



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

September 16-17, 2017

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24TH SUNDAY - FALSE FORGIVENESS

"My heavenly Father will treat you in exactly the same way unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart." —Matthew 18:35

Many Christians don't forgive others because they have been deceived into thinking they have already forgiven. This deception about forgiveness results in our being handed over to the torturers (Mt 18:34) and not being forgiven ourselves (Mt 6:12). Therefore, we are doomed if we are deceived about having forgiven.

One of the best indicators of false forgiveness is anger. Before and after the writer of Sirach commands us to forgive (Sir 28:2), he teaches us that "wrath and anger are hateful things" (Sir 27:30) and that anger prevents us from being healed (Sir 28:3, 5). We may not even feel angry with the persons who have hurt us, yet anger in any area may be an indication of unforgiveness toward someone.

Another indication of false forgiveness is not being very aware of the impossibility of human beings forgiving. The old saying is absolutely true: "To err is human; to forgive is divine." We cannot forgive; only God can forgive. Humanly speaking, we have a bear-hug on anger and unforgiveness (see Sir 27:30). We will never break this hold by our own power. By the Lord's power, however, we can forgive everyone for everything. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any false forgiveness in your life. Ask the Spirit to pour out His love in your heart (Rm 5:5) so you have His power to forgive.

Prayer: Father, may forgiveness mean for me what it means for You.

Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.
 Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.
 Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.
 Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.
 Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.
 Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment
 First Wednesday Adoration.....7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
 MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.
 COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

Masses Intentions

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Conner Homer, Daniel Hinson, Schellon Major, Ralph Hutsell, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Jim Eakin, Charlene Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, and Floyd Schulte

Family Chalice Program

September 16/17 Cobb and Kay Britten
 September 23/24 Doris and Johnny Homer
 Sep 30/ Oct 1 Corkey, Sandie and Hope Hickey
 October 7/8 Jerod and Tami Keesee
 October 14/15 Brad and Tabitha Eggemeyer
 October 21/22 Pam and Cassie Ashford
 October 28/29 Keith, Kathleen and Halle Barkley

Birthdays

Sept 17th Madeline Britten
 Sept 21st Tony Britten, Mike Lister, Alexander Britten, Bridget Britten, & Cody Eilenberger
 Sept 23rd Janice Koetting

Anniversaries

Sept 18th Nathan & Sherri Wieberg

Stewardship Reports

09/10/17 Stewardship Report	
Individual	\$ 980.00
Loose	\$ 372.00
Children	\$ 4.00
Total	\$1356.00
0910/17 Building Fund	
Individual	\$ 395.00
Loose	\$ 120.00
Total	\$ 515.25
Hurricane Relief	
Individual	\$ 880.00
Loose	\$ 540.00

Church Cleaning for September

Sandie Hickey, Marcia Conrad, Donna Barnett, Melanie Britten, Janice Koetting, Michele Bohr, Rita Lister, Connie Britten, Susan Britten, Rita Poor, Melanie Hinson, Krista Johnson

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Sept 16, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Phineas and Saffron
Lectors: Jason Eugea
Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

Sunday, Sept 17, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Grace and Carrigan
Lectors: Nick Kuehler
Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr,
Marla Britten, & Susan Britten

Saturday, Sept 23, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Lauren and Stephen
Lectors: Ron Kuehler
Extraor. Com. Minister: Carie Weinheimer

Sunday, Sept 24, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Wesley and Jackson
Lectors: Nick Kuehler
Extraor. Com. Minister: Nichole Kuehler,
Joannie Kling, & Sandie Hickey

Saturday, Sept 30, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Halle and Hope
Lectors: Jason Eugea
Extraor. Com. Minister: Sandie Hickey

Sunday, Oct 1, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Trace and Owen
Lectors: Cliff Britten
Extraor. Com. Minister: Susan Britten, Kay
Britten, Marla Britten

Saturday, Oct 7, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Hope and Lauren
Lectors: Kay Britten
Extraor. Com. Minister: Sandie Hickey

Sunday, Oct 8, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Madison and Ali
Lectors: Marcia Conrad

Announcements:

Mass will be held on Monday, Thursday and Friday this week.

The **Parish Council** is looking for volunteers to act as points of contact for different infrastructure systems throughout the grounds and buildings of the Parish. If you have experience or simply willingness to volunteer for one of the positions, or for more information please contact Jason Eugea at 806-335-6805.

Please join the Parish Council for a potluck dinner after mass on Saturday evening September 23rd. For more information please contact one of the Parish Council members.

One Day Women's retreat October 7, 2017
9-3p.m. J&L Event Center
1200Park St
Panhandle, TX
No fees, Call Kim Kuehler for more information
806-437-5685

Contact: Cara Ashford at 806-584-6250 or ashfordcar@gmail.com (preferred), if you have information for the bulletin.

Conversion of a Sinner Through the Intercession of Our Lady of Sorrows: In the revelations of St. Bridget we read that there was a rich man, as noble by birth as he was vile and sinful in his habits. He had given himself, by an express compact, as a slave to the devil; and for sixty successive years had served him, leading such a life as may be imagined, and never approached the sacraments. Now this prince was dying; and Jesus Christ, to show him mercy, commanded St. Bridget to tell her confessor to go and visit him and exhort him to confess his sins. The confessor went and the sick man said that he did not require confession, as he had often approached the sacrament of Penance. The priest went a second time; but this poor slave of hell persevered in his obstinate determination not to confess. Jesus again told the saint to have her confessor return. He did so; and of the third occasion told the sick man the revelation made to the saint, and that he had returned so many times because our Lord, who wished to show him mercy, had so ordered. On hearing this the dying man was touched, and began to weep: "But how," he exclaimed, "can I be saved; I, who for sixty years have served the devil as his slave, and have my soul burdened with innumerable sins?" "My son," answered the Father, encouraging him, "doubt not; if you repent of them, on the part of God I promise you pardon." Then, gaining confidence, he said to the confessor, "Father, I looked upon myself as lost, and already despaired of salvation; but now I feel a sorrow for my sins, which gives me confidence; and since God has not yet abandoned me, I will make my confession." In fact, he made his confession four times on that day, with the greatest marks of sorrow, and on the following morning received holy Communion. On the sixth day, contrite and resigned, he died. After his death, Jesus Christ again spoke to St. Bridget, and told her that the sinner was saved; that he was then in purgatory, and that he owed his salvation to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin His Mother; for the deceased, although he had led so wicked a life, had nevertheless always had a great love and compassion for His Blessed Mother's Sorrows.

RCIA The Journey of Faith begins with your questions

What is faith? How does faith grow? What do Catholics believe and why is it different from other faith traditions? How different is it really?

Classes for the Christian Initiation of Adults are available for anyone who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith. The process begins with an "Inquiry" period when questions lead to exploration. Drop in – no obligation, no commitment, no pressure at our Q & A sessions.

The second phase is the "Catechumens" period for those who are interested in becoming fully Catholic. Classes end in the Mystagogy

period, with a focus on how to identify God's special calling and purpose for your life.

If you'd like to take this journey of faith, call the

RCIA Directors:

Tabitha Eggemeyer 806-651- 9176

Krista Johnson 806-223- 6244

Already Catholic?

If you love your faith and would like to help mentor someone on their journey, please sign up to become a sponsor or join the RCIA team.

