

How do you connect with God?

Have you ever considered the many styles of prayer available to us?

Join us for our **GIFT** session

Sunday November 9

or

Monday November 10

As we explore



Faithfulness in Prayer:

Many Ways to Speak & Listen to God

Featuring Marc Puechner as our Adult Presenter

Marc is a lifelong member of OLOL, and serves this parish as Communications Associate

GIFT is for all parishioners, regardless of age, gender, marital, household or life situation.

We are all life long learners!

Some Thoughts to Ponder...

Scripture is an important element of Catholic prayer and devotion. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us:

"The Church forcefully and specially exhorts all the Christian faithful . . . to learn 'the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ' (Phil 3:8) by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures. . . . Let them remember, however, that prayer should accompany the reading of Sacred Scripture, so that a dialogue takes place between God and man. For 'we speak to him when we pray; we listen to him when we read the divine oracles'" (2653).

St. Therese of Lisieux offers us this bit of wisdom:

"I have not the courage to search through books for beautiful prayers ... Unable either to say them all or choose between them, I do as a child would do who cannot read -- I say just what I want to say to God, quite simply, and [God] never fails to understand."



Romans 12:12

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." [NIV]
"Be joyful in hope, patient in trouble, and persistent in prayer. " [ISV]

Regardless of the translation, prayer matters.



From the CCC...

2564 Christian prayer is a covenant relationship between God and man in Christ. It is the action of God and of man, springing forth from both the Holy Spirit and ourselves, wholly directed to the Father, in union with the human will of the Son of God made man.

2644 The Holy Spirit who teaches the Church and recalls to her all that Jesus said also instructs her in the life of prayer, inspiring new expressions of the same basic forms of prayer: blessing, petition, intercession, thanksgiving, and praise.

2645 Because God blesses the human heart, it can in return bless him who is the source of every blessing.

2646 Forgiveness, the quest for the Kingdom, and every true need are objects of the prayer of petition.

2647 Prayer of intercession consists in asking on behalf of another. It knows no boundaries and extends to one's enemies.

2648 Every joy and suffering, every event and need can become the matter for thanksgiving which, sharing in that of Christ, should fill one's whole life: "Give thanks in all circumstances" (*1 Thess 5:18*).

2649 Prayer of praise is entirely disinterested and rises to God, lauds him, and gives him glory for his own sake, quite beyond what he has done, but simply because HE IS.

Please note:

***If you are not registered for GIFT, an RSVP is necessary
so that we have enough food and materials.***

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See you at GIFT!