

# Weekly Prayers (Psalter Week 2)

Catholic Social Teaching:

Dignity

Subsidiarity

Solidarity

The Common Good

Liturgical  
Colour:  
White

Remember: Rosary in the Chapel at 1:45 (A1) today!

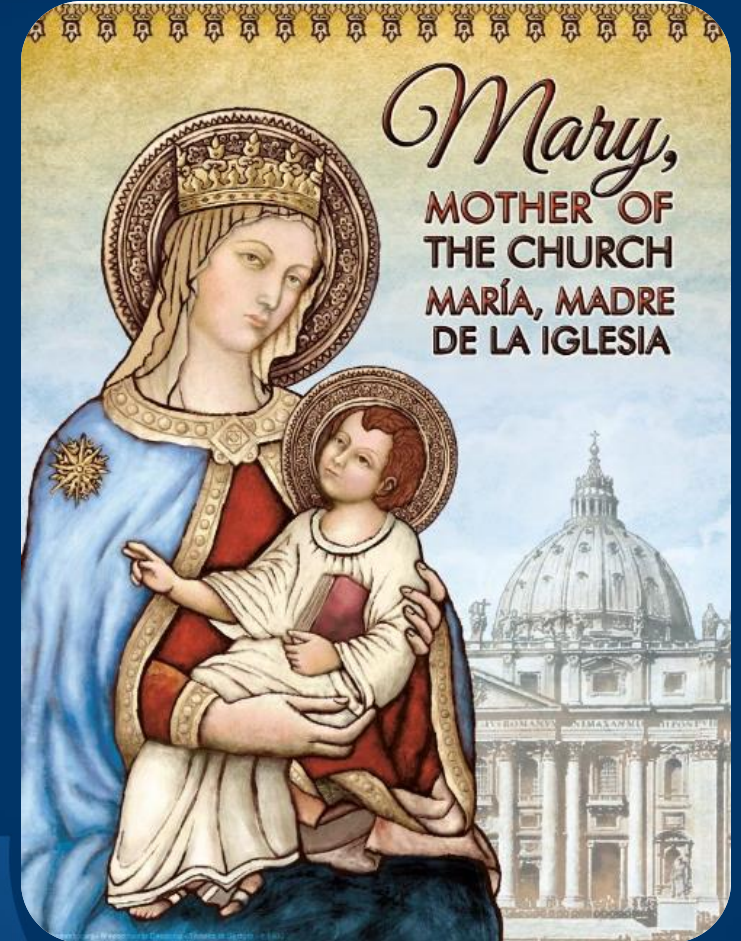
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June

The season of Easter is officially over! Today, we return to celebrating Ordinary Time, which would be green... But as you can see, the Liturgical colour for today is, in fact, white.

The reason for this is that today is the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church, a recent feast day, decreed by Pope Francis in 2008. Today we are called to remember that, not only was Mary present at the foot of the cross on Good Friday, she was also in the upper room on Pentecost Sunday (which we celebrated yesterday, and which marks the end of the season of Easter).

And so, we turn to Mary our mother, who encouraged Jesus at the Wedding Feast of Cana, and who encouraged the Apostles to go forth from the Upper Room, filled with the Holy Spirit, to bring the Good News to all nations, as we pray a simple, 3<sup>rd</sup> Century prayer:

We fly to your patronage,  
O holy mother of God;  
despise not our prayers in our necessities,  
but deliver us always from all dangers,  
O glorious and blessed virgin.



Liturgical  
Colour:  
Green

**Remember:** Holy Half Hour in the Chapel at 6pm today. Please feel free to join us!

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

## Today's Gospel- one of my favourites!

Your challenge today? Be salty!!!

Jesus reminds us today of our call to be the light of the world, the salt of the world. In a time before fridges, salt was vital. But when salt lost its saltiness, it was useless...

Let us pray:

Lord, grant me courage to be the salt that takes away the blandness in the routine of living;  
That prevents the rottenness of hatred and greed from poisoning my life, that brings compassionate healing to the hurt people I encounter.

Lord, help me to be 'worth my salt', and infuse me with saltiness so I do not become flat, and useless.





Liturgical  
Colour:  
Red

# Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June

## Happy Feast of St Barnabas!

St. Barnabas was a Levite from Cyprus who, with St. Paul, was an apostle to the Gentiles.

Originally named Joseph, the other apostles gave him the name Barnabas, which means “son of encouragement.” All possessions were held in common, so Barnabas sold a field he owned, brought the money, and laid it at the apostles’ feet. He became a leader of the Church in Jerusalem.

When Paul, who had been a persecutor of Christians, was converted and wanted to join Jesus’ followers, the disciples were understandably skeptical about Paul. It was Barnabas who advocated for him and encouraged others to forgive him. Barnabas is, therefore, the patron saint of second chances. The Acts of the Apostles also recounts his central role in sending aid to those impacted by a severe famine.

Instead of beginning with a prayer this morning, maybe we could simply spend a moment in silence:

Who in your life could do with a second chance?

Who is in need of your compassion and generosity at this moment?

Saint Barnabas, Pray for us!



Liturgical  
Colour:  
White

# Today is the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest

There are over 400,000 ordained Catholic priests in the world. Did you know though, that all of us- by virtue of our baptism- are called to be priests? Just not priests *in persona Christi*, like our ordained priests.

Priesthood is an incredibly difficult ministry. So today, let us pray for priests around the world, that they may model their lives- and their priesthood- on that of Jesus Christ Himself.

## Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June



Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.  
Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.  
Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the  
footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.  
Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

Liturgical  
Colour:  
White

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June

# CST Friday: Peace

How do we become peacemakers?