



Owe nothing to anyone, except to  
*Love one another.*  
Romans 13:8

**Twenty-Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

**September 6, 2020**

**A HIGHER STANDARD**

Our culture tempts us to think that any action is allowed as long as it doesn't hurt anyone else. Today's readings show us how sadly narrow-minded that thinking is. They call us to a much higher standard, one that recognizes the majestic dignity of each human person. Ezekiel reminds us that the wicked acts of one person always affect the whole human community. Even if the sin is a private one, we are all responsible for shining light into the darkness. Matthew's Gospel echoes this idea, providing practical tips for bringing healing and reconciliation to sinful or broken relationships. Today's readings also show us the deep implications of sin: a failure to love. Saint Paul urges us to avoid sin and obey the law. The best way to do this, he professes, is to love. Love leads us from mere coexistence to genuine companionship.

**THE WAY OF LOVE**

Although today's readings might seem drearily preoccupied with sin, Saint Paul explains why sin is important to discuss: because every sin reduces the amount of love in the world. Paul turns the focus from sin to love when he writes, "Love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10). What power that verse contains! If we begin each day by reciting that verse, we would be well on our way to a more generous life—not only avoiding sin as much as possible, but also actively seeking out ways to make life sweeter for our neighbors. Memorized verses inspire us when we face difficulties during the day, when we are irritated with someone, for example, or we need to make a decision. Remembering that "love is the fulfillment of the law" might truly help us avoid sin and do good in daily life.

**THE WAY OF PRAYER**

Learning a scripture verse by heart is, of course, a way of praying. In today's Gospel, Jesus encourages us to pray. Jesus firmly believes in the power of prayer, going so far as to guarantee results: "I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father." Jesus promises something else, too, something vitally important. More than a game of Go Fish in which we hope we "got what we asked for," prayer is a living encounter with Jesus himself: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Today's readings move us beyond the bare minimum and open an enormous world to us. We shun the pettiness of sin not because we fear punishment, but because we want to love others deeply. We pray to our great God not because we want to get favors from a divine vending machine, but because we want to spend time with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

Ezekiel 33:7-9  
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9  
Romans 13:8-10  
Matthew 18:15-20

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Here are some of the situations to which this may apply:

*Marriage in the Church*

*Baptism of a Child*

*School Registration of a Child*

*Becoming a Godparent or Sponsor*

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## TODAY'S READINGS

### Reading 1

*Ez 33:7-8*

Thus says the LORD: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me.

If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

### Reading 2

*Rom 13:8-10*

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

### Gospel

*Mt 18:15-20*

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK of *September 7 - 13, 2020*

*Sunday: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Monday:*

**Labor Day**

1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11,

or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

*Tuesday:*

**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

*Wednesday:*

**St. Peter Claver**

1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

*Thursday:*

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

*Friday: Patriot Day*

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

*Saturday:*

**The Most Holy Name of Mary; Blessed Virgin Mary**

1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49

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





PRAY FOR...

Healing...

**Roben Bustos**  
**Luz Sarmiento**  
**Mark Sanchez**  
**Glenn Hoskins**  
**Sean Fenady**  
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**Carmen Gomez**  
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**Lui de Leon**  
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**Jocelyn Mercado**  
**Feliciano Manansala**

PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Sunday, September 6th**  
**9:45 am**  
 Melizza Lerma †  
 Leondra Ilagan Verdera †  
 Jacqueline Cavanagh †  
 Lucy Torroba †  
 Rudy & Toni Bernaldo †  
 Teresita Francisco †  
 Benjamin Ventura †  
 Filomena Ventura †  
 Gabriel Trinidad  
**Monday, September 7th**  
 Josephine Sapinoso  
**Tuesday, September 8th**  
 Adriano Domingo †  
 Ernesto Gotengco Samosa †  
**Wednesday, September 9th**  
 Clavelina Ifurung †  
 Manuel Venturina †  
**Thursday, September 10th**  
 David R. Ines †  
 Hortensia C. Ines †  
 Carlos C. Sousa †  
 Joong Kang †  
**Friday, September 11th**  
**Saturday, September 12th**  
 Magdalena Chung †

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**Santos Angeles**  
**Thomas Hodgkiss**  
**George McCarthy**  
**Randy Roque**  
**Mary Frances Fenady**  
**Andrew Fenady**  
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**Allan Graf**  
**Consuelo Eckhardt**  
**Anne Lombard**  
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**Manuel Orquia**  
**Mila Agpaoa**  
**Joseph Vogl**  
**Mary Bottum**  
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**Therese Holz**  
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