



“Amen, I say to you if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father” (Matthew 18:19).

Lent is a favored season to recall our authority and mandate to pray for one another. I would like to ask our parish family to be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our times of prayer. At the Eucharist, at adoration, at the rosary, at the dinner table, in a secret quiet place, God may guide your prayer in a certain way.

Please be open, if God so guides you, to pray for those souls who are participating at funerals, weddings, and baptisms. In times of transition many souls are especially open to grace. With your spiritual investment, many souls who are confessing their sins can experience deep healing and freedom. At the Eucharist, especially during the “Lamb of God” just prior to receiving Holy Communion, please pray for souls who are welcoming God with renewed integrity and trust. And of course, please cover in prayer the young souls who will be Confirmed.

It is wonderful to think that these moments will already be touched by the prayers of loving and trusting hearts. St. Therese of Lisieux used to serve as a sacristan and as she counted the hosts before Mass she prayed over each one before they went to the altar and were received by her sisters.

I am confident in your faith and prayer for one another.

*Fr. Jim*