

## Pope Leo's Angelus July 20

Today's liturgy invites us to reflect on the hospitality shown by Abraham and his wife Sarah, and later by the sisters Martha and Mary, who were friends of Jesus (cf. *Gen* 18:1-10; *Lk* 10:38-42). Every time we are invited to the Lord's Supper and share in the Eucharistic meal, it is God himself who "comes to serve us" (cf. *Lk* 12:37). Yet God first knew what it was to be a guest, and today as well, he stands at our door and knocks (cf. *Rev* 3:20). In Italian, the same word can mean both "guest" and "host." On this summer Sunday, let us reflect on this interplay of giving and receiving hospitality, for without it our lives are impoverished.

Humility is needed to offer hospitality, but also to receive it. It also takes courtesy, attentiveness and openness. In the Gospel, Martha risks missing out on some of the joy of this exchange. She is so caught up in preparing to welcome Jesus that she nearly spoils a unique moment of encounter. Martha is a generous person, but our Lord calls her to something more than generosity alone. He calls her to leave her preparations behind and to come and spend time with him.

Dear brothers and sisters, our lives can only flourish if we learn to be open to something greater than ourselves, something that brings us happiness and fulfillment. Martha complains that her sister has left her alone to serve (cf. v. 40), but Mary is completely caught up in Jesus' words. She is no less practical than her sister, nor less generous, but she recognized what was most important. That is why Jesus chides Martha. She was missing an opportunity to share in a moment that would have brought her great joy (cf. vv. 41-42).

The summer season can help us learn how to slow down and become more like Mary than Martha. Sometimes we too fail to choose the better part. We need to take time to rest and try to learn better the art of hospitality. The holiday industry wants to sell us all sorts of "experiences," but perhaps not the ones we are really looking for. Every genuine encounter is free; it cannot be bought, whether it is an encounter with God, with others or with nature. We need only learn the art of hospitality, which includes both welcoming others and allowing ourselves to be welcomed. We have much to receive, not only to give. Abraham and Sarah, despite their advanced years, found themselves being parents after they welcomed the Lord himself in the three visitors. We too have so much life ahead of us, remaining to be welcomed and embraced.

Let us pray to Mary Most Holy, our Mother, who welcomed our Lord, bore him in her womb, and together with Joseph gave him a home. In her, we see the beauty of our own vocation, the vocation of the Church, to be a home open to all and in this way to welcome her Lord, who knocks at our door and asks our permission to enter.

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## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 2025



### HOLY MASS

**Saturday:** 05:30 pm English, Church.

**Sunday:** 09:00 am English, Church.  
10:30 am Creole, Church.  
12:30 pm Spanish, Church.

**Weekdays:** 05:30 pm English, Upper Room, St. Maria Goretti.

**Fridays:** 04:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary.

05:30 pm Upper Room  
St. Maria Goretti.

### SCHEDULE OF SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms:** Contact one of the priests in person.

**1st Confession:** T.B.A.  
**1st Communions:** T.B.A..

**Confirmations:** To be confirmed.

**Marriage:** Call the parish office for preparation before setting a fixed date.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Upon request.

**Confessions:** Everyday before Mass or by appointment.

Today's Gospel is about the need to pray. The question is 'why'. If the Lord already knows what you need why should you ask Him? The reason is that He is a gentleman and does not want to interfere without your consent. Also, praying helps you to understand exactly what it is you are asking for and why. It implies that you are in need and it's like going to ask your father for something and so prayer builds a relationship with God. This is why the Lord allows sufferings and crosses in your life, just so that you can call out to Him. Perhaps it's the only way that the Lord can get you to get down on your knees and beg Him for whatever it is you need. It reminds you of your smallness, your insignificance and weakness and yet the Lord listens to all your prayers. Finally it's important to realise that God is a good father and therefore He does not give us everything we ask for, otherwise He becomes your servant and the Lord cannot allow that, as He is God. At the same time He is also very humble and if you are very persistent and humble in asking He will respond. One of the best things to ask Him is to know His will for you. There's an old adage that says "If you start to do the will of God He will start to do yours." Padre Pio, now a saint, says "Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless and God is merciful and will hear your prayer."

May the Lord grant us the grace of prayer so that we can come to know His loving mercy and that He does answer our prayers.

Fr. Paul



## HOLY HOUR FRIDAYS

4:00 pm—5:00 pm.

Holy Rosary in three languages, readings reflection, and meditation on the Holy Eucharist. Upper Room St. Maria Goretti.

## Baptisms

**Baptisms are celebrated on Saturdays at 3:00 pm.**

**Spanish:** 2nd Saturday of the month.

**Creole:** 3rd Saturday of the month.

**English:** 4th Saturday of the month.

### BAPTISM REQUIREMENTS

- Child's birth certificate.
- Complete application form.

### Parents & godparents need:

- Catechetical preparation (Three classes).

### Godparents also need:

- Minimum 16 years old.
- To have the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Letter from their pastor confirming practicing the Catholic faith.

## Parish Events July 27-August 3

**Holy Mass: 09:00 am, 10:30am 12:30pm**

04:00pm Coeur de Marie Children's group.  
 05:00pm Fraternite, Red Room.  
 05:00pm Creole Youth Choir practice.  
 05:30pm Sacre Coeur de Jesus, P. Hall.  
 06:00pm Choeur D'hommes 1st and 3rd Sunday at church.

### Monday

05:30 pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room

### Tuesday St.s Martha, Mary, Lazarus

05:30pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room

### Wednesday St. Peter Chrysologus

05:30pm Daily Mass., SMG Upper Room  
 07:00pm All communities, SMG, Upper room

### Thursday St. Ignatius of Loyola

05:30 pm Daily Mass SMG, Upper Room

### Friday St. Alphonsus Liguori

04:00 pm Adoration, SMG upstairs  
 05:30 pm Daily Mass, SMG upstairs

### Saturday St. Peter Julian Eymard

05:30 pm Mass in Church  
 07:00 pm Eucharist NCW



## School Notes

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Summer  
Break

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