

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray,
your own sins will be forgiven.

Sirach 28:2



September
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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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When Peter asked Jesus how many times he must forgive, he was probably stunned at Jesus' response. Peter had asked, "As many as seven times?" Seven being the perfect number, surely this is enough forgiveness, Peter likely thought. Jesus' response seems lavish beyond proportion. "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." Jesus understands the fullness of God's mercy and teaches that disciples are called to this same lavish outpouring of mercy. God showers compassion on humanity, beyond what might seem sensible or wise, yet we are called to "remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults," to give others the benefit of the doubt, knowing that God does this and more with us, each and every day. As recipients of God's compassion, we must extend forgiveness and care beyond what might seem reasonable, because God's love is beyond human reason.

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HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?

All this might seem just too much for us. It is one thing to recognize God's enduring covenant love. It is another to grasp that we are called to the same sort of lavishness in mercy and forgiveness ourselves. Saint Paul helps us put this in perspective. We no longer live for ourselves, but for the Lord. In life and death, we belong to God and are called to be witnesses to God's love, even in the most challenging circumstances. A friend turns away from us; we are called to turn toward the friend with mercy. A co-worker hurts us; we are called to approach him or her with forgiveness, seventy-seven times no less! God's love is always about what is just and right. As God's people, we live and die for the Lord, forgive even when it doesn't make sense to do so, and leave the rest in God's hands.

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

PASTOR: Rev. Michael T. "Mike" Snider
PERMANENT DEACON:
Rev. Mr. Leonard "Len" Sanchez

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Temporary
Mass Times: Sat., 5:00PM & Sun., 9:00AM
Tues. - Fri. 8:00AM
Confessions: Tues. & Wed. 9:00-10:00AM

Welcome Visitors!

We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home." Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!

Reconciliation:
Saturday & Sunday: 45
minutes before Mass

Marriage or Baptism:
Contact the parish office six
(6) months prior to the
anticipated date 903-769-3235

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We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Jim Hayes. Jess Corrigan. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Gayle McCloskey. Randy Epp. Shay Mikalonis. Dwight Nunley. Wendy Melton. Wanda & George Duke. John Ott. Fleming Family. Carolyn Shannon. Doris Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Patricia Guy. Jacob Stephens. Randy Burris. Albert Hernandez. Karina Hawkins. Frankie Durst. Susie Strickland. Doug Lawson. Dana Moffatt. Emly Walker. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Diane Stanley. Chase Larsson. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Rose Kennedy. Judy Fazzio. Marsha & Marty Blahitka. Carolyn Edwards. Joshua Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda Stephens. Wanda Thompson. Kathryn Allen. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

New active recruit, Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Ensign Gary Buchanan; 2ndLt. Blake Gaughan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again. Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?" Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord. Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

POPE'S UNIVERSAL INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Respect for the Planet's Resources

That the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

MERCY: Dost thou wish to receive mercy? Show mercy to thy neighbor.—St. John Chrysostom

FAITH: Faith is the union of God with the soul.—St. John of the Cross

Mass—Intentions

- Sat 9/12** Joseph & Ann Pericak+ (Mary Catalano)
- Sun 9/13** Ryan Kaye (Carolyn Bonicard)
- Tue 9/15** Hillary Moore (Carolyn Bonicard)
- Wed 9/16** Joe Fazzio (Emily Walker)
- Thurs 9/17** Mike & Mary Janick (M/M Ellis)
- Fri. 9/18** Ray L. Martin (M/M Kelly)
- Sat. 9/19** Brandon Bonicard (Carolyn Bonicard)

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts through July 31, 2020:
Expenditures (excluding parking lot repairs) \$ 3,684
Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,840

Attendance 9/05 Sat. 34 & 9/06 Sun. 48
 One can Give without Loving...
 But one cannot Love without Giving.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading— Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:7).

Psalms— The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

Second Reading— Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

Gospel— Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 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, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50
- Friday:** 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-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

Grandparents are as good as gold!
Reminding me of the days of old.
Always greets me with a hug.
Never stern or cold or smug.
Delight in the words I say.
Proud of me in every way!
Always with me when I'm glad.
Rocking me when I am sad.
Every "boo boo" given care.
Never ending love is there.
Telling tales both true and tall!
Super Special one and all!

Temporary Weekend Mass held in parish hall: Sat., Sept. 12th at 5:00pm and Sun., Sept. 13th at 9:00am.

Protocols for weekend Masses:

1. **Limitations on Attendance:** Limited seating maximum 81 seats are available. In order for the households to maintain at least 6-foot separation.
2. **Wear a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
3. **No socializing** in the parish hall. Avoid touching door handles, restrooms closed.
4. **Chairs** set-up 6-foot separation. Please **DO NOT MOVE CHAIRS.**
5. **Enter & exist** double glass doors into the parish hall to the left of the overhang.

Temporary Weekday Mass Times held in church: Tues. — Fri. at 8:00am.

Protocols for weekday Masses:

1. **Call Fr. Mike on his cell phone 903-490-3883 (do not text). Limited to 20 people.**
2. **Strongly consider wearing a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
3. **No socializing** in the Narthex. Avoid touching door handles, restrooms closed Enter & exit same set of double glass doors into the church through the overhang.
4. **In church alternating every other pew.** Households must maintain at least 6-foot separation.
5. **Enter & exit** double glass doors into the church through the overhang.

CONFESSION Tues., Sept. 15th & Wed., Sept. 16th only from 9:00—10:00AM. If you have an emergency and need Fr. Mike call him on his cell # 903-490-3883.

**Only ONE WEEK LEFT
to purchase raffle tickets!**

The raffle, consisting of **four \$500.00 Visa gift cards**, will be conducted on **Sat., Sept. 19th after 5:00pm Mass**. You do not have to be present to win. **Raffle tickets are still available**, if you want to increase the chances of winning, you may want to purchase additional raffle tickets.

Last year, on **April 27, 2019** our **Net Income-Profit** from the Dinner/Casino Night excluding the raffle was **\$ 10,333.00**. Each and everyone of us still has time to get out and sell more raffle tickets to make up the loss of the dinner & casino night. Call the church office 903-769-3235 for more tickets. If I'm not available please leave a message and I'll return your call.

Bridget Rich

Dispensation: The entire diocese of Tyler remains dispensed from the Sunday and holy day Mass obligation until further notice.

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An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Cenacle of Life: Fr. Mike gave us his permission to resume the Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm**. Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki 817-637-9382**

Food donations: Thank you so very much for the grocery bags of food & sundries. **Blessings to all of our givers!** We could use cans of soups with cooler weather approaching. Plastic container is located in the **parish hall** for now. We have been feeding 70—90 people per week. Please call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or theduckdude@att.net if you know someone that needs help or if you have questions for Bob.

EM's we would appreciate your help: If you're an **Eucharist Minister** and your not ministering that day, **please help by taking the vessels to the Sacristy.**

Thank you, Fr. Mike

Holy Spirit is hosting a Blessing of the Animals, in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, on **Sun., Oct. 4th at 2pm** in the Meditation/ Prayer Garden. All animals need to be on a leash or in a pet carrier for everyone's safety. If, for whatever reason, your pet cannot attend bring an item such as a collar or a favorite toy to be blessed. The blessing will be moved to the main entrance of the church in case of inclement weather. Masks and Social Distancing will be mandatory. See you then.

Coming soon, "The Way of Christ" virtual study course. Please watch the bulletin for further information. This is for 16 years and above.

Updated information needed for the following: Please notify the church office if name(s) can be deleted from the "prayers for the sick" list. Also, if there are changes to the status or additions to our list of actively serving in our military.

Bridget Rich

Sept. Second Collections: **12th & 13th "Catholic University of America & Catholic Communications Campaign". 26th & 27th: "Special disaster collection for the recovery from Hurricane Laura and the California wildfires"**


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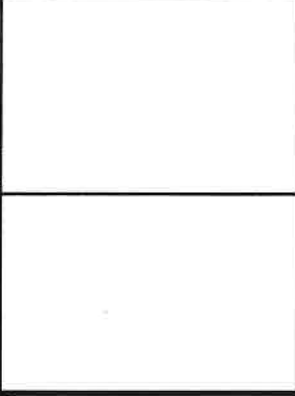
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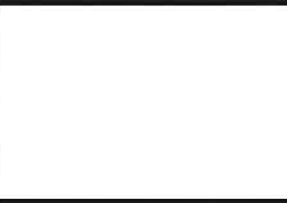
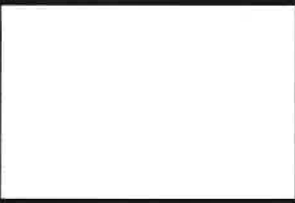
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