



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 13, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 **BW** Dave White

10:30 **BW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

12:00 **BW** Evelyn McCafferty from Bridget Bardua

Monday, September 14, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

12:10 Trever Hoelker from Mary & Katie Rust

Tuesday, September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows

12:10 Barbara Deardorff from Carol Lowen

Wednesday, September 16, St. Cornelius, Pope

12:10 Ed & Sarah Gant from Bill & Jane Stacey

Thursday, September 17, St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop

12:10 Kevin Smullen from The Family

Friday, September 18

12:10 Purgatorial Society

Saturday, September 19, St. Januarius, Bishop

12:10 Ronald Gallagher from Teresa Lanter

7:00 **BW** Paul Gerstner from Carol & Larry

Sunday, September 20, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 **BW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **BW** Helmut Roehrig from Mary

12:00 **BW** Linda Evans from Kay & Bill Russ

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans:

Brothers and sisters:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

From the Pastor's Desk

PUBLIC MASSES WITH RESTRICTIONS WILL BE HELD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

PLEASE REGISTER FOR SATURDAY EVENING AND SUNDAY MASSES at strosecincinnati.org

ALL INDIVIDUALS MUST WEAR A MASK WHILE INSIDE THE CHURCH. Thank you for your understanding, patience and cooperation.

THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL WHO RESIDE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI CONTINUE TO BE DISPENSED FROM THE OBLIGATION OF ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS.

To join us for mass on your computer, ipad , smart phone, or smart tv go to our website STROSECINNATI.ORG and click on [WATCH LIVE](#). I want to thank everyone who continues to support us with their generous contributions. God Bless, Fr. Barry

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Sunny Jean Fitzgerald was welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism here at St. Rose Church.

Tyler Curry and **Josephine Rizzo** were united in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony this weekend here at St. Rose Church.

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of **Jack Ruppert** whose funeral was this past week here at St. Rose Church.

CCD classes begin Sept. 20. Registration will be that day at 9:00 a.m. Classes are each Sunday from 9:15 to 10:15 for grades kindergarten to 8th grade. There is plenty of room for social distancing. Any questions please contact Debbie Wesselman weselmandmma@aol.com or 513-703-8229

RCIA

If you know anyone who would be interested in learning about the Church and possibly join the Church Fr. Barry is starting up the RCIA in September. There will be plenty of room to social distance. Any questions please call (513) 871-1162

SIGN UP TO PRAY A MINUTE - Do you believe in the power of prayer? Do you believe that our country is in desperate need of peace, justice and goodwill? If so, then go to **www.PrayAMinute.com** and pledge to pray just one minute more than you already do, every day, for the specific intention of peace, justice and goodwill. The site also contains inspiring reflections and useful prayer resources. Catholics from across the archdiocese are uniting in prayer from now until January 1, the World Day of Prayer for Peace, for the spiritual renewal of our country. Please join this movement!

Words Worth Noting

All you need in this life is ignorance and confidence and success is sure. Mark Twain

The real problem is not why some pious, humble, believing people suffer, but why some do not. C.S. Lewis

Never give up for that is just the place and the time that the tide will turn.

Harriet Beecher Stowe

I'm not afraid of storms, for I am learning to sail my own ship.

Mary Louise Alcott

SUNDAY FUNNIES

~ A man calls his brother with a request. He says, "As you know, I'm going on a business trip soon, and if my wife gives birth while I'm away, I want you to name the twins."

"It'll be an honor to do that for you," replies the brother.

A month later the brother calls with news that the twins were born. "Your wife gave birth to a beautiful girl and a handsome boy," says the brother.

"That's wonderful! What did you call them?" the man asks.

"I called the girl Deniece," says the brother.

"That's very pretty. And what did you call the boy?" asks the man

"I called the boy Denephew."



Opening Prayer

Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

The story of the unrepentant debtor is unique to Matthew. Though the opening verses of today's gospel find an echo in Luke 17:4, the parable is unparalleled. The story is simple but profound. One who owed the king an inordinate sum (10,000 talents is hyperbole equivalent to our saying "a hundred million dollars") has no chance of paying it off. He will never earn that much and therefore he is essentially placed in debtors' prison, after all his assets, his very person, and his family were sold for cash value. The king, hearing the man's pleas, is moved by pity. He relents and releases the man from his debts and from prison.

Then, the same man finds one who is in debt to him (a denarius was about a day's wage for a laborer). This debtor appeals to the man who was just forgiven, using language that sounds eerily familiar. But rather than be moved by pity as the king was and emulate the forgiveness he was shown, the man who now finds himself in a position of power casts the poor debtor in prison.

The king's servants report all this to the king, who is infuriated at the aborted forgiveness. "Should you not have had pity?" is the terrifying question that sends the man not merely to prison but to the torturer for what is effectively eternity.

The lesson for us could not be clearer. We who have been forgiven are to forgive others. It is the Lord's Prayer that is found in this gospel as well: "forgive us as we forgive those . . ." The Lord's forgiveness is freely given, but it may be taken back if we do not emulate this same forgiveness in our own lives.

The final words of the gospel are a haunting reminder that we may face the same fate as the one handed over to torturers if we do not forgive "from the heart."

Closing Prayer

Lord God, you have forgiven us much, more than we can ever repay. May we who have been forgiven extend that same forgiveness to those who have hurt us. May your generosity and mercy inspire us to emulate that same generosity and mercy, and by so doing, we will be extending your work on earth. This we pray in the name of your son. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

• What has helped you when you found it difficult to forgive others for the harm they had done?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayers."

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Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him,

"Lord, if my brother sins against me,
how often must I forgive?"

As many as seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but
seventy-seven times.

That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened
to a king

who decided to settle accounts with his servants.

When he began the accounting,

a debtor was brought before him who owed him a
huge amount.

Since he had no way of paying it back,

his master ordered him to be sold,
along with his wife, his children, and all his
property,

in payment of the debt.

At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and
said,

'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in
full.'

Moved with compassion the master of that servant
let him go and forgave him the loan.

When that servant had left, he found one of his
fellow servants

who owed him a much smaller amount.

He seized him and started to choke him, demanding,

'Pay back what you owe.'

Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him,

'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.'

But he refused.

Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison
until he paid back the debt.



Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened,
they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master
and reported the whole affair.

His master summoned him and said to him, 'You
wicked servant!

I forgave you your entire debt because you begged
me to.

Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant,
as I had pity on you?'

Then in anger his master handed him over to the
torturers

until he should pay back the whole debt.

So will my heavenly Father do to you,
unless each of you forgives your brother from
your heart."

Readings for the week:

24th Sunday in Ord. Time

Sir 27:30-28:7
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4,
9-10, 11-12
Rom 14:7-9
Matt 18:21-35

Monday Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Num 21:48-9
Ps 78:1bc:2, 34-35,
36-37, 38
Phil 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

Tuesday

1 Cor 12:12-14,
27-31a
Ps 100:1b-2,
3, 4, 5
John 19:25-27 or
Luke 2:33-35

Wednesday

1 Cor 12:31-13:13
Ps 33:2-3, 4-5,
12 and 22
Luke 7:31-35

Thursday

1 Cor 13:1-11
Ps 118:1b-2,
16ab-17, 28
Luke 7:36-50

Friday

1 Cor 13:12-20
Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7,
8b and 15
Luke 8:1-3

Saturday

1 Cor 13:25-37,
42-49
Ps 56:10c-12,
13-14
Luke 8:4-15

25th Sunday in Ord. Time

Isa 55:6-9
Ps 145:2-3, 8-9,
17-18
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a
Matt 20:1-16a