Praying to the Father in the Son *Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)*

At that time Jesus exclaimed: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him." Matthew 11:25–27

This passage beautifully summarizes the entire Christian life—the life to which we are called and in which we find our purpose, meaning, and ultimate fulfillment. Jesus begins by offering praise to the "Father, Lord of heaven and earth." Though Jesus Himself is fully God, "one in being with the Father"—co-eternal and consubstantial—He nevertheless offers praise to the Father.

In the original Greek, the phrase "I give praise to you…" (*exomologoumai*) indicates an open, public, and full acknowledgment by the Son of the Father's sovereignty and gracious will. The Father is the All-Powerful Lord of all that exists—everything in the heavens and on earth. Jesus expresses this fundamental stance toward the Father for two reasons: first, because it is eternally true; and second, so that we might humble ourselves and join Him in praying the same prayer—through, with, and in Jesus.

This prayer closely parallels the opening of the Lord's Prayer (the "Our Father"), because both begin with a direct acknowledgment and praise of the Father's holiness and sovereignty. The Lord's Prayer is the perfect prayer precisely because it was given to us by Jesus Himself. After addressing the Father, it presents seven petitions. According to Saints Thomas Aquinas and Augustine, the first two petitions—"hallowed be Thy name" and "Thy Kingdom come"—reveal the central purpose of our lives: to glorify God eternally and to be caught up in, and actively participate in that glory by becoming full members of His Kingdom. In today's prayer, Jesus says "these things" have been revealed "to little ones" and that the Son can choose to reveal the Father to whom He wishes.

We are drawn into Jesus' prayer and intimate relationship with the Father precisely when Jesus reveals the Father to us: "No one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him." Because Jesus deeply desires that we come to know and love the Father with the same love He has for Him, His prayer continues by gently inviting us—especially when burdened by weariness, weakness, or sin—to lay our burdens down before His merciful power and glory: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

This tender invitation reveals Jesus' deepest desire for us: that we would enter into His love for the Father, share intimately in the union between Father and Son, and thus magnify and glorify the Most Holy Trinity—not only in our earthly journey but eternally in Heaven. Indeed, what a sublime and glorious calling we have received!

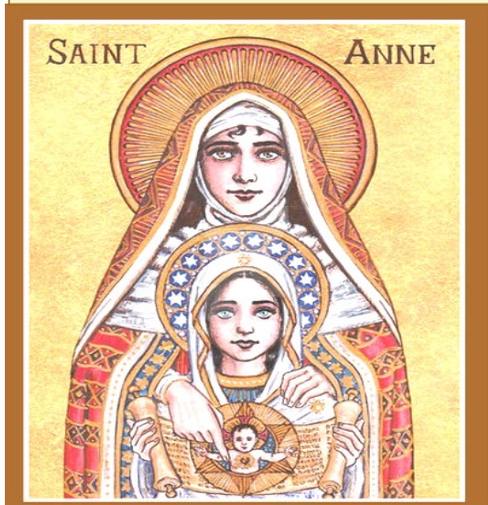
Reflect today upon this beautiful prayer, knowing in your heart that Jesus Himself invites you to pray it with Him, through Him, and in Him. He longs for His voice to resonate within your voice, His love to beat within your heart, and His holy desires to shape your own. Turn your gaze toward the Father—He who is both the Source and ultimate goal of your existence—and strive lovingly and humbly to accomplish all things according to His gracious and holy will.

Our Father, You who dwell in the heavens and within the souls of Your sanctified ones, may Your eternal essence, Your holy Name—the One who was, who is, and who is to come, the Great I AM—be honored, praised, and glorified forever. May this glorification shine forth in my life and in the lives of all Your faithful, as we await with joyful hope the return in glory of Your Son, Jesus our Savior, when You, together with Him and the Holy Spirit, will establish the New Heavens and the New Earth. Jesus, I trust in You.

St. Anne Catholic Parish

July 5th 2026

The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Holy Mass
Sunday Mass: 11:00 am

Baptism and Holy Matrimony: The family should be registered and active at St. Anne Parish for a least three months prior to
Baptism or Holy Matrimony. Couples are engaged to marry need to contact Fr. Semple at least four months prior to the wedding date for marriage preparation.

Anointing of the Sick: Please Contact Father Semple 509-230-3785

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(Intensions can be kept anonymous if requested or needed.)

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SCAN ME

Bi-weekly budget $1,910.00

Bi-weekly received 1,900.00

As of July2nd Your generosity is amazing, thank you!

Daily prayers for priests

O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart.

O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests;
for your unfaithful and tepid priests;
for your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields;
for your tempted priests;
for your lonely and desolate priests;
for your young priests;
for your dying priests;
for the souls of your priests in Purgatory.

But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me:
the priest who baptized me;
the priests who've absolved me from my sins;
the priests at whose Masses I've assisted and who've given me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion;
the priests who've taught and instructed me;
all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way, especially ____

O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity.

Amen.

Let us all pray for the transition of our Diocese Priests. St Anne's new priest is Fr. Richard Semple, and Fr Michael Ishida is moving to Daven-

Join us for St. Anne's ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC!

Saturday, July 25
6:00 PM
Following 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Please bring one of the following: Sides (fruit, vegetables, salads), Chips, Desserts, family

St Anne has a need for the following

Finance committee—needs one person, meets quarterly, assist in budging for the new year.

Janitorial person (s) to clean weekly the Church, Hall and Rectory.

Parish Council is seeking 3 new members for the fall of 2026

Please email the office at

STANNEMEDICALLAKE@GMAIL.COM

"For those who have no one to pray for them.

Accept my prayers dear Father, for those who have no one to love them enough to pray for them.

Where and whoever they are, give them a share of my blessings, and in thy love let them know that they are not forgotten".

Welcome to St. Anne Parish To all visitors who are joining us for worship today. May your time with us be grace-filled and may the Lord Jesus bless you and your loved ones today and every day. Pax et Bonum (Peace & Happiness)

St. Anne Parish

Weekend Mass Schedule

Sundays @ 11:00 am -

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Liturgical color: green
Lectionary #100

Zec 9:9–10
Ps 145:1–2, 8–9, 10–11, 13–14
Rom 8:9, 11–13
Mt 11:25–30

Gloria
Creed

Find Mass Times near you. Also Confessions or Adoration while traveling away from St Anne.

In the APP Store or

https://masstimes.org

St. Anne Events

Mondays
Al-Anon 5:30 Parish Hall

Wednesdays
Quilting Group @ 9:45 am in the Hall

AA 7pm Parish Hall

Sundays
Music practice after mass

PRAYER CHAIN INTENTIONS
can be emailed and kept anonymous if requested or needed. Please call Pam Harper 509-496-5930 to request prayers. or email stanneprayerchain@yahoo.com

Please note: Mass Intensions take approximately 2 weeks to get processed and on the calendar. Please note this when giving your stipends for Intensions.

MASS INTENTIONS

28	Sunday	Pro Populo
29	Monday	Patrick Blakely
30	Tuesday	Adolf Klein
1	Wednesday	
2	Thursday	
3	Friday	
4	Saturday	
5	Sunday	Pro Populo

Mary, Queen of Heaven … Pray for us!
St. Anne … Pray for us!