

Limitless Forgiveness

What makes seven such an important number? It's the symbolism. It signifies wholeness, completeness, and totality. So, seventy-seven (or seventy times seven in some Bible translations) suggests infinity. Peter was exaggerating when he suggested that he might forgive his brother seven times. He presumed that if he acted in this way, his behavior would demonstrate the immeasurable extent of his personal graciousness. Jesus' response implied that there should be no end to our forgiving another. To underscore the significance of this magnanimity, Jesus offered God (in the guise of the king who forgave a huge debt) as the exemplar of forgiving.

Forgiving another's offense against us could well be one of the most difficult things we are asked to do. To ask for forgiveness does not seem as difficult. After all, when we bump into a perfect stranger in an elevator, we say, "Forgive me." But to forgive someone who has

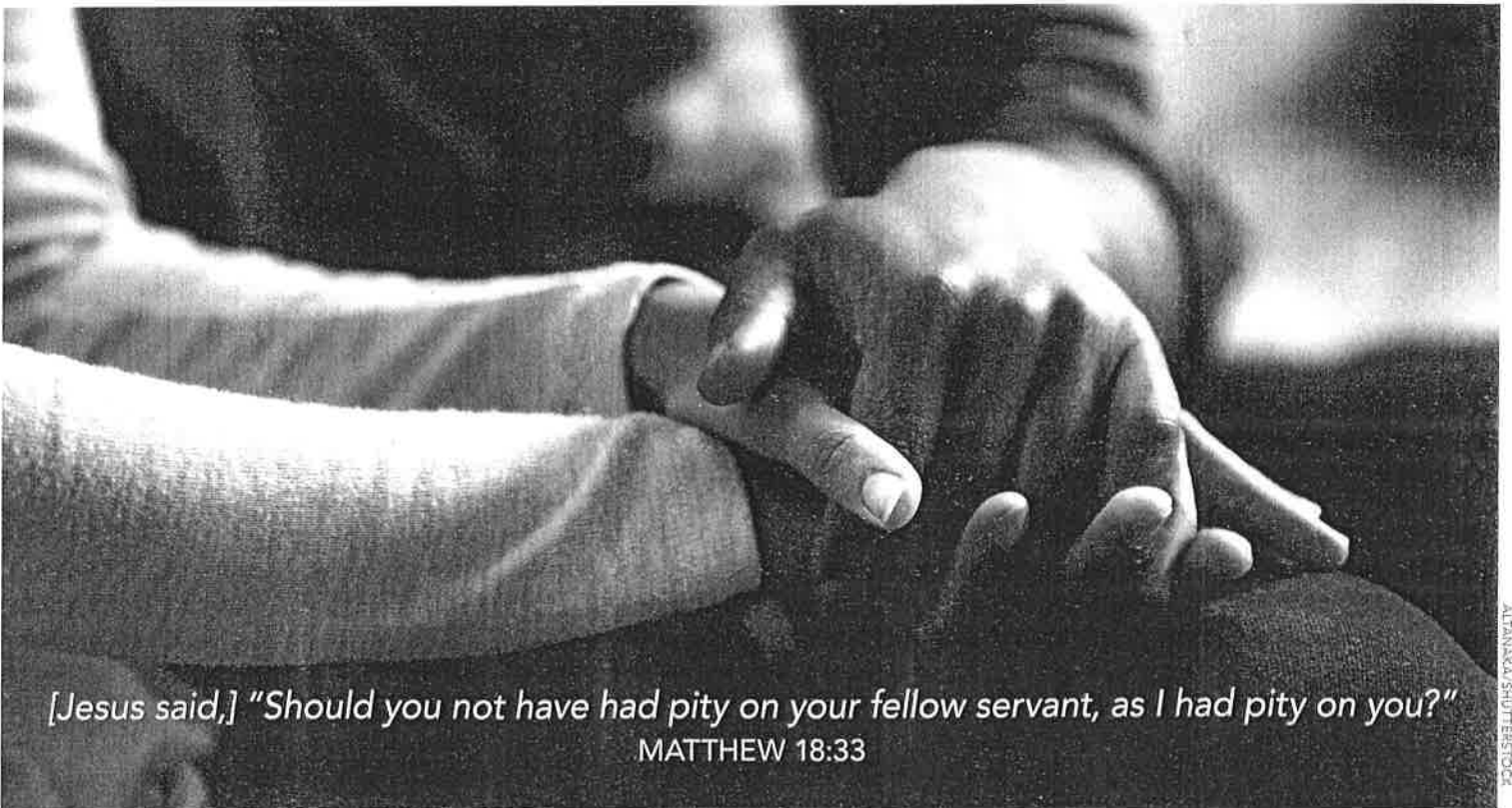
deliberately offended us, who has dishonored our sense of personal dignity, as slight as that offense might be, is neither as easy nor as casual a gesture. And yet, we must.

We all carry debts to others. Both the first reading and the Gospel passage remind us that the debts owed to us by others in no way compare with the debt we owe God, and yet God shows us compassion and forgives us. If we are grateful children of a compassionate God, we will want to be like God and we will forgive others.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- * Say the Lord's Prayer slowly, reflecting on "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."
- * Do you carry resentment in your heart? Does clinging to it lessen its burden in any way?



[Jesus said,] "Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?"

MATTHEW 18:33

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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary

Times September 13, 2020

Dear St. Joseph Parish Family,

Perhaps, this may be old news now. We have just had leadership change at the Parish and Finance Councils. Dr. John Butler moves up north east to be closer to his family. Lee Tipps remains in the parish and continues his role as coordinator of Altar Servers. I thank both men for their service to the Parish. In their places, Dan Inman has been elected new parish council president and Dr. Dan Booker, Chair of the finance council. This week you received a letter from Dr. Booker thanking you for your stewardship and soliciting greater participation in and support of the parish. I encourage you to read it and prayerfully consider how you can continue to support the St. Joseph Parish we all call home. I am grateful to them both and will rely on their wisdom and counsel and the bodies they lead to guide the Parish, especially in these challenging times.

We begin registration for religious education this weekend. As schools are reopening, with all the attendant challenges, so too are we envisioning ingenious and safe ways of ensuring the faith formation of our children and adults. We will also resume RCIA this Sunday and Youth Kick Off on Sept. 19th.

This Sunday, September 13th is National Grandparents Day. This is not a public holiday but it provides us the opportunity to recognize, honor and celebrate all grandparents for the important roles they play in the lives of their families, Church and society: the guidance and care they give, the memories they leave and the legacy they bequeath that will influence the lives of their grand and great children and society forever. I have always been amused by the quote of certain grandparents: "If we knew grandkids were this fun, we would have had them first." Such is the beauty of grandparents' love. So, Happy Grandparents Day!!

May God continue to bless and preserve us all.

Fr. Dan Melaba

Domingo Veinticuatro en el Tiempo Ordinario

13 de Septiembre, 2020

Estimada familia parroquial de San José,

Quizás, esto puede ser una vieja noticia ahora. Acabamos de tener un cambio de liderazgo en los Consejos Parroquiales y Financieros. El Dr. John Butler se traslada al noreste para estar más cerca de su familia. Lee Tipps permanece en la parroquia y continúa su papel como coordinador de los monaguillos. Agradezco a ambos hombres por su servicio a la parroquia. En su lugar, Dan Inman ha sido elegido nuevo presidente del consejo parroquial y el Dr. Dan Booker, presidente del consejo de finanzas. Esta semana recibió una carta del Dr. Booker agradeciéndole por su administración y solicitando una mayor participación y apoyo de la parroquia. Los animo a que lo lean y consideren en oración cómo pueden continuar apoyando a la Parroquia de St. Joseph que todos llamamos hogar. Les estoy agradecido a ambos y confiaré en su sabiduría y consejo y en los cuerpos que dirigen para guiar a la parroquia, especialmente en estos tiempos difíciles.

Comenzamos la inscripción para la educación religiosa este fin de semana. A medida que las escuelas están reabriendo, con todos los desafíos asociados, también estamos visualizando formas ingeniosas y seguras de asegurar la formación de la fe de nuestros niños y adultos. También reanudaremos RICA este domingo y el inicio de la juventud el 19 de septiembre.

Este domingo 13 de septiembre es el Día Nacional de los Abuelos. Este no es un día festivo, pero nos brinda la oportunidad de reconocer, honrar y celebrar a todos los abuelos por el importante papel que desempeñan en la vida de sus familias, la Iglesia y la sociedad: la orientación y el cuidado que brindan, los recuerdos que dejan y el legado que legarán que influirá para siempre en la vida de sus grandes y Tátara hijos y en la sociedad. Siempre me ha divertido la cita de ciertos abuelos: "Si supiéramos que los nietos son tan divertidos, los habríamos tenido primero". Tal es la belleza del amor de los abuelos. ¡¡Feliz Día de los Abuelos!

Que Dios continúe bendiciéndonos y preservándonos a todos.

P. Dan Melaba

Our parish family extends condolences to Holton and Marissa Chancey for the loss of Holton's brother, Charles Chancey who died recently. "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may your perpetual light shine upon him!"



Eternal Rest grant unto her, oh Lord! Our Parish family extends condolences to the family of Rainera Melvin, who died Tuesday. May she and all the faithful departed Rest In Peace. Amen.

Obituary can be found at Fletcher-Day Funeral Home in Thomaston, GA

Joe Melvin
1569 Melvin Lane
Waycross, GA 30501

Carmen Westerfield
113 Alabama Rd.
The Rock, GA 30285

Lisa Johnson
13176 Kimberlyn Hills Lane
Rogers, AR 72756

*Holton & Marissa Chancey
4809 Lovett Road
Waycross, GA 31503*

Word from Pope Francis

"Christ came to save us, to show us the way, the only way out of the quick sand of sin, and this is mercy."



Palabra del Papa Francisco

"Cristo vino a salvarnos, a mostrarnos el camino, la única manera de salir de la arena rápida del pecado, y esto es misericordia."



Interested in becoming a member of a Catholic Book Club?

Book: *Living the Power of the Holy Spirit*
Where: Social Hall
When: 10:00 am on Tuesday Mornings
Who: If interested, please call Lillie Morris, 912-281-0310



Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, toll free reporting hotline: (888) 357-5530

RCIA

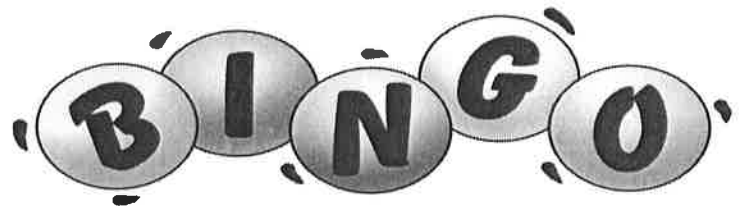
Inquiring minds want to know

During this time of quarantine, many of you have had some time to reflect on what your priorities are. Some have deep cleaned their homes. Some have deep cleaned their lives, coming to the conclusion that God is missing. If you have questions about Catholicism because you are curious or just want to dig deeper, come and join us.

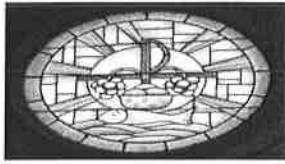
We have new format in that we will be meeting, physically, bi weekly at St Joseph's Catholic Church beginning in September on Sunday afternoons.

Please come and join us. Bring a friend. We all need to re-center our lives around God.

If you have any questions, please email us at Tammy Theologus@gmail.com or mommac48@gmail.com or call Fran McElroy 912-283-4382 and leave a message.



Attention: All "WISE ANGELS" A/K/A 'BINGO BUD-DIES' We are opening up Bingo once again to bring some normalcy into our lives. We will meet on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND AT 10:00 temporarily in the church hall.** Of course, we will social distance and wear masks to follow church guidelines. We are so excited and miss you all. Of course, we will be safe with our food and drinks. So, mark your calendars and come join us for a good and happy time. We hope to see you there!



During this time of social distancing, most people have been physically unable to receive the body and blood of Christ. How, then, can we celebrate this feast that is so tangible in nature? Pope Francis has suggested a prayer for spiritual Communion that acknowledges this challenge:

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
 I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.
 Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Durante este tiempo de distanciamiento social, la mayoría de las personas han sido físicamente incapaces de recibir el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo. Hao, entonces, ¿podemos celebrar esta fiesta que es tan tangible en la naturaleza? El Papa Francisco ha sugerido una oración por la Comuni3n espiritual que reconoce este desafío:

ACTO DE COMUNI3N ESPIRITUAL

*Jesús mío, creo que estás presente en el Santísimo Sacramento.
 Te amo por encima de todas las cosas y deseo recibirte en mi alma.
 Como en este momento no puedo recibirte sacramentalmente, entra al menos espiritualmente en mi corazón.
 Te abrazo como si ya estuvieras allí y me uno a mí mismo santamente a ti.
 Nunca permitas que me separe de ti. Amen.*

**Council of Catholic Women
 St. Joseph Catholic Church
 Spirituality, Leadership, Service**

Our first meeting of the year will be Tuesday September 15th at 7:00PM in Social Hall. We ask that you wear a mask and abide by social distancing.

We have a lot of unfinished business to discuss and our newly elected officers will be presented at our September meeting and installed at our October meeting. Please try and attend.

You have all been missed and we look forward to another successful CCW year.



**The Wednesday Rosary Group will meet at the church at 10 am on Wednesday mornings.
 Come pray with us!**

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL, ESPECIALLY PARISHIONERS:

Joyce Bachofner, Arcelia Saucedo, Elizabeth Smith, Peggy Thomas, Carlene Murray, Rose Mary Fulford, Bob & Kathy Odam, Colleen Matich, Debbie Cahill, Leslie Bennett, Abraham Gomez, Tom DiBiase, Glenn & Shelly Chase, Clinton Vaughn, Morgan Hess & Ann Marie Hess, Genevieve Martin, Keith Fullenkamp, Bill & Glenda Brewington, Phyllis Buck, Lucy Todd, Carol McCloskey, Nathan Brooks, Cathy Long, Kay Kovach, Judy Cazal, Joanne Vaughn, Sam Scott, Ginger Worley, and Jerry & Debbie Wilkerson.

PLEASE PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS OF OURS:

Robert Cushing Jr., Pat Marsh, Hannah Phillips & Family, Lindsay Joyce, Patricia Carter, Jason McCullum, Michael Driggers, Maurice Hannah, Earl Black, Tom Grizzaffe, James Kenneth Cox Jr., Merinda Mixon, Toby Foster, Harris Lott, Florence Struempler, Francis Ann Cook, James Stokes, Cindy Taylor, Kris Kruse, April Snider, Robin Johnson, Thomas Williams, Angel Sinai Gomez, Kim Messenger, William Willis, Sandy Wright, Ashley Hoffman, Sue Rossi, Betty Denyko, Sr. Chris Cullen, MFIC, David Greg Russell, Chloe Robinson, William Martin IV, Michelle Rio, Bobby Ziolkowski, Stan Stipe, Joseph McHendry, Dr. Richard Lynch, Rose Parisee, Adrian Arnold, Erin Crosby, Rosa Maria Santos, Ida Cook, Becky Griffin, Claudia Taylor, Megan Schultz, Dora Bullard, Millie Bailey, Edmay Tardif, Ken Jorishie, Craig Carter, Dallin Thorton, Don & Marilyn Sanderson, Bill Byrd & Family, Reginald Ghioto, Chris Garafola, Marlene Brooker, Wesley Sowell, Jennifer Raulerson, Sidney Bennett, Carol McNeary, Delia Fonzeca, Frank Oliveto, Michael Casavanc, Anette Vulah, Teresa Greer, Calista Oliveto, Tommy Pritchard, Pam Cox, Don Graham, James Spivey, Lee Martin, Diana Martin, Mark Smith, Amy Houle, Iris Boatright, Janice Strickland, Amy Brandon, and Mark Parker.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY: LT. Tim Boyce, U.S. Navy, Rann Howell, Ethan Stanley, and Richard Jacobs.

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VIRTUS
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Reminder to all Volunteers

Just a quick reminder that if you plan to volunteer, (and we would love to have you as a volunteer!) you need VIRTUS training.

What is VIRTUS?

VIRTUS is the brand name that identifies best practices programs designed to help prevent wrongdoing and promote "rightdoing" within religious organizations. The VIRTUS programs empower our Church and parishioners to better control risk and improve the lives of all those interact with the Church.

Who needs to attend this training? All volunteers including PRE Teachers/Aids, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Loaves and Fishes Volunteers, CCW volunteers, KOC volunteers, etc.

If you plan to volunteer but have NOT received VIRTUS Training please notify Tammy Theologus (tammytheologus@gmail.com) and register for Training on <http://www.virtusonline.org>. On the left-hand side of the page, click the yellow link labeled "Registration."

If you have already received VIRTUS Training, but it has been 5 years since your training, you need to participate in a quick on-line refresher. Please notify Tammy Theologus so she can schedule you for a refresher at your convenience.

Thank you in advance for being a part of our Church Community by volunteering your time and services AND helping us keep our youth safe.

Recordatorio para todos los Voluntarios

Solo un rápido recordatorio de que, si usted está planeando ser voluntario, (y a nosotros nos encantaría tenerlo como voluntario) necesita tomar el entrenamiento de VIRTUS.

¿Qué es VIRTUS?

VIRTUS es un nombre de marca que identifica el programa de mejores prácticas diseñado para ayudar a prevenir que se hagan las cosas de mala manera y a promover "la Buena forma" de hacer las cosas dentro de las organizaciones religiosas. El programa de VIRTUS le da poder a nuestra Iglesia y a sus feligreses de mejor controlar el riesgo y mejorar las vidas de todos aquellos que tienen contacto con la Iglesia.

¿Quiénes necesitan venir a estos entrenamientos? Todos los voluntarios incluyendo las maestras de ERP/ayudantes, Lectores, Ministros de la Eucaristía, los voluntarios de Panes y Peces, los voluntarios de CCW, los voluntarios de KOC, etc.

Si usted está planeando ser voluntario y NO ha recibido el entrenamiento de VIRTUS por favor notifique a Tammy Theologus (tammytheologus@gmail.com) y regístrese para el Entrenamiento en <http://www.virtusonline.org>. En la parte izquierda de la página, haga clic en el enlace amarillo que dice "Registración."

Si ya usted ha tomado el entrenamiento de VIRTUS, pero ya pasaron 5 años desde que tomo el entrenamiento, usted necesita participar de nuevo en un repaso rápido en línea. Por favor notifique a Tammy Theologus para que ella le pueda programar un repaso a su conveniencia.

Muchas gracias anticipadas por ser una parte de nuestra Comunidad de Iglesia al voluntarizar su tiempo y servicio y ayudarnos a mantener a nuestros jóvenes seguros.

Dear Friends and Parishioners:

We continue with the Covid Protocols [below], we will need to overflow into the parish hall for Mass. When Fr. Dan gets to the "Lamb of God" (*Agnus Dei* or *Cordero de Dios*) if you are in the hall and want to go to Holy Communion then START WALKING to the sanctuary and you will get there on time. Remember 6 feet of spacing between you and the next person!

For those of you at home, please note that we have discontinued Live-Streaming the Masses at 5 PM on Saturday and 12 noon on Sunday. Please watch on EWTN or check <https://catholicmasslive.com/>.

Our church seating is limited so please follow the directions and suggestions of the ushers. PLEASE, with loving and patient hearts, follow these Covid-19 protocols to help us stay healthy:

- 1-Wear a face mask in church or PRE to protect others.
- 2-Normally a greeter/usher will take your temperature before you enter the church and log in your name.
- 3-Physical distancing will limit seating availability for Mass. Please follow the direction of the Ushers. Only 60 people will be allowed in because of the diocesan standard of 25% capacity.
- 4-Pews are taped and marked to ensure 6 feet of distance in all directions between household groups or individuals. Choir upstairs is open and the Hall.
- 5-Please bring hand sanitizer and use it. Plenty is available in church also for your use.
- 6-Hymnals/missalettes have been put away for sanitary purposes; but you may bring your own. Bulletins are available AFTER Mass only.
- 7-TRY to get to church EARLIER! Once the church is full there is room for 6 people in the choir loft and then the overflow goes to the TV seating in the Parish Hall. And only ONE family with BABY is allowed in the cry-room.
- 8-Because the Sunday Mass obligation has been lifted, you may wish to attend a weekday Mass in Church with more seating availability.
- 9- Receiving Holy Communion in the hand is preferable, although receiving Holy Communion on the tongue will not be denied. For the health and safety of others we ask that anyone preferring the tongue receive last. The precious blood is presently not offered.
- 10-Ushers will assist the lines for receiving Holy Communion, please stand 6 feet behind the person in front.
- 11-We will not be using altar servers and only **one cantor** with no choir until it is safe.
- 12-Collections will be taken up with the long handled baskets to sanitize the process.
- 13-Please reserve the ends of the pews for parents with small children who may need to get up for their agitation.
- 14-At the conclusion of Mass**, please stay and pray a bit to allow others to go first; sides doors will be opened as well. We are trying NOT to bottleneck or gather to visit in front of the church; it may be more helpful to visit when you are by your cars. Fr. Dan will be available for questions and appointment-making, not visitation.
- 15-Please allow only one person in the bathrooms at a time! Wash your hands with SOAP! Put the lid down and flush!
- 16-The water fountains are CLOSED. The few small water bottles that are there are NOT for everybody but only for those who truly need them.

Thanks so much for helping keep us all safe!

Queridos amigos y feligreses:

Continuamos con los Protocolos de Covid [abajo], tendremos que desbordar en el salón parroquial para la misa. Cuando el P. Dan llegue al "Cordero de Dios" (Agnus Dei o Cordero de Dios) si está en el pasillo y quiere ir a la Santa Comunión, entonces COMIENCE A CAMINAR al santuario y llegará a tiempo. Recuerde 6 pies de espacio entre usted y la siguiente persona!

Para aquellos de ustedes en casa, tenga en cuenta que hemos descontinuado Live-Streaming the Masses a las 5 PM del sábado y 12 del mediodía del domingo. Por favor, mire este EWTN o compruebe <https://catholicmasslive.com/>.

Nuestros asientos en la iglesia son limitados, así que por favor siga las instrucciones y sugerencias de los ujieres. POR FAVOR, con corazones amorosos y pacientes, siga estos protocolos Covid-19 para ayudarnos a mantenernos saludables:

1-Use una máscara facial en la iglesia o ERP para proteger a los demás.

2-Normalmente, un recibidor / acomodador le tomará la temperatura antes de ingresar a la iglesia y registrará su nombre.

3-El distanciamiento físico limitará la disponibilidad de asientos para la misa. Siga las instrucciones de los ujieres. Solo se permitirán 60 personas debido al estándar diocesano de 25% de capacidad.

4-Las bancas están grabadas y marcadas para asegurar una distancia de 6 pies en todas las direcciones entre grupos de hogares o individuos.

5-Por favor traiga desinfectante para manos y úselo. Hay mucho disponible en la iglesia también para su uso.

6-Los libros de himnos / misales se han guardado con fines sanitarios; pero puedes traer el tuyo. Los boletines están disponibles DESPUÉS de la misa solamente.

7-¡INTENTE llegar a la iglesia ANTES! Una vez que la iglesia está llena, hay espacio para 6 personas en el desván del coro y luego el desbordamiento va a los asientos de TV en el Salón Parroquial. Y solo UNA familia con BEBÉ está permitida en la sala de llorar.

8-Debido a que la obligación de la misa dominical se ha levantado, es posible que desee asistir a una misa de la semana en la Iglesia con más disponibilidad de asientos.

9-Recibir la Santa Comunión en la mano es preferible, aunque no se negará recibir la Santa Comunión en la lengua. Por la salud y la seguridad de los demás pedimos que cualquiera que prefiera la lengua reciba el último. La preciosa sangre no se ofrece actualmente.

10-Los ujieres ayudarán a las líneas para recibir la Sagrada Comunión, por favor párese a 6 pies de la persona que está enfrente.

11-No usaremos servidores de altar y solo un cantor sin coro hasta que sea seguro.

12-Las colecciones se recogerán con las cestas de mango largo para desinfectar el proceso.

13-Reserve los extremos de las bancas para los padres con niños pequeños que pueden necesitar levantarse por su agitación.

14-Al final de la misa, quédese y ore un poco para permitir que otros vayan primero; puertas laterales se abrirán también. Estamos tratando de NO embotellarnos o reunirnos para visitar frente a la iglesia; Puede ser más útil visitar cuando esté cerca de sus automóviles. El p. Dan estará disponible para preguntas y citas, no para visitas.

15-Por favor permita solo una persona en los baños a la vez! ¡Lávese las manos con jabón! ¡Baje la tapa y jale la cadena!

16-Las fuentes de agua están CERRADAS. Las pocas botellas de agua pequeñas que hay allí NO son para todos, sino solo para aquellos que realmente las necesitan.

¡Muchas gracias por ayudarnos a mantenernos a todos a salvo!

St. Joseph Offertory
September 6, 2020

Offertory Total \$4,185.00



Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not been able to make a pledge to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal, please consider a one-time gift. Each one of us is Christ to all we meet. As of 09/03/2020, our parish has given \$18,131.00 which is 80.45% of our target of \$22,538. Out of 209 families only 62 made a donation or pledge, which is 29.67% of the parish families.

Apelación Católica Anual. Si usted no ha sido capaz de hacer una promesa a la Apelación Católica Anual 2020, por favor considere un regalo de una sola vez. Cada uno de nosotros es Cristo para todos los que nos encontramos. A partir del 09/03/2020 nuestra parroquia ha dado \$18,131.00 que es 80.45% de nuestro objetivo \$22,538. De 209 familias, sólo 62 hicieron una donación o promesa que el 29.67% de las familias parroquiales.



The Bible and the Church Fathers

St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology: 12 week DVD series

Where: St. Joseph's Social Hall

When: Starting August 19th, 2020

Day and Time: Wednesdays from 1:00– 2:15 pm
Embrace the Faith of Our Fathers : Learn who the Early Church Fathers were and how they shaped the way we read Scripture. This study examines the earliest interpretations of the texts of Scripture, the origins of Catholic dogma and the foundations of Church. **Please join us.** Presenters: Tammy Theologus and Frank Hoffman. Sign up for the Bible Study reminders by emailing tammytheologus@gmail.com.

Lector Schedule

September 12, 2020 Mass in English

English Lector-Flor Constantino 5:00 pm Saturday

Confession Saturday 4-4:45 pm

September 13, 2020 Mass in English

English Lector–Casey Brennan 9 am Sunday

September 13, 2020 Mass in Spanish

Spanish Lector– Lucy Rios 12 Noon Sunday

September 19, 2020 Mass in English

English Lector– Tammy Theologus 5:00 pm Saturday

Confession Saturday 4-4:45 pm

September 20, 2020 Mass in English

English Lector–Joseph Johnson 9 am Sunday

September 20, 2020 Mass in Spanish

Spanish Lector– Luci Diaz 12 Noon Sunday

Mass Intentions for Week of September 12, 2020- September 20, 2020 (RIP) + Health –H

Saturday, September 12, 2020-5:00 pm Mass + **Wanda Hand**

Sunday, September 13, 2020-9:00 am Mass **Pro Populo**

Sunday, September 13, 2020-12 Noon Mass + **Fallecida Señora Guadalupe Milian Aguirre**

Monday, September 14, 2020-No Mass

Tuesday, September 15, 2020-6 pm + **Jan Parisse**

Wednesday, September 16, 2020-6:00 pm **Maddie Snider-H**

Thursday, September 17, 2020-9:00 am Mass **George & Betty Jo Wedding Anniversary**

Friday, September 18, 2020-9:00 am Mass + **Rainera Melvin**

Saturday, September 19, 2020 5:00 pm Mass + **James Ack-er Sr.**

Sunday, September 20, 2020 9:00 am Mass **Pro Populo**

Sunday, September 20, 2020-12 Noon Mass + **Fallecida Señora Guadalupe Milian Aguirre**

Adoration Wednesday

5:00 pm until 6 pm



Dear Padre,

We knew a beloved priest whose death was self-inflicted. What is the Church's stance on suicide?

I offer my heartfelt sympathy to you and the faith community for this tragic loss. "We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us. It is not ours to dispose of" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2280). Those who take their own life to end personal suffering assume a decision-making that belongs to God alone. However, the Church also acknowledges that "grave psychological disturbances, anguish, or grave fear of hardship, suffering, or torture can diminish the responsibility of the one committing suicide" (*CCC* 2282).

At the same time, the Church relies on the compassion of God, who fully knows the intensity of suffering that triggers suicide. Therefore, the Church pastorally states: "We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives" (*CCC* 2283).

How, then, does the Church specifically pray for those who've committed suicide? Generally they're not deprived of full burial rites in the Church, which consoles the living and commends all of the dead "to God's merciful love and pleads for the forgiveness of their sins" (*Order of Christian Funerals*, 6). Nor are they deprived of burial in a Catholic cemetery—a sacred place that helps bring peace to those confronted by the sudden death of a suicide.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



HILARY SUSAN OSMAN / PEXELS



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The increase in the rates of suicide in your cities, as well as bullying and various kinds of neediness, are creating new forms of alienation....I ask you to pay special attention to [the young] and their needs. Try to create spaces...of generous and selfless love...to everyone, and not only to those who have "made it."

—MEETING WITH BISHOPS, TOKYO, NOVEMBER 23, 2019

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b–9
Phil 2:6–11
Jn 3:13–17

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a
Jn 19:25–27 or
Lk 2:33–35

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Cor 12:31–13:13
Lk 7:31–35

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 17
Weekday
1 Cor 15:1–11
Lk 7:36–50

Friday

SEPTEMBER 18
Weekday
1 Cor 15:12–20
Lk 8:1–3

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 19
Weekday
1 Cor 15:35–37, 42–49
Lk 8:4–15

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 20
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:6–9
Phil 1:20c–24, 27a
Mt 20:1–16a

Youth Group

Hello I want to formally introduce myself as the new Youth Ministry Coordinator, Magdalene (Maggie) Santana. Ms. Loretta Coar will still be helping out with youth group as my ... "assistant". As we all know Covid has really delayed a lot of our plans, but we have come up with a game plan.

Due to Covid we will be taking the following precautions:

- Temperature checks**
- Mask MUST be worn when 6 feet distancing cannot be enforced.**
- Physically distancing in parish hall**
- Hand sanitizer will be provided**

Kickoff

What: Youth Group 2020 Kickoff

When: September 19, 2020

What Time: 7:00 P.M.

-We will have a brief meeting and the fun will follow with outdoor activities.

****Food (burgers and hotdogs) will be provided; K of C will be helping us with the grilling**

****We ask you to bring drinks and a dessert**

Meeting on 09/19/2020

Discuss:

- Indoor, Outdoor, and virtually meeting.**
- Best way to contact group text, groupMe, etc?**
- Changing meeting time**
- Regular Class? Once a month? Twice a Month?**
- Some future activities and trips**
- Answer any questions parents or students may have**



SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

The Kingdom of heaven is like a good and just king. One of his servants owed him a large sum of money. The servant threw himself at the king's feet and pleaded, "Give me a little more time. I will soon pay it all back. I promise." The king was so good that he agreed and let him go.

Soon afterward, that servant met a friend who owed him money. He grabbed him and said, "Pay back what you owe me right now!" His friend begged, "Wait just a little. I promise I'll pay it all back soon."

But the servant had him thrown in prison to force him to pay. When the king heard of this, he was very angry. He punished his servant and put him in prison until he paid back his whole debt.

Based on Matthew 18:21-35


My
Promise
to Jesus

Jesus, I will forgive other people
when they hurt my feelings. I will draw
a picture as a present for someone
to show that he or she means a lot to me.

