

St. Paul the Apostle Parish



Lincoln Park

Fr. Leonard F. Villa, Pastor

Fr. George Valliamthadathil, M.S.F.S.

Deacon Rudolph Teng

Deacon Thomas Barbagallo

Masses

Saturday	9:00 AM	Sunday Vigil	5:00 PM
Sunday	7:45 AM, 9:15 AM, 10:45 AM, 12:15 PM		
Latin Mass	1:30 PM, first three Sundays		
	2:30 PM fourth Sunday of the Month.		
Weekdays	9:00 AM		
Holy Days	6:45 AM, 9:00 AM, 7:30 PM		

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Jackie Barton - Coordinator of Religious Education
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Sacrament of Baptism

Sundays at 2:45pm except the 4th Sunday of each month by appointment

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00-4:45 PM. Anytime requested.

Sacrament of Marriage

Six months advance notice is mandatory.
Marriage preparation course required.
Call rectory for appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick

Call the rectory for attention to home-bound

Parish Registration

Contact the rectory

Parish

Website: www.stpaulyonkers.org
E-mail: stpaulyonkers@gmail.com

Parish Meetings

Monday	6:45 PM St. Paul's Folk Dance
Tuesday	7:30 Legion of Mary
Tuesday	8:00 PM Prayer Group
2nd Tuesday	8:00 PM Men's Group
Wednesday	7:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting
Thursday	7:00 PM A.A. Beginners
Thursday	8:00 PM A.A. Closed Meeting
Thursday	7:00 PM Al-Anon
1st Friday	9:30-11:00 Adoration
1st Friday	7:00 PM Holy Hour
Friday	7:30 PM Boy Scouts
Saturday	9:30 AM Religious Educ. PreK-8
Sunday	7:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting

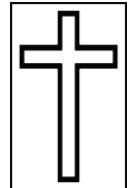
Pregnancy Hot Line

Tel: 800-640-0767



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 10, 2024



MASS *Intentions*

<u>Intention:</u>	<u>Requested by:</u>
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Mar. 9, 2024</u>
5:00 Jose & Elizabeth Jacob (living-In thanksgiving)	
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Mar. 10, 2024</u>
7:45 Leahy Family Kieran & Brid O'Sullivan	
9:15 St. Paul the Apostle Purgatorial Society	
10:45 Patrick Donnelly	Family
12:15 Gerry Flynn	Eileen Healy
1:30 For the People of the Parish	
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Mar. 11, 2024</u>
9:00 Frank Yozzo	Family
12:00 Will Goodman (living)	Laura Winterroth
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Mar. 12, 2024</u>
9:00 Peter & Zita Lee	Sharon Abraham
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Mar. 13, 2024</u>
9:00 Hagen family	Snyder family
12:00 Joseph Gabriel Romano	
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Mar. 14, 2024</u>
9:00 John Biancardi	Maria Cardone
12:00 Faye Romano Siani	
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Mar. 15, 2024</u>
9:00 Siobhan Fitzgerald (living)	Joanne O'Leary
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Mar. 16, 2024</u>
9:00 Thomas Brennan	Family
12:00 The Curran family	Alicia Boland
5:00 Frank Beirne	Mary
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Mar. 17, 2024</u>
7:45 Peter Daly	Family
9:15 Oliver Kilgariff & Maria Doherty	Mary
10:45 Mark & John O'Shaughnessy	
and Mary & Michael Woods	Joan Hayes
12:15 Giuseppe & Isotta Imbrogno	S. Imbrogno
1:30 For the People of the Parish	



Pray FOR THE SICK

Michael Curtin, Mary Byrne, Richard Lyons, John Mauser, Jim Donnell, Robert Bruckner, Grace Lyons, Ayanah Audrey Naron, Denyse Guariglia, Lolita Lim, Irene DiGenno, Rene Laino, Barbara Dallow, Martin Beirne, Deirdra Fallon, Cresvic Flores, Kathleen Sage, Sallyann Ricci, Pattiann DelPescio, Waldina Pineda and John Ritter.



Please remember in prayer all those who died this week especially, Colleen Fitzgerald, Vincent M. Saladino, Brian Barcyk, Jeanne Cappello, Matt Ritter, Paul Berardino, Charles John, and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:

Mar. 9 th	5:00 J. Kinney	9:15 J. Barton
Mar. 10 th	7:45 S. Abraham	10:45 K. Snyder

Weekly Collection

STEWARSHIP: Week of March 3, 2024

1 st Collection	\$4,123
2 nd Collection	\$1,255
Shrines	\$232
Online Giving	\$1,950
Total	\$7,560

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Why Did Jesus Pray?



The omnipotent God does not need to ask for anything because He has the power to effect whatever He wills. Jesus was fully God, so why does He pray? If well understood, the answer to this question will shed light on many of the highest mysteries of the Faith. Understanding the principle that will be discussed in this short article is the key to understanding some of the most obscure doctrines, such as divine providence, predestination, and free will. Here is the principle that must be understood before answering why Christ prayed. (St.) Thomas says: *Divine providence disposes not only what effects shall take place, but also from what causes and in what order these effects shall proceed.* To put it another way, God determines not only what happens but also how it happens.

My favorite example of this comes from Exodus 32. In this chapter, Moses has gone up the mountain to receive the Ten Commandments from God. While he is gone, the people approach Aaron and ask him to make them gods to worship, and he foolishly complies. When Moses returns, he finds the people have defiled themselves and worshiped the golden calf. God then says this to Moses, *I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people; now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; but of you I will make a great nation* (Ex 32:9-10). At this point, it appears that God intends to entirely eradicate the Hebrews for their sin of idolatry and make a new nation out of Moses. However, Moses prays to God and says:

O Lord, why does thy wrath burn hot against thy people, whom thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'With evil intent did he bring them forth, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil ainst thy people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou didst swear by thine own self, and didst say to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever' (Ex 32:11-13).

After Moses' prayer, the Scriptures say, "The Lord repented of the evil which he thought to do to his people" (Ex 32:14). Did the prayer of Moses change the mind of God? If you have read my previous article (linked below), you know God cannot change His mind because He is entirely immutable. For a more in-depth analysis of this topic, take a look at that article. <https://thedailythomist.substack.com/p/can-god-change-his-mind>. For now, we can say that we know that God cannot change because if God were to change, He would either change for the better, in which case He was not already perfect and therefore not God, or He would change for the worse, in which case He would be corruptible and therefore not God. If Moses' prayer did not change God's mind, then what did it do?

Here, we must invoke the principle that began this article: *Divine providence disposes not only what effects shall take place, but also from what causes and in what order these effects shall proceed.* God always willed to save the Israelite people after their sin; however, He intended to save them only through Moses' prayer. God determined from all of eternity not only that He would save His chosen people after the Golden Calf incident but also that He would save them through, and only through, the prayer of Moses. God determined that the prayer of Moses would be the cause of the salvation of the entire Hebrew Nation.

In a similar way, God ordained that the salvation of men should come from the man Christ. Since death came into the world through a man, God chose to bring life into the world through a man. God determined not only that men would be saved from damnation but also that they would be saved through, and only through, the life, death, and resurrection of the Sacred Humanity of Christ. Since Jesus was fully God and fully man, Thomas says: *If, therefore, there had been but one will in Christ, viz. the Divine, it would nowise belong to Him to pray, since the Divine will of itself is effective of whatever He wishes by it, according to Ps. 134:6: Whatsoever the Lord pleased, He hath done. But because the Divine and the human wills are distinct in Christ, and the human will of itself is not efficacious enough to do what it wishes, except by Divine power, hence to pray belongs to Christ as man and as having a human will.* Since God chose to restore the human race through the humanity of Christ, it is fitting for Christ (according to His human nature) to pray. In His divinity, Jesus is the omnipotent creator; in His Humanity, Jesus is a creature entirely dependent on God. It is unfitting for Christ to pray according to His Divinity, but fitting according to His Humanity.

But, why does Christ pray if He already knows what is going to happen? Christ, in His Humanity, knows everything that will happen. Even so, He does not see His prayer as pointless or ineffective. This is because Jesus understands that God determines not only what happens, but also how it happens. Thomas puts it this way: *Amongst the other things which [Christ] knew would happen, He knew that some would be brought about by His prayer; and for these He not unbecomingly besought God.* For example, in Luke's Gospel, Jesus says to Peter: *Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail; and when you have turned again, strengthen your brethren* (Lk 22:31-32). Jesus knows that God has determined to give Peter unfailing faith and the grace to strengthen his brethren, but He also knows that His prayer will cause the grace Peter will receive thus He prays for Peter.

To recap, God has determined not only what effects will take place but also by what means they will occur. God chose to save the Hebrews through Moses' prayer, and God chose to save the world through the Humanity of Christ. How does this impact my life? I have been praying for the conversion of several family members for years now, and recently, one went to confession for the first time in over twenty years! Praise God! Perhaps it is true that God, from before the foundation of the world, chose to save this person. If I simply stopped there, I would be tempted to believe that since God chose to save this person, he would infallibly be saved, and nothing I did could help or hinder him. However, if I understand that God determines not only what happens but also how it happens, I will be able to see that God chose to save this person and that He chose to save him only through my many prayers. The same is true in your life. If you feel God calling you to pray for a wayward family member, it very well may be that God has chosen to save that person through, and only through, your prayers for their conversion.

In Saint Maria Faustina's Diary, Our Lord says: *The prayer that pleases me most is for the conversion of sinners. This prayer is always answered* (Diary, 1397). Pray fervently for the conversion of sinners and win souls for Christ! Thanks for reading,
Cameron Riecker *The Daily Thomist Newsletter* (END)

55. What is divine providence? Divine Providence consists in the dispositions with which God leads his creatures toward their ultimate end. God is the sovereign Master of his own plan. To carry it out, however, he also makes use of the cooperation of his creatures. For God grants his creatures the dignity of acting on their own and of being causes for each other. *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*

600. What is predestination? To God, all moments of time are present in their immediacy. When therefore he establishes his eternal plan of "predestination", he includes in it each person's free response to his grace: (emphasis added) "In this city, in fact, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place." For the sake of accomplishing his plan of salvation, God permitted the acts that flowed from their blindness. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*



During Lent Stations of the Cross will be prayed
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The Matthew Wallace Foundation hosts *Matt's Grab-n-Go* with essential food items. The next *Matt's Grab-n-Go* will take place March 11th at Kerry Hall, 305 McLean Avenue, from 11:00am until the food runs out.

Monday Night Bingo at Our Lady of Carmel Church Hall, White Plains. Doors open at 5pm, games begin at 7:20pm. Food and refreshments available for purchase. For more information call 914-968-5909.



Easter Flower Offering - Please consider memorializing a loved one during this Easter season by donating \$20 for a pot of lilies, envelopes are available in the rear of the church.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Want to be part of saving lives? All it takes is your prayers and presence. 40 Days for Life is a life-saving prayer campaign that is taking place now through Mar. 24th. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful initiative consisting of 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. Nearly 23,000 children have been saved from abortion during 40 Days for Life campaigns. To learn more, visit: www.40daysforlife.com

The Office of Family Life has partnered with the Catholic Community of Larchmont and invites all families to a Lenten Family Gathering and Morning Reflection! Sunday, March 17th at 8:30am. Please join us for refreshments, reflections, an activity, and even Mass following the event at 10:30. Go to <https://www.catholiclarchmont.org/events> to RSVP. If you have any questions about this event or how to register, please contact Meaghan Quirk at Meaghan.Quirk@archny.org.



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