



Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he

was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart." *Matthew 18:21-35*

Mass Intentions This Weekend

Saturday September 12 RIP Blicharz & Ponck Families
4:00 PM By: Deacon John & Jane Blicharz

Sunday September 13 RIP Steven & Mildred Brennan
10:00 AM By: Warren & Mary Peschl

Daily Masses

Monday September 14 RIP Nora Eno (bday rem)
9:00 AM By: Jim Eno

Tuesday September 15 RIP John & Nancy Sullivan
9:00 AM By: Alan & Sandi Gaspardino

Wednesday September 16 RIP Michael Shaughnessy
9:00 AM By: Rita Bruce

Thursday September 17 RIP Cameron Parker
9:00 AM By: Paul & Betsy Mercier

Friday September 18 No Mass

Next Weekend

Saturday September 19 RIP Joseph Nowotny
4:00 PM By: Sharon & Jim Williams

Sunday September 20 RIP Walter Scanlon
10:00 AM By: Charlotte Scanlon

Readings for the Week of September 14, 2020

Sunday: Sir 27:30 – 28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Rom 14:7-9/
Mt 18:21-35

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-5/Jn 19:25-27 or
Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13/Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1b-d, 6-7, 8b, 15/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/
Mt 20:1-16a

Parish Support

Weekend of September 5, 2020 & September 6, 2020

Weekly Offertory: \$ 1461.00

Envelopes \$ 1042.00

Loose Donations \$ 419.00

Votive Candles \$ 20.00

\$ 1481.00

Catholic University \$ 255.00

**Last Year's Offertory Collection
September 8, 2019 \$ 1835.00**

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains lifted until further notice, especially if you are part of a vulnerable population and/or have an underlying health condition. Please approach the celebration of Mass with charity and love for our clergy and faith community by following the protocols:

- Stay home if you are sick or not feeling well.
- **Wear a mask in Mass.**
- **Sanitize your hands upon entry.**
- Sit in designated pews and respect social distance between others of **6 feet or more** unless you are one family unit.
- Refrain from congregating in tight areas or entering cordoned off areas.
- Follow the protocols to receive Holy Communion as directed at Mass.
- Follow your church protocols regarding registration if necessary due to the 25% capacity limit.

For more details about church protocols visit:
vermontcatholic.org/covid-19. **Bishop Coyne**

St. Charles is open for daily and weekend mass.

Mass schedule is as follows during this time:

Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM

Saturdays 4:00 PM

Sundays 10:00 AM

Confessions by appointments only.



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We would like to help ensure our community gets through our global pandemic with what they need. If you are in need of assistance, please let us know. Please call 463-4793.

Pray for Healing and Comfort Especially for: Richard Whitcomb, Barbara Stickney, Mary H. Smith, Constance Burns, Deacon John Blicharz, Doreen Aldrich, Mary Frances Branch, Warren Peschl, Daniel Bryant, Monica Luedtke, Lois Woodard, Joseph Marion, Jr., Paul Desruisseaux, Betsy Bashaw, Betsy & Bob Anderson, Frances Gallagher, Mary Damon, Grace Shelc, Tom Shelc, Ed Hinds, Maria Coyne, Mary Grippio, Madison Bills, Robert Brown, Mary Folsom, Peggy Lafave, Lorraine Reynolds, Bob Hanold, Marilyn Lemoine, Patrick Barry, Robert Fogg, Bernie Hinds, Nick Deistler, Ted Waryas, Peter Bodner, Ellah Williams, Fred Waryas, Maybelle Long, Joseph Mitchell, Heather Rodger, Patricia Jones, Frances Hackett, Colleen Paquet, David Robarge, Kathy MCarthy, Tom Burns, Mary Lou Fogg, Jim Nyberg, Cheryl Elyse Garrett, Ed Atkins, Conner Glover. **Please contact the rectory (463-3128) if you wish Father Maria Lazar to make a sick call or bring Holy Communion to someone who is unable to attend Mass.**



Christ our Hope Campaign

Philippians 4:19: "And my God will

supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Now is the time for all of us to contemplate how we can offer support to the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign. As you consider your commitment, please review the gift chart on page 11 of the case statement for guidance. Remember a successful campaign provides great benefits to St Charles. Most of the funds — 60% — will return to our parish allowing us to address repairs to Church and Rectory. The remaining funds raised will be directed into two endowments, including one to support Catholic education. Our school system educates roughly 2,000 students yearly. Some families need tuition assistance. Funding an endowment to support education allows us to continue to offer financial support to those who need it. Our volunteers will continue with outreach calls to discuss the campaign and answer your questions. Once you identify your gift, please complete and return your pledge form or give online by visiting this website: christourhopevt.org

Pope Francis' Prayer for a special Mass and act of prayer asking Mary to protect Italy and the world during of the coronavirus pandemic.

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Pope Francis ~ Vatican City, March 11, 2020

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness. The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison. A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another. There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives. (Copyright © 2020 Loyola Press. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission. www.loyolapress.com)

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Our Goal for this year's appeal is \$21,263.00 as of 8/18/20 we are at **\$5460.00** which is **26%** of our goal.

If you would like to make a pledge please go to

<https://www.vermontcatholic.org/donate/bishops-annual-appeal/give-online/annual-appeal-pledge-2/>
please select St. Charles Parish.



But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. *Matthew 6:6*