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THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

REACHING FOR HEAVEN

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CALL TO PRAYER



A Prayer for Life

BY POPE LEO XIV

Following in the footsteps of his beloved predecessor, Pope Leo XIV offers a special prayer intention each month and invites all believers and people of goodwill around the world to pray with him. In July, the Holy Father invites us to pray for the respect of human life.

Lord of life, you created us in love
and called us to live in fullness.
Each person is a sacred gift
that reflects your face,
from the first instant of existence
to the final breath of their journey on earth.

Today we ask for the grace
to recognize and protect
the unique and unrepeatable value
of every human being.

May we learn to welcome life unconditionally,
to tenderly care for fragility,
to accompany each stage with respect,
and to bravely defend those who have no voice.

Forgive us, Lord, when we fall
into indifference or the culture of discard,
when we fail to see in others
a being worthy of love.

Give us a new heart,
always ready to choose life,
and generous hands that protect it
through concrete actions.

May your Church be a living witness
of the Gospel of Life,
an open home where every life is celebrated
where no one feels unwanted,
and where dignity is always honored and protected.

Lord Jesus, may we love life as you love it:
with tenderness, fidelity, and self-giving.
May we proclaim in words and actions
that every human life is worth
the total gift of ourselves. Amen.

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Reaching for Heaven

BY BROTHER PATRICK

My hermitage in Maine rests on the northeastern slope of a small mountain that rises approximately 850 feet above sea level. In autumn, leaves change early. Winter lasts longer. Spring arrives slowly. And summer flowers take their time to bloom. Among these, the *hemerocallis fulva*, more commonly known as the ditch daylily, begins its short season in mid-July. As we say up home, these lilies are “gone by” in just a few short weeks.

Last Friday morning, I walked one of my dogs along our dirt road before the worst of the day's heat. I passed the daylily patch near the corner. Delight and surprise filled my heart. Alone among hundreds of daylilies, one had blossomed with the sunrise. Its orange flower was rich with color as it reached for the sun, as it reached for the heavens. As Henri Nouwen once wrote: “Just as a whole world of beauty can be discovered in one flower, so the great grace of God can be tasted in one small moment.” This was one of those moments.

Seconds later, Father Jim called and shared the awful news about Father Ben's sudden passing. Our pastor could hardly speak. His voice choked with emotion. A whole world of beauty was suddenly dark. The great grace of God was suddenly gone. I felt a cry rise up from my heart, from the core of my being, but it presented itself as a brutal silence beneath a withering sun. I could not cry. I could not speak. I just walked into the shade and stared at the daylily.

Pope Francis (1936-2025) once said: “Grief, especially when it is so excruciating and without explanation, needs only cling to the thread of prayer that cries out to God day and night, that sometimes expresses itself in the absence of words, that does not attempt to resolve a crisis, but on the contrary, inhabits questions that keep returning: ‘Why, Lord? Why did this happen? Why did you not intervene? Where are you?’” In this sense, the cry that manifested itself as a cold and hard silence is a kind of prayer. Asking ‘Why?’ is also a form of prayer.

We all know why this happened. We know that people with power make decisions that can destroy the lives of people without power. At the same time, we know that Father Ben would not want us to be angry. He would not want us to lash out. Father Ben would want us to pray, make peace, love each other, and forgive again and again those who created the circumstances that led to his death. He would want us to overcome darkness with light and goodness.

Since joining our pastoral team four years ago, Father Ben delighted us with his joy, his kindness, his singing, and his good example. His love for God, love for God's word, and love for God's people made me want to be a better person, a better hermit-monk, a better sharer of God's love and mercy. Whether meeting him in church, in the confessional, or at the Azorean Restaurant for a Sunday lunch, Father Ben always left me with something to pray about. That something always brought me closer to Jesus, and in a way, closer to all of you.

The daylily teaches us about the beauty and brevity of life. It teaches us to appreciate every day, every gift, and every blessing. It teaches us to focus not on how tragically a person dies, but on how beautifully a person lives this one short life. My heart is shattered by our friend's death. But from that brokenness rises a bud of gratitude for a life of service, for a new angel to watch over us, and for a new intercessor to pray for us. May Father Ben find eternal peace in the loving embrace of Jesus, our merciful redeemer, friend, and brother. Amen.

SHARE GOD'S LOVE



Praying for Father Ben

A PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

We commend you dear friend,
 Father Benjamin Madu,
 to God our Father.
 We entrust you to our Creator.

May you rest
 in the arms of our Sweet Lord
 who formed you
 from the dust of the earth.

May Holy Mary,
 all the saints and all the angels
 welcome you now
 as you go forth from this life.

May our Lord Jesus Christ,
 who was crucified for you
 bring you a place of peace and freedom.

May our Lord Jesus Christ,
 who died for you,
 welcome you into the garden of paradise.

May our Lord Jesus Christ,
 the Good Shepherd,
 embrace you as one among his flock.

May God the Father
 forgive your sins and shortcomings
 and set you free
 among those he has chosen.

May you see our Redeemer
 face to face
 and enjoy the vision of Almighty God
 now and forever. Amen.

Glory to the Father,
 to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever.
 Amen. Amen.

PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

Saint Vincent de Paul Society Special Second Collection

WEEKEND OF JULY 18TH & 19TH

In the tradition of its patron and founder, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society is a Roman Catholic fraternity that calls men and women to grow spiritually and work together by providing person-to-person ministry to families and individuals in need. Here are four important ways that you can help us help others:

First, please give generously to our special second collection during all Masses on Saturday, July 18th and Sunday, July 19th in Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. All donations will support the good work of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and go directly to those in need of our help.

Second, all are invited to donate clothing (new or gently used in good condition) to our Clothes Closet in Saint Ann Church Hall, which is open on the second, third, and fourth Saturdays of the month from 9:00am until 12:00pm. A donation bin is conveniently located in the Saint Ann Church parking lot.

Third, your ongoing financial support is always much appreciated. Donation envelopes are located at the entrances of all the churches in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport. Every donation, small or large, makes a big difference toward helping our friends and neighbors in need.

Fourth, new members and volunteers are always welcome! For more information about the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and its good work in our parishes, please contact Robert Weeks at svdpmember1@gmail.com or leave a message at 978-281-4820.

Last but not least, if you or someone you know needs our help, please call us at 978-281-8672. Thank you for your ongoing support for our ministry! Saint Vincent de Paul, pray for us! May God bless you and your family!

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Go to the poor and you will find God.

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PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE**Our Weekly Gifts**

WEEKEND OF JULY 4TH & JULY 5TH

Holy Family Parish

Offertory	\$5,501
Electronic	\$2,459
Total	\$7,960

Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish

Offertory	\$5,171
Electronic	\$853
Total	\$6,024

Grand Annual Collections

Holy Family	\$50,786 (102%)
Our Lady's	\$21,857 (109%)

We reached our goals!
Thank you for your generous support
for Holy Family Parish
& Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!
May God bless you!

Knights of Columbus
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TUESDAY, JULY 14TH AT 7:00PM

The Knights of Columbus (Council 215) is a fraternal organization of Catholic men that serves both Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish. Since 1897, we have sponsored countless acts of charity on Cape Ann, including blood drives, food drives, golf tournaments, and Coats for Kids.

Recently, the Knights collected 1,222 pounds of donated groceries during their annual food drive for the Open Door. The generosity of local residents at Shaw's, Stop & Shop, and Market Basket was truly inspiring! Thanks to your support, the food pantry at Open Door will be better able to help local families and individuals in need.

Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14th at 7:00pm in the parish office. For more information about the Knights of Columbus and their good work in our parishes, please contact Tony Favaloro at 978-360-1788 or tony.favaloro@outlook.com. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

SHARE GOD'S LOVE**Grieving Together for Father Ben****WORDS OF WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS**

The world is thy ship, not thy home.

Saint Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897)

Live so as not to fear death.
For those who lived well in the world,
death is not frightening,
it is but sweet and precious.

Saint Rose of Viterbo (1233-1251)

My Lord, it is time to move on.
Well then, may your will be done.
My Lord and my Spouse,
the hour that I have longed for has come.
It is time for us to meet.

Saint Theresa of Avila (1515-1582)

We must draw the comparison
between time and eternity.
This is the remedy for all of our troubles.
How small will this present moment appear
when we enter that great ocean.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (1174-1821)

I trust, in whatever way I die,
that I shall not be deprived of God's mercy,
without which my eternal ruin
would be inevitable,
whether I die an unexpected death
or whether I long anticipate my end.

Saint Gertrude the Great (1256-1302)

Remember that when you leave this earth,
you can take with you nothing
that you have received,
but only what you have given:
a full heart enriched by honest service,
love, sacrifice, and courage.

Saint Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)

OUR MASS INTENTIONS

July 11th – July 19th

Saturday, July 11	Vigil · 15th Sunday
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	Matteo & Santina LoGrande
6:00pm Our Lady's Church	Mary Works
Sunday, July 12	15th Sunday
7:00am Our Lady's Church	Carol Santos
8:15am Saint Ann Church	Mark Gossom
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Josephine Taormina
11:45am Our Lady's Church	Alex "Pep" Borge
	Ordinary Time
July 15 at 5:30pm Our Lady's Church	Marge Rizzo
July 16 at 8:00am Our Lady's Church	Joseph P. Taormina
July 17 at 8:00am Our Lady's Church	Ruthann Chumacas
Saturday, July 18	Vigil · 16th Sunday
4:00pm Saint Ann Church	Francis & Nicholas Parisi
6:00pm Our Lady's Church	Evan & Bruce Reardon
Sunday, July 19	16th Sunday
7:00am Our Lady's Church	John & Annamae Schondek
8:15am Saint Ann Church	Helen M. Greely
10:00am Saint Joachim Church	Mary E. Santo
11:45am Our Lady's Church	Adele Barratt

OUR WEEKLY MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Candles & Gifts

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES & SUPPORTING OUR PARISHES

At each of our churches in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, sanctuary candles and sanctuary gifts (hosts and wine) can be donated for a special intention or in memory of a friend or loved one. The requested donation for both sanctuary gifts and candles is now \$25 per week. For the week of Sunday, July 12th, donations were offered for the following special intentions:

In Memory of Ronald & Mary Densmore Atwood
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Donald & Beverly Small
Sanctuary Candle & Gifts · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Patrick R. Garvey
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of John & Gisela Illewicz
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady's Church

In Memory of Lucinda Senos
Sanctuary Candle · Chapel of the Archangels

In Memory of Reverend Benjamin O. Madu
Pope Francis Candle · Our Lady's Church

If you would like to donate a sanctuary candle, sanctuary gifts, or sanctuary flowers in memory of a loved one in any of our churches or chapels in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Father Jim at office@ccgronline.com or 978-281-4820. Thank you for your generous support! May God bless our departed brothers and sisters! Peace & blessings to all!

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM POPE LEO XIV

Love only bears fruit in self-giving:
when we are willing
to lose a little of ourselves
to make room for another;
to lose a little time to listen to a friend;
to lose a little comfort
to share in a time of hardship.

*Pope Leo XIV
Vatican City - June 28, 2026*

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