

## Surrender Your Burdens

By Deacon Wigton

In the stillness of our adoration chapel, time seems to loosen its grip. The concerns we carried in, illness, family struggles, uncertainty about the future, regrets about the past, quietly take their place before the One who already knows them. It is here, before the Eucharistic Lord, that the words of St. Paul from this Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) take on a deeper resonance: *“Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it entered the human heart what God has prepared for those who love Him.”*

We live in a world that trains us to measure everything by what we can see, hear, calculate, or control. Yet Paul reminds us that the most important realities lie beyond our senses. God’s ultimate purposes are not always visible in the moment. The glory He prepares for His faithful, those who endure, who trust, who remain close to Him, is far greater than anything we can presently imagine. This is not wishful thinking; it is revealed wisdom, made known to us through the Spirit.

The First Reading from Sirach places before us a solemn but hopeful truth: God has set life and death, fire and water before us, and we are free to choose. Freedom is not abandonment. God does not leave us alone in the choosing. His commandments are not burdens meant to weigh us down, but guardrails that keep us on the path of life. In adoration, we come face to face with the One who gave those commandments, not as an impersonal lawgiver, but as a loving Father who desires our good and our ultimate happiness.

The Gospel deepens this understanding. Jesus tells us that He has not come to abolish the law, but to fulfill it. He draws us beyond external obedience into the interior life of the heart. It is not enough to avoid murder; we are called to root out anger. It is not enough to avoid adultery; we are invited to purity of heart. This can feel overwhelming. Who among us has not struggled with resentment, temptation, or broken promises? Yet Jesus does not reveal this deeper call to discourage us. He reveals it to draw us closer—to show us our need for grace.

This is where adoration becomes essential. Before the Eucharist, we are not relying on our own strength. We are resting in His. The power that will carry us through the rough waters of life does not come from sheer determination or moral resolve alone; it comes from communion with Christ. The same Jesus who calls us to holiness is the One who gives us the grace to live it.

Many who come to the chapel carry heavy crosses. Chronic illness. A loved one’s decline. Financial strain. Grief that does not easily fade. At times, these sufferings can make us wonder whether God



is truly in control, or whether our prayers are making any difference at all. St. Paul answers that doubt gently but firmly. God’s wisdom is not the wisdom of the world. His plan is not always immediately apparent. Yet nothing we endure is outside His providence. Nothing is wasted. Nothing escapes His loving gaze.

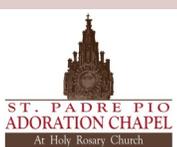
“Eye has not seen” also means that we cannot yet see how our present sufferings are being woven into future glory. We cannot fully perceive how quiet faithfulness, showing up to pray, forgiving one more time, choosing trust when fear would be easier, is shaping our souls for eternity. But God sees it all. And He promises that what awaits those who love Him surpasses every trial.

In Eucharistic adoration, we learn to surrender control. We place our need to understand, to fix, to manage everything into His pierced hands. We begin to trust that even when the waters are rough, the boat is not abandoned. Christ is in it with us. Sometimes, He calms the storm. Other times, He calms our hearts so that we can endure it.

The Psalmist declares, *“Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord.”* This blessing is not merely future-oriented, though it includes eternity. It is also present. There is a quiet peace given to those who entrust themselves to God’s will, even when the path is difficult. That peace often grows slowly, almost imperceptibly, like grace absorbed in silence before the Eucharist.

As we kneel or sit in this chapel, let us remember that we are already standing on holy ground. The same Spirit who reveals God’s hidden wisdom to the saints is at work in us now. What we cannot yet see, God is preparing. What we cannot yet understand, He is already redeeming. And what we cannot yet imagine, He promises to fulfill, if we remain with Him, endure with Him, and trust Him to the end.

Before the Host, we wait in hope. For eye has not seen, ear has not heard, but God has revealed His love to us, and He will not fail. Surrender your burdens to Jesus. He is able!



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Prayer feeds our lives. Prayer is a gift. It is a gift because Christian Prayer is based on knowing the Lord Jesus, and having the Holy Spirit stir and move through us in prayer. Please keep these intentions in your prayers.

## Pray for those that are not able to attend Mass with us

Jill Anderson - Home

Ted Bodus - Woodside Assisted Living

Betty Flaska - Pavilions \* Gerri Galla - Villa in Traverse City

John King - Home \* Loraine Kulanda - Home

Kelly Priest - Lansing Area Asst. Living \* Ruthie Popa - Orchard Creek.

Eunice Novak - French Manor \* Joyce Novak - Maple Valley

*Please call the office to correct & update this list.*

## PRAY FOR FIRST SACRAMENTS CANDIDATES

Maria Parshall

Elara Thorne

Beatrix Praasterink

Annabelle Weinrich

Alan Quintanilla

Veronica Weinrich

Edith Altman

Jacob Ratajczak

Henry Weinrich

Adilyn Miller

Hannah Rethoret

(Confirmation only)

Pray for the Vocations in our Diocese



### Seminarians:

Jake Belanger

John Mawby

Mark Steck

David Witkowski

### Candidates for

#### Diaconate:

Jason Maday

Neil Witkowski

### Religious Life:

Sister Philomena

Marie of Christ Crucified

(Gianna Belanger)

Margaret Foster

Christopher Witkowski

*O Lord Jesus Christ, lead our Seminarians & Diaconates in Your unerring footsteps; so that they may serve as models of purity, possessors of wisdom and heroes of sacrifice. Teach them generosity and service; but above all, teach them to know You and to love You. ~ Amen*



## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT & THEIR FAMILIES

- Ken Artz — US Air Force
- Isaiah Belanger — US Navy
- Charles Berninger — US Coast Guard
- Nicholas Bryan — US Army
- John Bunek — US Navy
- Curtis Bunek — US Navy
- Keith Castle — US Marines
- Matthew Culver — US Navy
- Timothy Fisher — US Army
- Peter Freundl — US Coast Guard
- Daniel Guilday — US Navy
- Joshua Harris — US Coast Guard
- Jesse Kohler — MT National Guard
- Jacob Kunde — US Air Force
- Austin McQueer — US Marines
- Collin Platts — US Army Nurse Corp
- Ryan Tondreau — US Army
- Andrew Turner — US Coast Guard
- Leif Vanderwerf — US Marines
- Capt. Daniel Weber, DO — US Army
- Sam Wigton — Law Enforcement
- Tim Wigton — MI National Guard
- Andrew Zeits — US Army

*In Our Thoughts & Prayers*

Recent Prayer Intentions

Armando Cantu \* Dick Olds \* Byron Bolton \*  
Frank Paladino \* Jason - Addiction \* A.L. - Bell's Palsy  
Benjamin - 8 years old, hospitalized \* Shaynel Guthrie - Prison time  
Michelle \* MaryAnn \* Julia - serious health issues  
For peace within our nation and an end to violence & deaths

### ~ ~ ~ CONTINUED PRAYERS NEEDED FROM PREVIOUS MONTH ~ ~ ~

Rosemary Hejka \* Jim Core \* M & R - Serious Family Issues

Young Family - Separation / Marital Problems

Pam Heming Weber -- Scleroderma \* G - Health Issues

Donakowski Family - Various Health Issues \* Eunice Novak

Carol - Thyroid Issues & Complications \* Kathy Darga - Continued Healing

### For the Recently Deceased & Their Families

Ed Budd \* Fr. Bill Lipscomb

Ernest Zeigler \* Jim Burkhart \* Lucia Farkas - infant

Sheryl Sogge \* Barb Klein \* Rosalyn Ryant

Lucille Harrand Leach \* Karen Drake (Suttons Bay)

### Cancer Patients:

Ben \* Kristen Bauer \* Claire - Breast Cancer

Brecklyn Couturier - age 5 - Leukemia \* Karol Czyka Ted Fleis - Pancreatic

Kelly Winowiecki Florip \* Peter Freundl \* Martin Gallagher \* Jan

Joe Garvin \* Jaclyn Herman - BC \* Kip Hewitt \* Steve Johnson

Tim Keilty \* Marilyn Lane \* Margaret Ockert Lewis \* Cynthia Leiby

Merleen Mattis \* Christopher McGlynn \* Vic McCarty

Heidi Sedlacek Musser \* Stephanie Klumpp Maeder \* Jan Novak

Steve Packer \* Francis Rosinski \* Therese Rosinski \* Tom Savage

Gordon Solomon \* Craig Stallman \* Herbie S. \* Tina VanderWulp

Ben \* Christi \* Danielle - Breast Cancer \* Dan S.

Gabby - Melanoma \* Kelly \* Kathleen \* Lori \* Marissa

Patricia - Lung \* Randy \* Steve

### \* Ongoing Prayer Intentions \*

\* Chris Berkey - ALS \*

\* Mike Buell (GTACS) - Ongoing Health Challenges \*

\* Brittany C. - Brain Aneurysm Complications / Stroke Recovery \*

\* Delores (Ditto) Couturier - Stroke Recovery \*

\* Toddler Henry Gauthier - Cont. Progress in Mobility & Normal Development \*

\* Lucas P. - teen - serious food allergies and EOE \*

\* Conor Rigan - age 6 - Continued clear brain cancer screenings \*

\* Hailie Tondreau - Hypermobile Syndrome, POTS, Autonomic Dysfunction \*

\* Randy W. (Buckley) - Parkinson's \*

\* Rich Zywicki - Continued Healing - Serious Head Injuries \*

## PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

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