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DAILY PRAYER



Regular daily prayer is rooted in the Jewish custom of offering prayers at the hours of the daily sacrifices in the temple. Pious Jews prayed three times a day. See Acts 3:1, which tells the story of Peter and John going up to the temple for afternoon prayers. By the middle of the 6th century AD, 550



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years after Christ, a similar system of prayers had been perfected and outlined by St. Benedict for use in the Benedictine monasteries. This system of daily prayers is still being used today. For example, Google 'belmontabbeycollege.edu'. Click on the '**monastery and Basilica**' button.

Originally, there were eight canonical hours or services in the order of prayers. The first, called matins, began before daylight, and the last, compline, ended after sundown. By the time of the Reformation, around 1500 AD, it was apparent that the eight daily offices were beneficial for those in religious professions, such as monks, nuns, and full-time clergy, but they were not practical for everyday church members who had to maintain some kind of secular employment. The better minds of the Reformation, led by Thomas Cranmer, realized the importance of having

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REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday - 10:00 am
Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, 8:30 am
Men's Breakfast
Sunny Street Café
6021 Walker Blvd,
North Richland Hills, 76180

Wednesday, 6:30 pm
Evening Prayer & Bible Study

Thursday, 10:00 am
Morning Prayer

Friday 10:00 am
Morning Prayer



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FIXED HOLY DAYS IN AUGUST

St. Bartholomew the Apostle August 24



On Monday, August 24th, we celebrate the feast of St. Bartholomew. The strange thing about Bartholomew is that he appears in every list of the twelve Apostles and is not mentioned anywhere else in the Bible! According to the book *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* (*Church Publishing Inc., 2003, p. 342*), there is evidence in the writings of Sts. Jerome and Bede that Bartholomew may have written a Gospel. If he did, it is, unfortunately, lost. There is also a tradition that Bartholomew traveled to present-day India. The historian Eusebius tells of a copy of the Gospel of Matthew found in India. The

local church believed it had been left behind by "Bartholomew, one of the Apostles." Tradition also holds that he was martyred at Albanopolis in Armenia, but no date is given. Despite all this, on August 24th, we celebrate the most mysterious Apostle in the Bible.

(These articles, and others in this series, are based on information from: The Oxford Companion to the Bible, Reese's Dictionary of Philosophy & Religion, Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2003, The New Oxford Annotated Bible, RSV, the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, and other reliable sources.)

WAYS TO USE HOLY WATER



Here are more ways in which you can use holy water in your daily life.

- **BLESS YOUR FAMILY**

Use holy water to pray and make the sign of the cross over your children or other family members before they go to sleep at night. You can keep a holy water bottle by the bedside for this purpose. Some parents also sprinkle holy water on things their children regularly use, such as bicycles and schoolbooks.

- **BLESS YOUR WORKSPACE**

Your home is the domestic church and needs spiritual protection. You can sprinkle holy water in your home yourself, in each room, or have a priest formally bless your home using holy water as part of the full, formal house blessing ceremony. Historically, many priests would try, if invited, to bless all parishioners' homes during the Epiphany season.

- **BLESS YOUR CAR**

Your car is probably the most dangerous place where you spend a significant amount of time each day. Never underestimate the power of holy water applied to your vehicle to keep you safe from harm, when you have faith and trust in God. In fact, you can also have a priest bless your car with holy water.

- **BLESS YOUR GARDEN**

It was a common practice throughout history for people to sprinkle their fields or vegetable gardens with holy water. In times when people were very dependent on crops for their livelihood, things like early frosts or lack of rain could be devastating. Using holy water to bless and sanctify the plants that can be used for the family's sustenance expresses reliance on God's grace.

workable regular daily prayers for all the faithful, both laity and clergy.

They began by removing the smaller offices from the schedule. They're still available if you want to use them. Then, they combined the three main morning office services and the two main evening offices, creating the daily morning prayer and the daily evening prayer. Very similar to what we use today. The daily offices give us a structured means of continually offering to God the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. In the morning prayer, for example, look at the versicles beginning on page 7. "Oh Lord, open thou our lips and our mouth shall show forth thy praise". This sets the tone for the entire office. The *Venite exultemus Domino*, (page 9), The *Te Deum laudamus*. (page 10), the *Benedictus es Domine* (page 11) and many other hymns are songs of praise. Finally, based on this affirmation of the power and glory of our God, we are emboldened to go to him with our request for his blessings on us, our country, the church, and on one another

The evening prayer is much the same, but it focuses more on the end of the day. It contains the *Nunc dimittis*, " Lord now let thy servant depart in peace: (page 28), and the prayers are for peace, aid against perils, and church unity.

In the end, Cranmer created exactly what we needed – a meaningful yet usable set of daily prayers for the people. Our schedule at St. Patrick includes Morning Prayer on Thursday and Friday morning at 10:00. If you would like to begin your daily prayer routine, Google 'cradleofprayer.org'. This wonderful organization provides recorded Morning and Evening prayers from our 1928 Book of Common Prayer. It is easy to use and free. Try it. It is a great way to start and end your day.



We most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those, who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.





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August parish happenings

Sunday	10:00 AM	Mass and Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Men's Breakfast, Sunny Street Café
	6:30 PM	Evening Prayer, Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 AM	Morning Prayer
Friday	10:00 AM	Morning Prayer
First Friday of each month	10:00 AM	Rosary
" " " "	12:00 PM	Ladies Lunch
First Saturday, August 2	10:00 AM	Long-Range Planning Committee

AUGUST BLESSINGS

*We pray that our Lord watches over you
and blesses you on your Special Day.*



August 3	DEBBIE WELLS	Birthday
August 4	STEPHANIE DYKES	Birthday
August 19	GINNIE JONES	Birthday
August 23	KEN MONK	Birthday

DUTIES FOR AUGUST 2025

DATE	DEACON	LAY MINISTER	FLOWERS	COFFEE
AUG 8	WHITE	JONES	WHITE	COPE
AUG 10	JONES	WARNKY +	ELFRINK	CLIFT
AUG 17	WHITE	MONK	DUMBLE	
AUG 24	JONES	WHITE	COPE	CUSTOR
AUG 31	WHITE	JONES	CUSTOR	WHITE

READINGS FOR AUGUST 2025

AUG 3	7 th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	AUG 10	8 th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
	Hosea 14 Psalms 18:1-20 Romans 6:19 St. Mark 8:1		<i>Ecclesiasticus 1:18-27</i> Psalms 119: 38-48 Romans 8:12 St. Matthew 7:15
AUG 17	9 th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	AUG 24	The Feast of St. Bartholomew
	<i>Wisdom 11:21-12:2</i> Psalms 108 I Corinthians 10:1 St. Luke 15:11		Genesis 28:10-12, 16-17 Psalms 91 Acts 5:12 St. Luke 22:24
AUG 31	11 th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	<p>We invite <u>YOU</u> to visit with us in our 'new home', 315 Harwood Road, Bedford, TX 76021 <i>Bring a friend or two</i></p> <p><i>"We are formal and we are friendly"</i></p>	
	Isaiah 26:12-16, 19 Psalms 124, 125 I Corinthians 15:1 St. Luke 18:9		

FIXED HOLY DAYS IN AUGUST

The Transfiguration of Christ August 6

Two Major feast days fall in August. Thursday, August 6th, is the feast of The Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Transfiguration was one of several signs sent by God to assure those who saw them that Jesus was, in fact, His Son. The appearance of angels at his birth was another. In St. Luke's account of this incident (Luke 9:28-36), a heavenly voice proclaims, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him." Matthew (17:5) reports that the voice said, "This is my beloved in whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The message is clear. In this one moment, there can be no doubt. This man is the



Christ! We are admonished to listen to him, that is, to learn from him and to obey him. There is no other place in the Gospels where this is clearer.



Our Lord our Governor, whose glory fills all the world: We commend this Nation to your merciful care, that we may be guided by your providence, and dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of these United States, the Governor of this State of Texas, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness and make them continually mindful of their calling to serve these people in reverent obedience to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*