

*CATHEDRAL YOUNG ADULTS*

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

## **FALL 2022**

### **CATHOLICS & COFFEE**

**SUNDAYS- OCTOBER 23, NOVEMBER 6 & 20, DECEMBER 11**

12:15 PM @ SPOKES CAFE

(1200 WASHINGTON, SUITE B, KCMO 64105)

JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND SCRIPTURE STUDY AFTER 11 AM MASS.  
BREWED COFFEE WILL BE PROVIDED AT NO COST.

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### **PRAYER & PINTS**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

JOIN US FOR ALL SOULS DAY MASS AT 7 PM

FOLLOWED BY FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP @ THE QUAFF

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1**

JOIN US FOR THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTMAS CONCERT

AT 6:30 PM

FOLLOWED BY FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP @ THE QUAFF

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### **FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

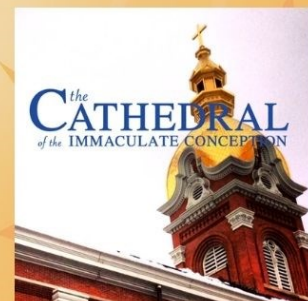
**NOVEMBER 4, DECEMBER 2**

1 PM TO 2 PM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
FOLLOWING 12:15 PM MASS

### **QUESTIONS?**

Contact Michelle Reichart at  
[mreichart@kcgolddome.org](mailto:mreichart@kcgolddome.org)  
or 816-842-0416 x113



### **Daily Mass**

12:15 pm Monday through Friday  
(Livestream)

### **Weekend Mass Schedule**

SATURDAY: *[Fulfills Sunday Obligation]*  
2:30 p.m.

SUNDAY:

9 a.m., 11 a.m. (Livestream), 8 p.m.

### **Reconciliation Schedule**

TUESDAY and THURSDAY: 11:30 a.m. to  
12:00pm  
SATURDAY: 1:30 p.m. to 2:15 pm

### **Cathedral Office**

Mon-Fri: 9:00 am-3:00pm  
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Eucharistic adoration every First Friday  
after the 12:15 Mass until 2:00 PM

### **Prayer List**

Macario Ofilada & Family, Paige Kincaide,  
Bella Feliciano, Beatrice Ramirez,  
Sgr Christopher Morales Jr.,  
Mark Morales, Marie Ortiz,  
John Fierro, Cara Rich, Hilary Hauber

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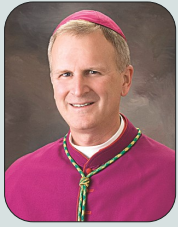
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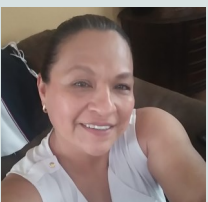
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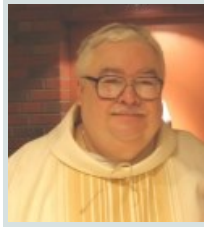
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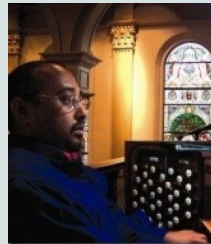
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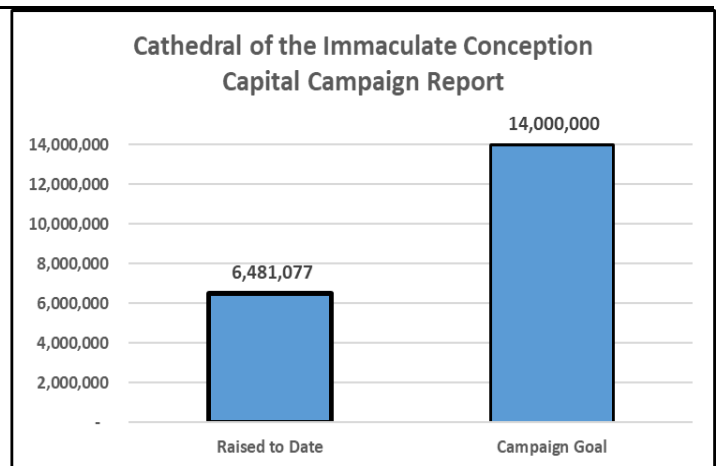
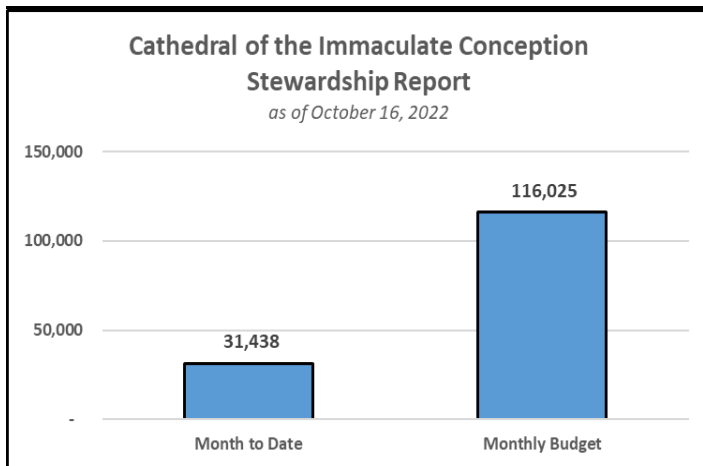
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**MASS INTENTIONS**  
*Main Cathedral*

**Saturday, October 22**  
2:30 pm + Mae Brown

**Sunday, October 23**  
9:00 am Eric & Jenna Wombwell - 6 years  
Wedding Anniversary  
11:00 am + Francisco Rincon Urquiza —by Rene Lugo  
8:00 pm For Members of the Cathedral Parish

**Weekday - 12:15 p.m.**

Mon 24 Brad Grill— by Clarissa Grill  
Tues 25 Thanksgiving—Cortez Family  
Wed 26 For Peace in The World  
Thurs 27 For the Sick  
Fri 28 Michael Cesena— Birthday -by Jeanelle Cesena

*The small + denotes one who is deceased*

CATHEDRAL CALENDAR	
Sat 22	9:00 am Women's Spirituality Group - O'Hara Room 11:30 am Wedding: Kerry Guerin/ Nicholas Shaw. Congratulations!
Sun 23	Mission Sunday Second Collection Tootsie Roll Drive after All Masses 11:00 am Baptism- Sebastián Mateo Donis Bonilla Valle. Congratulations! 12:15 Catholics and Coffee
Tues 25	12:00 pm Charitable Giving Session (Social) 12:30 pm Charitable Giving Session (Presentation)
Wed 26	6:30 pm Presentations of the Psalms of Advent
Thurs 27	Diocesan All Staff Day – <b>Parish Office Closed</b> 5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal 6:30 pm RCIA- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 6:30 pm Charitable Giving Session (Social) 7:00 pm Charitable Giving Session (Presentation)
Fri 28	4:30 pm Wedding: Brigid Pikus/ Michael Ropp. Congratulations! 4:30 pm YouTube Live with Fr. Paul
Sat 29	9:00 am Tour and Rosary- Altar Society from St. James
Sun 30	Second Collection for Uganda Mission 10:00 am KofC Rosary (5th Sunday)



# WORKSHOP PRESENTATION

## THE RESPONSORIAL PSALMS OF ADVENT

FOR CLERGY, MUSICIANS, CANTORS, AND READERS



**FR. PAUL TURNER**

CATHEDRAL PASTOR AND THE  
DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF  
DIVINE WORSHIP

**OCTOBER 26, 2022 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

IN PERSON  
IN THE CATHEDRAL O'HARA ROOM  
AND VIA ZOOM



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Congratulations!

*Leslie Starks*

*and*

*George Brophy*

10/14/22





CHRISTMAS AT MORNING GLORY MINISTRIES  
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Coming together to combat hunger & homelessness  
this holiday season.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

5:30 TO 7:30 IN THE EVENING | DONNELLY HALL, 1112 BROADWAY BLVD.

For a festive evening with  
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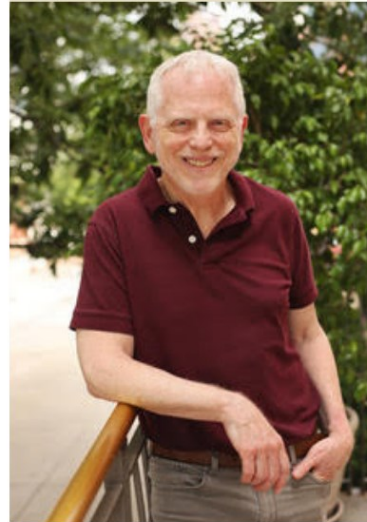


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# The Good Fight

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18**



We all admire people who hold their ground in the face of all opposition. They overcome the odds. They recover from poorly placed trust. They talk like they make sense to themselves even if no one agrees. They believe strongly, not weakly. They have values and principles. They think the world should be another way. They keep their vision alive in the midst of criticism and ridicule.

When someone like that dies, you will hear people say, “She fought the good fight.” Or he did. It is a wonderful expression. It implies that life was a struggle, but the struggle was worth it, and that this person engaged in the struggle to the end. “He fought the good fight.”

This expression comes from the Second Letter to Timothy, where it is heard today in a slightly different form: “I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.” To be able to say that is a great testimony. “I have fought the good fight.” It means that faith is a struggle, but worth it. It means we have faced opposition. We may not have won the race, but we finished it.

When we persevere in our struggles, it does not go unnoticed. Even if we never achieve all our goals, we have achieved the struggle, and that brings its own reward. It may not feel as satisfying, but it impresses a lot of other people. And it pleases God. Lectionary Bulletin Inserts: Reflections on the First and Second Readings,

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception thanks you for your support by inviting you to this exciting wine tasting and workshop:

***“Tax Reducing Strategies for Pre- and Post-Retirees”***



**Do you know that:**

- You can sell highly appreciated assets and minimize Capital Gains taxes?
- You may be able to receive significant Tax Deductions today and possibly for another five years?
- You can protect your IRA from Double Taxation?
- You may be able to increase your income significantly?

**2 available times to attend**

**Tues., Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 PM Social

12:30 PM Presentation

**Thurs., Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 PM Social

7:00 PM Presentation

**Location:** Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception – O’Hara Room

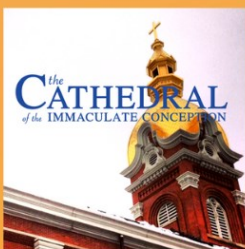
**Learn answers to these questions and enjoy a special wine tasting by joining us on Tues., Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> or Thurs., Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>!**

To RSVP email Adriana Mears at [amears@kcgolddome.org](mailto:amears@kcgolddome.org) or call at (816) 842-0416, ext. 124 today!



## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

You will receive your invitation to participate in the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). We have an opportunity to commit our support to diocesan programs and ministries that no parish could provide on its own. Our theme, *"Joyful in Hope"* appropriately recognizes our unity as the people of God to work together for the betterment of all. Our goal is 100% participation. No gift is too small. Please join our effort.







# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**The Knights of Columbus will be handing the 2022 Developmental Disabilities Tootsie Roll Drive this weekend after all Masses. We appreciate your donation!**



## Happenings & Opportunities Throughout the Diocese

### The Changing Seasons & Grief

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5  
2:00-4:00 P.M., VIA ZOOM**

What wisdom and hope do the changing seasons have to share with us about living into grief? How can they help us name our loss and reach out for healing? Where can they lead us to find peace in the midst of our pain? A new normal has been thrust on us that can be hard to navigate. This session will be an opportunity to share our grief and search for meaning with others who understand.



*Offered through the ministry of the Sisters of Mount  
St. Scholastica in Atchison, KS.*

*Visit [www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org](http://www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org) to register.*



### **FINDING GRATITUDE IN ALL THINGS: An Ignatian Day of Reflection**

Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City

Savior Pastoral Center, KCK

Saturday, November 12 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Give yourself the gift of a mini-retreat with God. Fr. Derrick Weingartner, S.J., rector of the St. Peter Claver Jesuit Community of Kansas City will lead a morning into early afternoon exploring ways to connect with God through the gift of gratitude. There will be an opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation near the end of the retreat. Cost: \$45, \$25 for young adults. Continental breakfast and lunch are included. For more information and to register for this retreat, see [www.ignatiancenterkc.org/events/2022/finding-gratitude](http://www.ignatiancenterkc.org/events/2022/finding-gratitude)

### **All Saints Eve Vespers Service**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish – Redemptorist Church

3333 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri

Monday, October 31 at 7:00 p.m.

Celebrate the saints in the presence of the King of Saints! Join us for a beautiful hour of Evening prayer with Eucharistic Adoration, a special Litany of the Saints, and Benediction for the Solemnity of All Saints.

### **Redemptorist Center invites you to Hops N Drops – Happy Hour for Hunger!**

Join us at Boulevard Brewing on November 7th from 6pm–9pm. Beer, wine & appetizers!

Redemptorist Center constantly strives to combat hunger by providing food to those in need in our community.

tickets at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)



## **FROM CONCEPTION ABBEY GUEST CENTER UPCOMING RETREAT LISTINGS**

**[www.conceptionabbey.org/guests/](http://www.conceptionabbey.org/guests/) ~ [guests@conception.edu](mailto:guests@conception.edu)**

### **Silent Retreat: Reconciliation and Eucharist**

**November 4-6**

Spend a quiet weekend at Conception Abbey reflecting on the beauty and value of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of Eucharist. Each sacrament is a real meeting with Jesus. Spiritual direction will be available as well as Eucharistic Adoration.

### **Silent Advent Retreat**

**December 2-4**

Advent is a time of waiting and anticipation. Set aside time, like Mary, to ponder in your own hearts the Nativity of Our Lord. In the silence, allow the real presence of Christ dwelling within you to comfort and awaken your own spirit. The Friday night conference will prepare you with ways to use the silence well. Spiritual direction will be available as well as Eucharistic Adoration.

### **1MY HOUSE WORKSHOP FOR MEN – NOVEMBER 3-5**

This is a 3-day confidential, intensive for men striving to overcome and heal from unwanted sexual behaviors. It is geared to maximize investment of time and money by providing the equivalent of at least 8 months of individual therapy. It will enhance the work you might have started, or jump start your journey towards healing. More information, Center for Healing, 816.786.6063, [admin@centerforhealingkc.com](mailto:admin@centerforhealingkc.com), or <https://centerforhealingkc.com/my-house/my-house-workshop>.

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The Diocese of Kansas City–St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org) if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City–St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families.

Please contact Whitney True–Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.



**Position Title:** Human Resources Generalist  
**Status:** Exempt, Full-Time (based upon 40 hours per week)  
**Reports to:** HR Director

### **Position Objective**

This position is a key support function for the parishes, schools, cemeteries, and chancery office within the Diocese. The HR Generalist will guide employee experience, serving the people who serve the people of God.

### **Essential Duties**

- Provide timely and accurate service and support to employees and parish leadership teams, including expertise in payroll, benefits, medical leaves and employment matters.
- Manage projects; assist and support parishes in areas of staffing and recruiting, producing training materials, and handling off-boarding processes.
- Create HR related reports and provide HR metrics as needed.
- Ensure compliance with all federal, state, local and diocesan employment requirements.

### **Knowledge, Skills and Abilities**

- Build and maintain collaborative relationships with employees, parish leadership teams, and Chancery officials.
- Demonstrate efficient and effective organizational and implementation skills.
- Manage projects on time and within budget.
- Guide and influence others through advanced interpersonal and coaching skills.
- Resolve specific issues using big picture understanding and critical thinking skills.
- Maintain strict confidentiality.

### **Basic Qualifications**

- Undergraduate degree in a closely related field, or any equivalent combination of education and/or experience.
- Minimum 5 years of experience in human resources, and/or staff or project management, customer service or similar support role.
- Intermediate skills in MS Outlook: Word, Excel, and Power Point.
- Practicing Catholic in good standing is preferred, but not required.

The Diocese offers medical, dental and vision health plans, fully paid STD/LTD, with retirement options including a defined benefit pension plan and 403(b). Paid Holidays, with generous Vacation and Sick policies are also included.

Note: All employees are required to consent to a background check, commit to our Code of Conduct policy, and complete online and in-person trainings prior to hire.

**To Apply:** <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/Apply/1329362/Available-Positions/Human-Resources-Generalist>

**Position Title:** Victim Assistance Coordinator

**Reports to:** Director, Office of Child and Youth Protection

### **Position Objective**

The Victim Assistance Coordinator (VAC) is responsible for coordination of efforts providing compassionate outreach, support and resources to survivors and their families in cases of sexual abuse perpetrated by diocesan personnel. The VAC accompanies clients through the process of investigation and review of their case, including managing treatment referral services for these individuals and their families. The VAC collaborates closely with the Executive Director of *Journey to Bethany*, a program designed to serve those harmed by clergy sexual abuse through actions of healing and justice. The VAC provides support and guides Diocesan staff and clergy who assist survivors in their journey toward healing and reconciliation.

This is a temporary position averaging 40 hours per week during the months of November and December and possibly January.

### **Essential Duties**

#### **Coordinate Victim Services process for healing and reconciliation.**

- Accompany and coordinate ongoing support to survivors.
- Cooperate with the Ombudsman in responding with care and support to survivors when they make an initial report of abuse to the Diocese.
- Follow up and provide support, information, etc. with the survivor, family and any other appropriate persons.
- Maintain confidentiality regarding all cases and matters under the purview of the OCYP as well as related documents, calls, files and related information.
- Coordinate pastoral care to survivors of sexual abuse and family members.
- Organize personal meetings between survivors/family members and the Bishop or his delegate.
- Accompany victim/survivors or read their impact statement to Review Board when requested.
- Bring survivor requests to appropriate diocesan leadership.

#### **Promote healing through outreach programs which represent the Diocese's strong commitment to healing and restoring trust among its faithful.**

- Consult with the Director of *Journey to Bethany* and Diocesan leaders to strategically plan for outreach and restoration of trust among the faithful, relative to survivors of clergy sexual abuse.
- Collaborate and coordinate with the *Journey to Bethany* Director to provide survivor resources as needed.
- Assist the Director for *Journey to Bethany* in building relationships with community coalitions to connect survivors with resources and inform local organizations of *Journey to Bethany's* work and resources.

#### **Provide support and resources to Diocesan staff and clergy as needed in providing care to victims and their families within Diocesan parishes and schools.**

- Assist the Bishop or diocesan leaders in preparation for meetings with victim-survivors and their families.

### Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Understand the effects of trauma, sexual abuse and spiritual abuse.
- Demonstrate a victim-survivor centered approach.
- Understand and practice trauma-informed care and response.
- Demonstrate active listening skills, demonstrating patience and compassion.
- Demonstrate empathy, understanding and perseverance.
- Handle sensitive issues with confidentiality.
- Manage crisis and conflict with professionalism and respect.
- Communicate effectively (verbal, written) in a clear and professional manner with a diverse group of people.
- Create and maintain relationships with a broad range of people with varying needs.
- Prioritize conflicting demands.
- Demonstrate consistent attention to detail.
- Work independently with confidence and minimal managerial oversight.

### Basic Qualifications

#### Required:

- Bachelor's degree in human services field such as organizational behavior, sociology, education or any equivalent combination of education and/or experience
- Intermediate skill level in Microsoft Office Suite and ability to learn customized database software
- Some local travel required

#### Preferred but not required:

- Minimum 3 years' experience in trauma and crisis response
- Knowledge of Restorative Justice practices
- Knowledge of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* and Essential Norms
- Familiarity with the Catholic understanding of ministry is an asset.

Note: All employees are required to consent to a background check, commit to our Code of Conduct policy, and complete online and in-person trainings prior to hire.

Apply Here: <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/Apply/1335844/Available-Positions/Victim-Assistance-Coordinator>





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# Morning Glory Ministries

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## Improving Your Shot

A guest came to Morning Glory wanting to know if his birth certificate had arrived yet in the mail. One of the services that Morning Glory provides is helping those who are homeless get proper identification, like a birth certificate and a state photo ID, as they need those to get a job.

When we help someone who was born outside of Missouri, we typically send the application through the mail and have to wait until their birth certificate comes back. Depending on which state the application was sent, this could take anywhere from two to six weeks.

Fortunately, for this man who inquired about his birth certificate, it had arrived. When I told him that we had it, he immediately smiled, looked upward, put his hands together like in prayer, and exclaimed out loud, "Thank you God!"



His reaction indicated that on the way to Morning Glory he prayed to God that his birth certificate would be here, and so, it was for him literally a prayer answered.

The Book of Sirach in the first reading this Sunday says, "*The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds.*" That imagery of a prayer piercing the cloud is likening a prayer to an arrow that soars up, up, up, going through clouds until it finds its mark.

Imagine if all prayers could be visibly seen as arrows flying upward, how many we would see at any given time. In the Gospel Jesus tells us which prayers "get through" and which ones do not. He tells the parable of two guys praying in the temple. One guy is arrogant, boasting that he is better than others, and the other guy is humble admitting he is a sinner. Jesus says it's the prayer of the humble guy that "gets through."

The prayer that Jesus praised begins with these words, "*O God, be merciful to me a sinner.*" Prayers said with true humility are the ones that pierce the clouds.

That's how we improve our shot.

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