Christian Prayer—Part IV

By focusing upon the spiritual life (CCC 2558-2865), especially as seen through the experience and practice of prayer, we are invited to draw deeper into our personal relationship with God. This intimacy is strengthen through Scripture, petition, meditation, as well as the multiple forms and methods of prayer.

“Prayer in the Old Testament” (CCC 2558-2597; Comp. 534-540)
- Universal Call to Prayer
- Abraham as Model of Prayer
- How Did Moses Pray
- The King, Temple Prayer; Role of the Prophets
- Importance of the Psalms

“Prayer in the New Testament” (CCC 2598-2649; Comp. 541-549)
- How Did Jesus Learn to Pray
- When Did Jesus Pray
- How Does Jesus Teach Us to Pray
- How Did Mary Pray; What Does She Teach Us
- Prayer in the Early Church

“Tradition of Prayer” (CCC 2650-2696; Comp. 550-566)
- Forms of Prayer
- Sources of Christian Prayer
- Different Prayers in the Church
- Role of the Holy Spirit in Prayer
- Mary & the Saints as Guides to Prayer

“Life of Prayer” (CCC 2697-2738; Comp. 567-577)
- Vocal
- Meditation
- Contemplation
- Objections to Prayer
- Difficulties in Prayer

“Our Father—Part I” (CCC 2759-2802; Comp. 578-586)
- Origin of the Our Father
- Summary of the Gospel
- Place of the Our Father in the Church
- Dare to Draw Near to God; Addressing God as Father
- Who Art in Heaven

“Our Father—Part II” (CCC 2803-2865; Comp. 587-598)
- Hallowed Be Thy Name
- Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done
- Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread
- Forgive Us As We Forgive Those Who Trespass Against Us
- Lead Us Not Into Temptation, But Deliver Us From Evil

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Parish
200 E. 78th Avenue
Merrillville, IN 46410

Travel Directions
St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church is located two blocks north of Hwy. 30 (E. 80th Ave.) and one block east of Broadway Ave. in Merrillville, Indiana. There is ample parking in the lot outside the parish church.

Queen of All Saints Legacy Center is located at 606 S. Woodland Avenue, Michigan City, IN 46360

* Please note: Registration and classes will take place in the parish church. Please arrive early on the first day of class to obtain any class materials.

Text Books & Online Resources
Participants of the “Pillars of Faith” program will explore the Catechism of the Catholic Church to gain a systematic grasp of the Faith. In addition to being given assigned texts to read in preparation for the classes, participants receive a subscription to FORMED, a revolutionary online digital platform that offers a wealth of informative and entertaining Catholic audio talks, eBooks, feature films, documentaries, and video-based study programs from trusted providers like The Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, Catholic Answers, Sophia Press, Knights of Columbus, St. Paul Center and Bishop Hying’s Echo video series. Such resources will greatly supplement the “Pillars of Faith” presentations and allow you to deepen your knowledge and love for the Catholic Faith.

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An Overview of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

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Monday Evenings 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
March 11—April 15, 2019

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