

# FEBRUARY 7, 2025



Alfred Tennyson was a nineteenth century English poet who was so gifted that he served as Poet Laureate for almost 42 years. Tennyson was elevated to the House of Lords in 1884. Lord Tennyson began writing poetry at age 12 and had his first poem published at age 17. When asked, a small percentage of people are able to recite some poetry. Most people are certain they don't know any poetry. What they don't realize is that they do remember lines from poems. Here are some lines from Tennyson's writing you may recognize.

- ✦ Theirs not to reason why, theirs but to do and die.
- ✦ Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all.
- ✦ More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.
- ✦ It's better to have tried and failed  
than to live life wondering what would've happened if I had tried.

Here are some words of his that made a profound impression upon me:

*It is prayer that has saved my life.  
Without prayer  
I would have lost my reason a long time ago.  
I did not lose my peace of soul - in spite of many trials -  
because the peace came to me from prayer.  
One can live several days without food, but not without prayer.  
Prayer is the key to each morning,  
and the lock to every evening.  
This is my teaching:  
let everyone try this experience and  
they will find that daily prayer  
will add something new to their lives.*

Fr. Paul

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## DON'T FORGET

- \* **COMMUNITY GARDEN** Meeting 12:30 pm Sunday February 9 in the Parish Hall.
- \* Deadline for **DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY** is Tuesday February 11. Here is a link to complete yours. <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/x1a236>

- \* **CHURCH HISTORY** video & discussion Sundays 10:15-11:15 am in the Hall.

## **LENTEN BOOK STUDY & DISCUSSION – Do You Love Me?**

A Practical Guide to Catholic Prayer & Spirituality  
facilitated by John Shawler et al.

### **SUNDAY MORNINGS 10:15 am - 11:15 am**

In our School Room 2

February 23	—	Searching
March 02	—	Pancake Breakfast
March 09	—	Recognizing
March 16	—	Experiencing
March 23	—	Conversing
March 30	—	Following
April 06	—	Choosing



**Do You Love Me?** is a short booklet created by the Catholic Bishop’s Conference of England and Wales. It uses the Resurrection Appearance in John 21:1-22 to explore the treasure of Catholic Prayer and Spirituality. Copies of the Booklet will be available.

- o Read one chapter **before** each session.
- o Reflect on what you have read.
- o Write answers to a few questions.
- o Be prepared to share your thoughts, experiences, and ideas.

This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare yourself spiritually for Holy Week and Easter.

**PLEASE REGISTER** by signing a sheet of paper in the Gathering Space or online by emailing John Shawler [johnshawler@gmail.com](mailto:johnshawler@gmail.com) This is also available here on line <https://cbcew.org.uk/plain/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2018/11/do-you-love-me-2014.pdf>

### **CARBONATED GRACE**

Max Goldberg goes to see his cardiologist. The doctor examines him and then tells Max he d like to speak to Mrs. Goldberg privately. So Max leaves the room and his wife comes in. The doctor tells her, Mrs. Goldberg, your husband s condition is extremely serious. It is exacerbated by stress so you must do everything you can to eliminate stress from Max s life. When he gets up every morning, make his favorite breakfast and bring it to him in bed. Give him a hug and a kiss on his way out the door, and call him at work to tell him how great he is. When he comes home in the evening, have his slippers and a delicious dinner waiting for him. Give him whatever he wants in the bedroom, and act sweet to him at all times. If you do this, Max can live another twenty years.” Mrs. Goldberg nods along, then leaves the office and gets in the car, where Max worriedly asks her what the doctor said. Mrs. Goldberg responds, You re going to die.”