**The Congregation at Prayer**

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany February 20, 2022*

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

***Invocation* -In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Verse: 1 Corinthians 11:27 --**Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord.

***Apostle’s Creed***

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 135**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany – Luke 6:27-38 |
| Monday | The Twelve Apostles – Luke 6:12-19 |
| Tuesday | The Sermon on the Plain – Luke 6:20-26 |
| Wednesday | Love Your Enemies – Luke 6:27-38 |
| Thursday | **St. Matthias, Apostle – Matthew 11:25-30** |
| Friday | A Disciple and His Teacher – Luke 6:39-49 |
| Saturday | Jesus Heals a Centurion’s Servant – Luke 7:1-10 |

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| **Catechism: Sacrament of the Altar** | **Grades** |
| *What is the Sacrament of the Altar (review)?*  It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. | 1st + |
| *Where is this written?*  The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: | 2nd+ |
| Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”  In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” | K+ |
| *Who receives this sacrament worthily?*  Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.”  But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe. | 2nd+ |