

Pastor's Letter

October 19, 2025—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Church Family,

There is an old saying, “90 percent of success is just showing up.” There is a lot of truth here. To become good at anything requires first and foremost that we put in the time it takes to develop a feeling for whatever it is we are trying to master. This is as true of prayer as it is of anything else. We become people of prayer by praying, not just by studying and reading about prayer, though that can be helpful, not by wishing I was better at prayer, but by doing it, however uncomfortable or fruitless it might seem at first.

When we start out praying it might feel a little funny, like we are just talking to ourselves. It helps if we begin our prayer time with a reminder to ourselves to open our hearts to the presence of God and then to invite God to come and spend time with us and speak with us. Go ahead and say it out loud, “Father, I am trusting the promise of Jesus that when I look for you, you will come to me. I am here to share the things that are going on in my life with you and I am listening to what you want to say to me.” Then share with God whatever is on your mind and heart. After that, be sure to leave plenty of time to listen for his response. Be quiet, be patient, and don’t give up too soon. Some people sense an answer from God right away. Others might need a few tries to get the hang of it. Don’t give up. Remember that even if you don’t succeed at first, God is pleased with your effort.

Sometimes the answers to our prayers don’t come to us in our prayer time but reveal themselves as we go about our day. You might bring something to God in prayer and then have an experience later in the day that sheds light on the situation. A friend might say something, or you might read something that is just what you were looking for.

The main thing is showing up. Put in the time it takes to get comfortable with sharing yourself with God and looking for the signs of his love and guidance. If you keep at it, you are 90 percent of the way there to having a lively relationship with God in prayer.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott

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St. Edward Mass
Sunday, Oct. 26 - 9:30 am

Turkey Dinner to
follow Mass

