

# **Sunday Prayer at Home**

**Twenty-ninth Sunday  
of Ordinary Time**

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*For use by St. Mary's Parishioners  
Immaculate Conception Church, Alton, IL*

## Explanation

We have resumed public Mass at St. Mary's, abiding by social distancing requirements. The dispensation from Sunday Mass remains in effect. This booklet of readings and prayers is designed to help your family keep the Lord's day holy, even if you do not go to church.

It is most fitting for the father of the house to lead these prayers, encouraging the participation of as many members of the family as possible in the various readings and intercessions.

In place of the Eucharist, pray an Act of Spiritual Communion (included). Desire to receive the living presence of God into your souls. This may be done many times each day without limit. Holy Communion is distributed on Sunday on 4<sup>th</sup> Street from 11:45am-12:30pm, one car at a time. Those at higher risk should continue to shelter at home.

The Vatican has decreed special conditions for receiving plenary indulgences during this time (<https://bit.ly/2xj6pAw>). The prayer service outlined in this booklet satisfies the conditions, together with a firm desire to receive the Eucharist and sacramental absolution in confession as soon as possible. A plenary indulgence is the full pardon of temporal punishment due to our sins in this life (a "get out of purgatory free" card). The decree mentions many other actions that are granted an indulgence during the time of pandemic.

The place and attire: it would be nice for everyone to dress as for Sunday Mass, to arrange the room with candles or statues of saints or a bible in a prominent place. It may also help to sit and stand together like we do at Mass.

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## Introduction

**Leader:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Leader:** Let us call to mind our sins and ask the Lord for his merciful forgiveness.

**All:** I confess to Almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned. In my thoughts, and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**Leader:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All:** Amen.

**Leader:** Let us pray. (*pause in silence*)

Almighty ever-living God,  
grant that we may always conform our will to yours  
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

## **Liturgy of the Word**

### **First Reading ([Isaiah 45:1, 4–6](#))**

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus,  
whose right hand I grasp,  
subduing nations before him,  
and making kings run in his service,  
opening doors before him  
and leaving the gates unbarred:

For the sake of Jacob, my servant,  
of Israel, my chosen one,  
I have called you by your name,  
giving you a title, though you knew me not.  
I am the LORD and there is no other,  
there is no God besides me.

It is I who arm you, though you know me not,  
so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun  
people may know that there is none besides me.  
I am the LORD, there is no other.

**Responsorial Psalm (96: 1, 3, 4–5, 7–8, 9–10)**

**R. (7b) Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all you lands.  
Tell his glory among the nations;  
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

For great is the LORD and highly to be praised;  
awesome is he, beyond all gods.  
For all the gods of the nations are things of nought,  
but the LORD made the heavens.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Give to the LORD, you families of nations,  
give to the LORD glory and praise;  
give to the LORD the glory due his name!  
Bring gifts, and enter his courts.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Worship the LORD, in holy attire;  
tremble before him, all the earth;  
say among the nations: The LORD is king,  
he governs the peoples with equity.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

## **Second Reading ([1 Thessalonians 1:1–5b](#))**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians  
in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

grace to you and peace.

We give thanks to God always for all of you,

remembering you in our prayers,

unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of  
love

and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ,

before our God and Father,

knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God,

how you were chosen.

For our gospel did not come to you in word alone,

but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much  
conviction.

## **Alleluia**

**R. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Shine like lights in the world

as you hold on to the word of life.

**R. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## **Gospel ([Matthew 22:15-21](#))**

The Pharisees went off  
and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech.  
They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying,  
“Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man  
and that you teach the way of God  
in accordance with the truth.  
And you are not concerned with anyone’s opinion,  
for you do not regard a person’s status.  
Tell us, then, what is your opinion:  
Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?”  
Knowing their malice, Jesus said,  
“Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?  
Show me the coin that pays the census tax.”  
Then they handed him the Roman coin.  
He said to them, “Whose image is this and whose inscription?”  
They replied, “Caesar’s.”  
At that he said to them,  
“Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar  
and to God what belongs to God.”



## **Reflection**

*Pause for silent reflection. Members of the family may share what inspired them, or what they are praying for on this day. This is not a time for open discussion, but for speaking from the heart while the others listen. Someone may read aloud from a printed reflection or homily written by someone else on the readings and circumstances of the day.*

## Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
(*bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Intercessions

**Leader:** Let us ask our God to hear our prayers and petitions on behalf of those who are in need.

**Reader:**

1. For the pope, bishops and priests, may they inspire in all people the desire for a true relationship with Christ, we pray to the Lord...
2. For a renewed commitment of the world's leaders to peace and justice for all God's children, we pray to the Lord...
3. That God's people may be active in carrying out their civic responsibilities, and may choose leaders who will build a society that respects all human life, we pray to the Lord...
4. For all who are on the frontlines of the Coronavirus pandemic, especially our health care workers and first responders, for all who are unable to stay at home, but must work to provide for their families, may God continue to protect them and keep them in good health, we pray to the Lord...
5. For all those especially chosen by Christ to "prepare the way of the Lord" in their hearts and the hearts of His people as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord ...
6. For those who have died in the light of faith, especially Marjorie Walter and John L. Reilly, may they rest in the peace and love of Christ, we pray to the Lord...
7. For all the intentions we hold in our hearts (*pause for a few seconds*), we pray to the Lord...

**Leader:** Father, hear the prayers of your people, and bring comfort to all who are in need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Spiritual Communion

### The Lord's Prayer

**Leader:** At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All:** Our Father ...

### Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

### Silent Thanksgiving

*Here, a moment of silence may be observed to thank Jesus for coming into our hearts, and to ask Him personally for all that we need.*

## **Conclusion**

**Leader:** May the Lord bless us, † protect us from evil,  
and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

## **Dismissal**

**Leader:** Let us go in peace.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## **Prayer to St. Michael**

Saint Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.

Be our protection

against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;

and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,

by the Power of God,

cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits

who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## St. Mary's Streaming Schedule

On <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysalton> (no account/login)

- Monday-Friday, 5:30pm Rosary
- The regular Mass schedule has resumed in the church, with social distancing, facemasks recommended  
**Monday-Saturday** 6:30am and 8am (also streaming)  
**Fridays** 8:15am during school year, still streaming  
**Full Sunday Mass schedule:**
  - Saturday 5:15pm,
  - Sunday 6:30am,  
8am (also streaming; facemasks required),  
9:30am, 11am, 6pm

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