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Mass Times

Weekdays

8:30am

Saturday

Vigil 4:00pm

Sunday

7:30, 9:00 & 11:00am

Holy Days

8:30am & 6:30pm

Office Hours

9-4 Monday to Thursday

Fridays 9:00 to Noon

Confessions

Saturday

3:15-3:45pm

Or by Appointment

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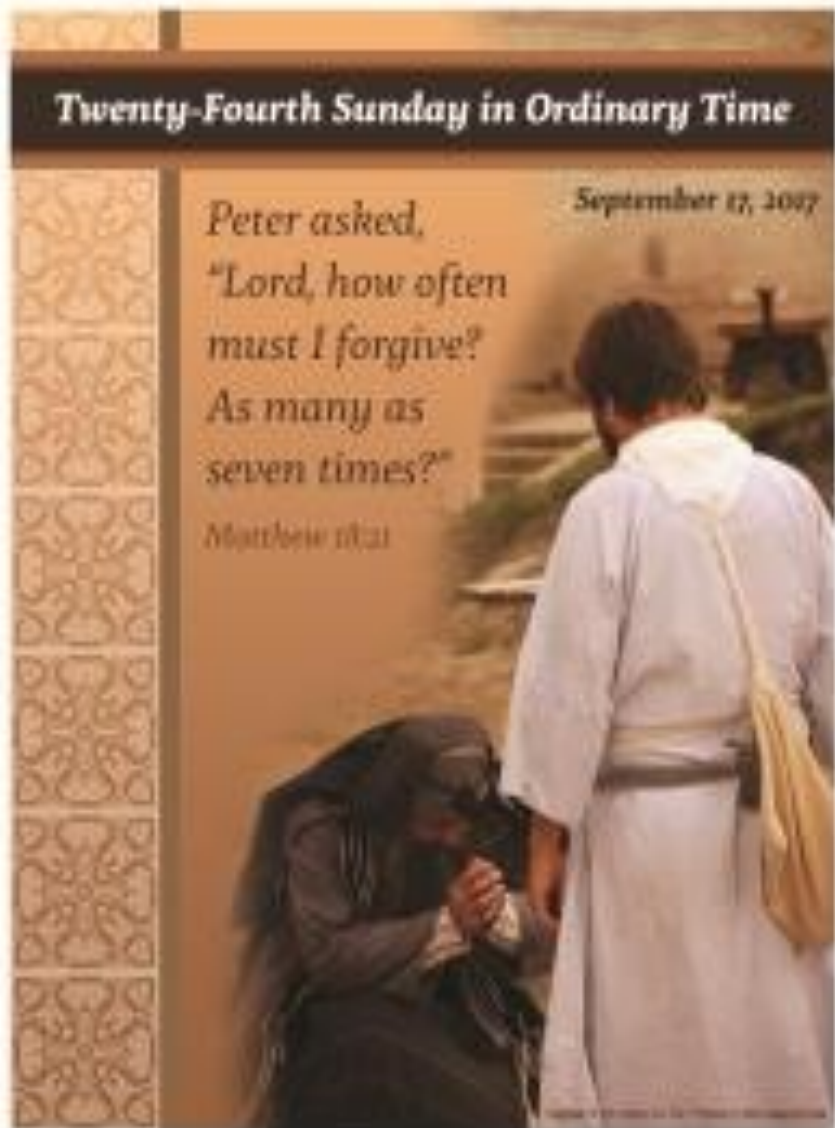
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Homily 24th Sunday Year A 2017 (Fr. Seno)
Sir 27:30-28:7 Ps 103:1-4,9-12, Rom 14:7-9,
Mt 18:21-35.

My dear people of Immaculate Heart of Mary, in our Gospel's reading of today, Jesus asks us to forgive 'seventy times seven'. Which means forgiveness must be unlimited. There is no point in being superficial about forgiveness, or pretending that it is easy. It is never easy. Without the grace of God it is sometimes impossible. When we get hurt, we naturally grow resentful and bitter. Resentment and bitterness are very dangerous things, and we cannot be healed of them unless we forgive.

My dear friends, we all need to forgive because at one time or another we have been hurt. None of us can go through life without getting hurt. How do we cope with these hurts? They can provide us with an opportunity to grow, or they can become a stumbling block to human and spiritual developments. Hurts are not easy to deal with. As soon as we get hurt self-pity walks in our front door – which is only natural. But once self-pity is entertained, it produces a legacy of bitterness, resentment, and anger. The memory of wrongs flows inwards where it festers. It poisons our spirit, and destroys our capacity to love. Some people have years of stored hurts inside them. From time to time the cellar of the mind and heart has to be cleaned out. The cobwebs of self-pity have to be swept away. The cancerous growth of bitterness has to be cut out. Hurt feelings have to be dug up, owned and then let go.

Here is where forgiveness comes in. Though never easy, even from a human point of view it makes great sense. We rid ourselves of the burden of bitterness and resentment. As a result, we experience a sense of freedom, relief, and cleanness. Once again we are able to devote all our energies to loving, which is the only activity that befits a Christian. Forgiveness is first and foremost a healing of our own hearts. It is precisely our hearts that are wounded. Forgiveness also works wonders for the person who is forgiven. He / she is set free to walk in friendship with God and with the person he / she has offended. Forgiveness implies an understanding of our own poverty, brokenness, and sin, and therefore our own need of forgiveness. This enables us to forgive with understanding and humility.

To forgive in a high – handed way is not a Christian way to forgive. We have to be willing to admit that we may have been at least partly to blame for what happened. It is not good enough to forgive in word. We must forgive, as the Gospel says, from the heart.

It's not a question of forgiveness if and when the offender repents – that would be relatively easy. We are expected to forgive even if the offender doesn't repent – this is what makes it so difficult, and why we need God's grace.

Forgiveness clears a path for God to forgive us. The only obstacle we can put in the way of God's forgiveness of our sins is our inability to forgive the sins of others. We all need forgiveness. People who cannot forgive break down the bridge over which they themselves must pass. Blessed are those who forgive; they shall obtain forgiveness for their own sins.

FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry is open 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month from 10am-12pm. Thank you for your continuous donations to our food pantry. We need: tuna/mayo, peanutbutter/jelly, cereals, canned vegetable & meats.

BINGO

Come and support our parish BINGO. We have BINGO every Monday from 12:00-3:00pm in the social hall. We have \$12, \$20 or \$30 packets. Purchase a grilled hotdog, egg salad, snacks and drinks at our Snack Bar. FREE coffee.

2ND COLLECTION

There will be a 2nd Collection the weekend of September 23/24 for the Sister Diocese.

Mission Statement

As a community of believers, we center our life and faith on the Eucharist, through which we are nurtured, nourished, sustained and transformed into faithful witnesses and disciples of Christ.

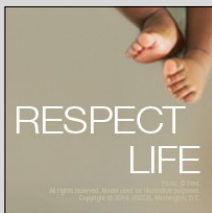


Choir practice begins on Wednesday, September 13th from 6:30-8:00pm. We will work on new materials for the weekend Mass settings, Advent and Christmas music. Everyone is welcome. When you sing you pray twice! YOU WILL HAVE FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



ALTAR SERVERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The Altar Server and Eucharistic Ministers Workshop has been rescheduled for Monday, September 18th at 9:00am or 6:30pm in Church.



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Our Celebrate Life Event will take place on Sunday, October 8th at Noon in the Social Hall. We will once again be selling tickets to win a variety of gift baskets. The proceeds will benefit the Alpha Center for Women in Ocala. If you would like to donate a basket or two, we would greatly appreciate it. Here are some ideas of themes you can use for a basket: Family Fun, Movie Night, Restaurant Gift Cards, Pamper Yourself, Car Wash, Wine and Cheese, Coffee Lover, Chocolate Lover, Fall, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Crafts, etc. Please bring your basket donation to the church office by Friday, September 15th. We will begin selling tickets after Mass the weekend of September 16th and 17th. Sales of tickets will continue thereafter until the Celebrate Life Event on October 8th. Thank you so much for your support!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST/SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will NOT have a pancake breakfast this Sunday, September 17th, there was a mistake in the bulletin last weekend.

The Spaghetti Dinner was cancelled and will not be reschedule. Their next Spaghetti Dinner will be Thursday, October 12th from 4-6pm in the social hall. Cost is \$7 or adults and \$4 for children.

Sacraments

Confession: Saturday 3:15pm and appointments
Anointing of the Sick: 2nd Friday 9:00am/ requests
Baptism, Communion, Confirmation and Marriage:
Call the Parish office

Prayer Services

Holy Rosary: Monday-Friday 8:00am
Adoration and Benediction: 1st Friday 9am-10am
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help:
Wednesday 9:00am
Cenacle of Prayer: Thursday 9:00am in M/C
Adoration Chapel (located in Parish Office):
Monday-Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm
Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: We cannot nourish anger and expect our own sins to be forgiven.

(Sirach 27: 30—28:7)

Psalm: "The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion."

(Psalm 103)

Second Reading: Whether we live or die, we do so in Christ. (Romans 14: 7-9)

Gospel: Jesus says we must forgive not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

(Matthew 18: 21-35)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Who needs my forgiveness? How might I start a "ripple of forgiveness" that could expand to a global tidal wave of unending forgiveness?

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
Wednesday: SS. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions
Thursday: Saint Matthew
Saturday: Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

ALTAR FLOWERS

This weekend's altar flowers are in memory of Stanley Post by Jim and Betty Vandewater.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Faith Formation Classes have started. Classes are on Sundays from 10:30-11:30am in the marian center. Children from Kindergarten to 8th Grade.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Timothy 2: 1-8; Psalm 28: 2, 7, 8-9; Luke 7: 1-10
Tuesday: Colossians 2:6-15; Psalm 101: 1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5,6; Luke 7: 11-17
Wednesday: 1 Timothy 3: 14-16; Psalm 111: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 7: 31-35
Thursday: Ephesians 4: 1-7,11-13; Psalm 19: 2-3,4-5; Matthew 9: 9-13
Friday: 1 Timothy 6: 2c-12; Psalm 49:6-7,8-10,17-18, 19-20; Luke 8: 1-3
Saturday: Colossians 1:21-23; Psalm 100: 1b-2, 3,4,5; Luke 8: 4-15
Sunday: Isaiah 55: 6-9; Psalm 145: 2-3,8-9,17-18; Philippians 1: 20c-24,27a; Matthew 20: 1-16a

Men and Women Serving in the Armed Forces

Please offer a prayer for our loved ones serving in the armed forces and their families...

Tyler Leiferman, Fort Hood, Texas, Army

Alex Rodgers, Iraq, Air Force

Corporal Timothy Watkins, , Marines, Japan

YOUTH GROUP

We will have Youth Group every Sunday from 10:30-11:30am in the Marian Center "Teen Zone". This is for High School Students. Everyone in high school is welcome to join!

BOX TOP FOR EDUCATION

These coupons may be found on many items, especially General Mills cereals, Progresso Soups, etc. For a complete list of products, go to www.boxtops4education.com/earn/participating-products. All you have to do is clip the coupons and bring them to church and put in the box mark "Box Top 4 Education". Dollars raised from these box tops will support Emerald Shores, Greenway and Marion Charter Elementary Schools.

ZUMBA CLASSES

We have Zumba in our social hall. Check out the days and times in our Weekly Events. Purchase a punch card: \$2 a class for 20 classes=\$40 or \$3 per class. **Sit and Be Fit are FREE to all parishioners.**

Our Parish This Week

Monday, September 18th

9:00am Eucharistic Minister Workshop-Church

12:00pm Bingo in Social Hall

6:30pm Eucharistic Minister Workshop-Church

Tuesday, September 19th

10am-12pm Food Pantry in S/H

Wednesday, September 20th

9:30am Zumba– Sit and Be Fit in S/H

6:30-8:00pm Choir Practice in Church

7:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting in S/H

Thursday, September 21st

9:00am Cenacle of Prayer M/C

7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting in M/C

Friday, September 22nd

9:00am Zumba in S/H

10:15am Sit and Be Fit in S/H

Saturday, September 23rd

9:30am Zumba in S/H

10:30am Abs and Toning Class in S/H

Sunday, September 24th

10:30am Faith Formation Classes in M/C

10:30am Youth Group in M/C “Teen Zone”

HOSPITAL PATIENTS AND SHUT-INS

If you know you are going into the hospital or nursing home, please call the parish office at 687-4031. If it is an emergency, ask a family member or friend to call. If you would like Fr. Seno or Minister to the Sick to visit you, you must notify the parish office. **If it is an emergency and you need Fr. Seno after office hours, please call him at 687-8247.**

THRIFT STORE

We're open from 9:30am to 3:00pm M-F. Don't forget to bring any cookbooks you would like to donate, for our cookbook sale in October to the church office or the thrift store.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Why join the Knights of Columbus of Immaculate Heart of Mary Council 13676? For more information I invite you to please call me, Richard Valentino Grand Knight at 347-8524 or call our Membership Director Jerry Corr at 307-8737 for detailed information on becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus. Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 20th at 7:00pm in the social hall.

Stewardship

Weekend of Sept. 9/10, Sept. 16/17 and Sept. 23/24

Will be in the bulletin the weekend of Sept. 30th/Oct. 1st

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 16th

4:00pm Ronald Scibetta+ by Wanda James

Sunday, September 17th

7:30am Charlene Brown+ by Dave Brown

9:00am

11:00am Decease children of Walter and LaVerne Grafer+ By Kale and Gretchen

Monday, September 18th

8:30am Scott Wicks+ by Philip Turgati

Tuesday, September 19th

8:30am

Wednesday, September 20th

8:30am Special Intentions for Emilie Schmidt

Thursday, September 21st

8:30am

Friday, September 22nd

8:30am

Saturday, September 23rd

4:00pm Stanley Post+ by Jeffrey and Lucille Blom

Sunday, September 24th

7:30am

9:00am John Timoney+ by Peggy Nix

11:00am Ted Dalton+ by Harriet Dalton

PRAYER BLANKET AND ROSARY MINISTRY

If you would like a Prayer Blanket, please call Danette at 804-1835. Allow one week for delivery after placing your order. Blankets are free, but donations are welcome to help defray the cost of the supplies.

WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

The Women's Club Meeting will be on Thursday, September 28th at 1:00pm in the social hall. All women of the parish are welcome!

RESPECT LIFE MEETING

The Respect Life Ministry will have a meeting on Monday, September 25th at 6:30pm in the marian center.

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