religious of our diocese!



WEEKLY CHALLENGE!

Commit to a season! Pick one time, place and method of prayer to commit to for the next four weeks. Be realistic but be generous to God too. As part of your prayer ask him to help you deepen your relationship with him. There are lots of free prayer apps like Laudate you can use too!



REFLECT

- Why did Jesus tell his disciples this parable?
- What kind of man was the judge?
- What did the widow want from him?
- Why did the judge eventually give in to her?
- If God is not like the corrupt judge, what lesson can we learn about God's answering of our prayers from this parable?
- What question does Jesus pose at the end of this Gospel passage?
- Why do you think He asks this question?

HEAR: Sunday Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

If you don't have a Bible handy, click the image here to access the Mass readings for this Sunday!

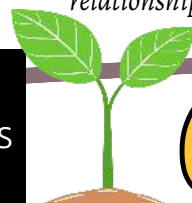


PRAY

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TUNE!

BATTLE BELONGS
Phil Wickham



GROW

Free Catholic app designed to offer an all-in-one resource for matters of faith. Daily Mass Readings (with Saint of the Day and Reflections). Liturgy of Hours, Bible, interactive Rosary and Chaplet of St. Michael, Franciscan Crown Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Daily Prayer and Daily Bible Verse. Catechism of Catholic Church, Examination of Conscience, Vatican documents... and more!



FR MIKE SCHMITZ



WATCH:

TIPS FOR PRAYING



"We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son."

GAMECHANGERS!

ST JOHN PAUL II
22nd October

SAINT JOHN PAUL II, THE LIFE OF A HOLY POPE



The Catholic Church's Liturgical Calendar is crammed full of inspirational saints and heroes, or as we like to call them, Game Changers! Check them out on our web page!



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[Ascend Youth Ministry](https://www.youtube.com/AscendYouthMinistry)

HIS WORD & MY LIFE:

LUKE 17: 17-19



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RESPOND:



Can you explain how any four of these words relate to the message of the Gospel?

What do you think God could be saying to you in this Gospel? What speaks to your heart? Maybe it raises questions, maybe it's a little uncomfortable, maybe it offers hope... what matters is that we are open to hearing God speak to us individually.



PUZZLE

chosen
corrupt
day and night
enemy
faith
God
judge
justice
parable
persistent
promise
respect
rights
Son of Man
speedily
unjust
widow
worry

FIND THE WORDS FROM THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL IN THE WORDSEARCH BELOW



Reflect on the scripture quote and allow thoughts and images that come to you to form part of your doodle prayer: it could be people or situations that need prayer or even areas you might need to change in. Certain words or phrases might stand out for you. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your heart as you pray and doodle!



Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?"



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TOP WORSHIP SONGS OF ALL TIME! -
INSTRUMENTAL WORSHIP GUITAR | JON SNODGRASS



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HOW TO PRAY

ICEBREAKER

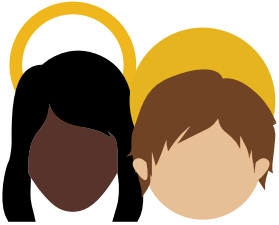


- What's your initial reaction to the word "prayer"?
- Can you list ten different ways of praying?
- Why do you think people pray?
- Do you find it easy to pray?

WATCH THIS VIDEO FROM FR MIKE SCHMITZ (TIPS FOR PRAYING)
AND REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW:



If you're a believer, prayer is not an _____. Prayer is absolutely _____.



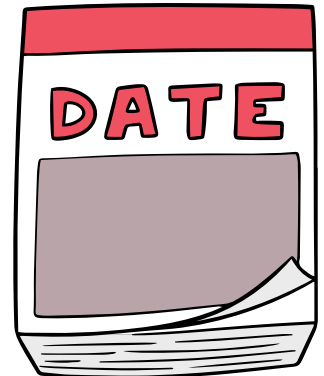
What does having a profound prayer life mean (and is necessary for)?

1st Question: WHEN are you going to pray?

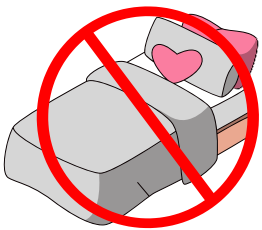
What kind of excuses do people make who skip their scheduled time for prayer?

What does the "when" for your prayer have to become?

What implications does that decision have for how you build your day?



2nd Question: WHERE are you going to pray?

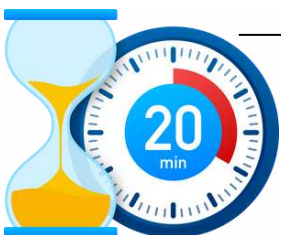


What kind of places are not conducive to prayer?

What kind of places are suitable to use for prayer?

3rd Question: WHAT / HOW are you going to pray?

Name 3 of the types of prayer Fr Mike lists.



If you only have 15 - 20 minutes to pray, what should you do?

What does Fr Mike mean by "commit to a season"?



HOW TO PRAY



4th Question: WHY are you going to pray?

What do many people pray to get from God? _____

What's the problem with that motivation? _____

What is prayer actually meant to create? _____



The battle is just showing up and be there for the whole time, even if it's just 20 minutes.

If you give God 20 minutes of your day, every day for the next 20 years, imagine, what would your life look like? What about the next 40 days? _____

You are called to be a _____-er. What four questions do you have to answer? _____



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CREATE A PLAYLIST TO LISTEN TO AS YOU REFLECT ON PRAYER IN YOUR LIFE



- Phil Wickham: The Battle Belongs
- Elevation Worship: Talking to Jesus
- Tauren Wells: When We Pray
- Casting Crowns: What if people prayed
- Casting Crowns: Sweet Hour of Prayer
- Anthony Evans: See you again
- Chris McClarney: I'm Listening
- Kari Jobe: The Blessing



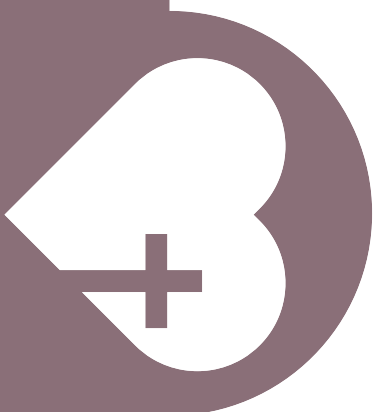
What's your bedtime?
(Fr Mike Schmitz)

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- Mark Hart -



GOD'S THREE ANSWERS TO YOUR PRAYERS:

YES

NOT YET

I HAVE SOMETHING BETTER IN MIND