

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

For the Week *Quasimodo Geniti* (the Second Sunday of Easter)

April 27th through May 3rd, 2025

Catechesis Notes for the Week— The Table of Duties Concerning Wives and Husbands—The passages of Holy Scripture in the Table of Duties concern the offices we have been given as Christians where our faith in Christ is lived out in this world. There is often great confusion about these two holy offices. Husbands are the head of their wives, but their headship is one of sacrificial love, teaching the Word of God, and forgiving sin. They are to be considerate of their wives who are placed in an office that requires them to submit to their husbands. Husbands are not to lord their authority over their wives. This is always a temptation for any Christian husband. Wives are to understand that their office of submission is patterned after Christ's bride the Church. They are to expect their husbands to love them, teach them, and forgive them. Their beauty is not in outward adornment, but in the reception of their husband's love. "This is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. They were submissive to their own husbands..." It is a beautiful and blessed thing when husbands love their wives as Christ loved the Church and when wives receive that love and trust in it.

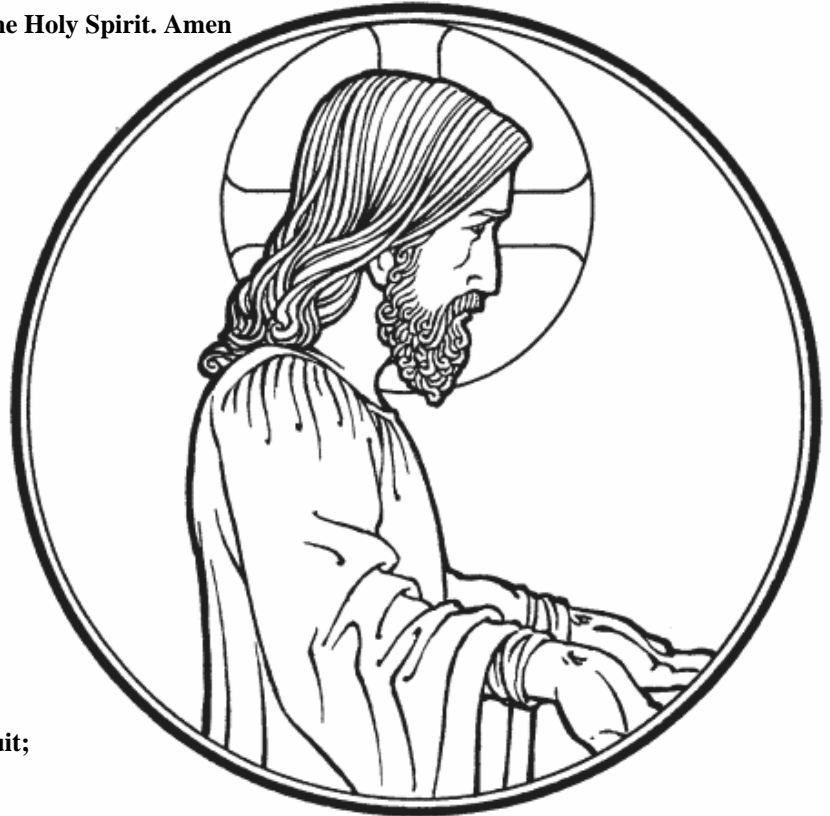
The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or use as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Theme: My Peace I Leave with You.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



Apostles' Creed

Verse: **John 15:5**

"I am the vine, you are the branches.
He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit;
for without Me you can do nothing."

Psalm 33 (antiphon v. 6)—Pray the Psalm Daily

Prayer on the Psalm: Heavenly Father, God of all grace, govern our hearts that we may never forget Your blessings but steadfastly thank and praise You for all Your goodness in this life until, with all Your saints, we praise You eternally in Your heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Catechism: The Table of Duties—To Wives

What does God's Word say of Wives?

Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord.

[This is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful.]

They were submissive to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master.

You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

Third Grade+
Ephesians 5:22

First Grade +
1 Peter 3:5-6

Prayer for Wives: *O Lord Jesus, by Your Word and Spirit, fashion all Christian women into wives made in the image of Your bride the Church. Teach them to submit to their husbands as to You, their Lord and Savior. Give them hearts which trust in Your Word, honor their husbands, and look to them for love and spiritual headship. Deliver them from all fear and faithlessness. Where their husbands fail them, support them with Your grace and let them find their sufficiency in You. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.*

Readings for the week of The Second Sunday of Easter (Quasimodo Geniti)

Day	First Reading	Second Reading
Monday	The Resurrection of Our Lord—Luke 24:1-12	Psalm 16
Tuesday	The Disciples on the Road to Emmaus—Luke 24:13-27	Acts 10:34-43
Wednesday	Jesus Is Revealed in the Breaking of the Bread—Luke 24:28-35	Acts 13:26-33
Thursday	St. Philip and St. James, Apostles —John 14:1-14	Isaiah 30:18-21
Friday	Jesus Eats Broiled Fish in the Upper Room—Luke 24:33-49	Acts 3:11-21
Saturday	Jesus Ordains the Apostles—John 20:19-31	1 John 1:1-2:2

Prayers: Collects for the Week; Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at Peace

Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter:

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Sts. Philip & James—Apostles: (Thursday)

Almighty God, Your Son revealed Himself to Philip and James and gave them the knowledge of everlasting life. Grant us perfectly to know Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the way, the truth, and the life, and steadfastly to walk in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

In Our Prayers this Week (See Bulletin)

Lord's Prayer and Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

Hymn of the Week "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (st. 1-3, 8)

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Looking forward to the Week of Misericordias Domini (the Third Sunday of Easter)

May 4th 2025

Hymns: 711, 709, 635, 710, 619, 666, 692, 632, 920

Ezekiel 34:11-16: *The seeking Shepherd is a vivid description of the ministry of our Lord in both His death and the ongoing proclamation of His Word. He sought us who were in bondage to sin and death from which we could not set ourselves free. He came after us. He was born of the Virgin. He suffered under Pontius Pilate. He bore our sins in His body upon the tree. He loved us when we were quite unlovely. And He rose from the dead proclaiming forgiveness of sins. It is by this Word of forgiveness that He continues to seek us out, rescuing us from condemnation and a bad conscience, and giving us life.*

1 Peter 2:21-25: *The "example" or pattern of Christ's sufferings is that He committed Himself to the Father who judges righteously. The Father would not turn away from the flock that had been justified by Jesus' blood. By Christ's "stripes we are healed," for it was the Father that "laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53), that we might be declared righteous. The Lord Jesus entrusted Himself in His sacrificial death "to Him who judges righteously." The pattern of faith that we follow is the same. In the face of our own sin and that which is laid upon us from others, we cast ourselves upon the judgment of the Father who declares us righteous for Jesus' sake.*

John 10:11-16: *A hireling does not care for the sheep as the Good Shepherd does, but rather flees when he sees the wolf coming. The wolf is Satan. He attacks us by using our sin against us. We have no defense in ourselves. But we have a Good Shepherd. He stood up to the devil by laying down his life on our behalf. The devil was out for blood. He demanded that blood be shed because of sin. Jesus was the only One who could make atonement for our sin. He loved us to the point of laying down His life for us. The flock of Christ is kept safe solely by the forgiveness of sins which is ours in the Good Shepherd. The ministry of every pastor is to be patterned after the ministry of our Lord. As he loved us and laid down his life for our forgiveness, so pastors are to love their flocks and lay down their lives, so to speak, for the cause of proclaiming that Word of forgiveness that sets them free.*