



# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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24th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
September 17, 2023

### Sunday Readings

#### **First Reading**

*Sir 27:30 to 28:7*

Live constantly the virtue of dismissing the faults of others, and God will respond in kind.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 103:1-4, 9-12*

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

#### **Second Reading**

*Rom 14:7-9*

Through baptism, Christians are immersed into His death in order to have a new life in Him. Christ died and came to life that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

#### **Gospel Reading**

*Mt 18: 21-35*

Our forgiveness is to be without limit and so reflect Christ's eternal love. He alone is Lord.

### **Celebration of the Mass**

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am  
Monday 6:00 pm  
Tuesday 9:00 am  
Wednesday 9:00 am  
Thursday 9:00 am  
*Communion Service*  
Friday 6:00 pm

### **Adoration**

Tuesday 9:45 am - 12:30 pm  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### **Reconciliation**

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45  
Sunday Before Mass  
upon request)  
1st Friday 5:00 - 5:45 pm

### **Marriage or Baptism**

Contact the parish office six (6) months prior to the anticipated date

"Lord,  
if my  
brother sins  
against me,  
how often  
must I  
forgive?"



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



**Remember the sick of our parish:**

Jeri O'Neal. Dale Boman. Avery Boultinghouse. Fr. Lawrence Love, Bishop Joseph Strickland, Fr. Mark Kusmirek, Roland Schmeier. John Rigney. Julie York. Wanda Burton. Susie Swasso. John Buchanan. Rosemary Seltzer. Elaine March. Maggie Miles. Mike Jernigan. Libby Paladino. Jo & Doris Hoffman. Roy Marchak. Emly Walker. Jim Hickey. David Borel. Verna Sloan. Mike Stephens. Kathy Bowers. John McGrane. David Barber. Msgr. Ron Diegel. Richard & Dottie Schuetz. Tom Fabitz. Jodie Woods. Wanda & George Duke. Jean Hamilton. Kathleen Fleming. Jaye Anderson. Greg Mooney. Karee Haney. Charlie Parker. Jacob Stephens. Elise Sugg. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE TO REMOVE OR ADD A NAME TO THE PRAYERS OF THE SICK.

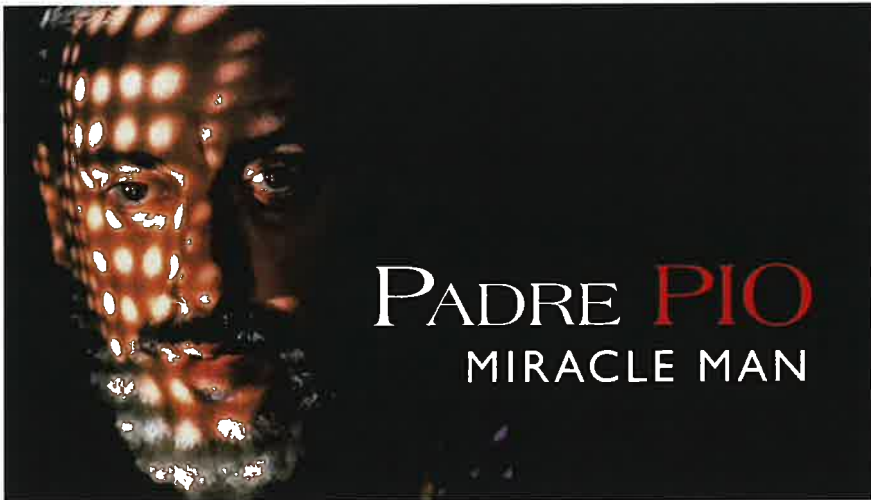


**Remember the active military of our parish:**

Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike Stephens). 1LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Staff Sergeant, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Lt. Gary Buchanan; Capt. Blake Gaughan; Lt. Will Corrigan (Great 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 Emma). Petty Officer 2 Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).



THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND.



**Padre Pio: Miracle Man**

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of the people, including those in the Church.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



**Special Observances**

**Tuesday:** St. Januarius, Bishop, Martyr (*Patron of Naples*)  
**Wednesday:** Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs (*All gave their lives for the faith in Korea*)  
**Thursday:** St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (*Patron of accountants and custom officers*)  
**Saturday:** St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (*Patron of civil defense volunteers and Catholic adolescents*)

**Mass Intentions**

Sat. 9/16 Vickie Hauck (Michael Hauck)  
 Sun. 9/17 Bishop Corrada  
 Mon. 9/18 Hillary Moore (Carolyn Bonicard)  
 Tues. 9/19 Aidan Hauck (Ellis Family)  
 Wed. 9/20 Fr. Mark Dunne+ (Betty Bowers)  
 Fri. 9/22 Mary Evans+ (Evans Family)

**PARISH SUPPORT**

Attendance: 9/9 SAT: 74 9/10 SUN: 60

**Collections from 9/9 & 9/10:**

Offertory \$ 6,650.00  
 Building & Maintenance Fund \$ 710.00

**SEPTEMBER SECOND COLLECTIONS**

2nd & 3rd: "Building & Maintenance Fund"  
 9th & 10th: Catholic University of America

**Cenacle of Life:** Come join us every Wednesday at 3:00 pm.

Questions call Vicki Hauck 817-637-9382

**Legion of Mary—Pilgrim Statue:** Our Lady of Fatima Statue is now ready to visit your home. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953 or Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749. If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.

**The Holy Spirit Food Ministry:** Food donations are always accepted. Place in plastic bin by Bridget's office. Food Donation Envelopes are marked and in a basket in the Narthex. Envelopes maybe turned in the collection basket or church office. Let us do your shopping for you!

WATCH FOR UPCOMING FOOD DRIVE INFORMATION!

**Interested in volunteering for the Food Ministry.** Call or email Bryan Todd at 972-672-4218 or toddtak@hotmail.com

Anyone involved in any Ministry at our Parish, you will need to be compliant on your ethics and integrity training with VIRTUS.

Please notify our contact person to get signed up contact person Justin Mahaffey 903-714-3649 or justin.mahaffey@icloud.com

## SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sat 9/16:** 5:00 pm Mass  
Casino Night Ticket Sales Begins

**Sun 9/17:** 9:00 am Mass  
Casino Night Ticket Sales Begins

**Mon 9/18:** 6:00 pm Mass

**Tues 9/19:** 9:00 am Mass  
9:45 am–12:30pm Adoration  
6:00–8:00 pm Adoration  
6:00 pm Casino Night Meeting

**Wed 9/20:** 9:00 am Mass

**Thurs 9/21:** 9:00 am Communion Service

**Fri 9/22:** 6:00 pm Mass

**Sat 9/23:** 9:30 am Rosary Rally  
5:00 pm Mass

**Sun 9/24:** 9:00 am Mass

**Mon 9/25:** 6:00 pm Mass

**Tues 9/26:** 9:00 am Mass  
9:45 am–12:30pm Adoration  
6:00–8:00 pm Adoration  
6:00 pm Casino Night Meeting

**Wed 9/27:** 9:00 am Mass

**Thurs 9/28:** 9:00 am Communion Service

**Fri 9/29:** 6:00 pm Mass

**Sat 9/30:** 5:00 pm Mass

From the desk of: **Fr. Tim Kelly**

Why does the Church read Scriptures at all liturgies?

The written Scriptures are accorded a place of special honor in Catholic worship. The document on Revelation of the Second Vatican Council says that *"the Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures just as she venerates the body of the Lord, since, especially in the sacred liturgy, she unceasingly receives and offers to the faithful the bread of life from the table both of God's word and of Christ's body."*

Though we Catholics pray, sing, contemplate and worship in many varied ways, scripture is a constant element in that worship. Every time we go to Mass, we read from Holy Scripture. When a priest stands at a graveside, Holy Scripture is opened and proclaimed. When a child is baptized, the Scriptures are proclaimed. All the historical evidence available shows us that the Church has always intertwined Scripture and acts of worship. Even prayers like the Rosary, the contemplation is upon the biblical accounts of Christ's life.

Like the disciples going to Emmaus, we listen to Jesus as he explains himself and gives himself to us. The high point of that giving is in the Eucharist. Like those two disciples in Luke's Gospel, our hearts should burn as we listen to Moses giving us the Law, to King David as he sings his psalms, to King Solomon as he speaks words of great wisdom. WE should listen in awe and trembling to the prophets as they warn us of the dangers of pride and secularism and wealth. A fire should blaze within us as we listen to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, to Paul, to Peter and James and John as Christ speaks through them. "A fire blazes in God's Word. It is the fire of the Holy Ghost."

St. Augustine tells his people that they must listen to the Gospel in order to hear Christ. For in the Church, Christ proclaims himself each time the Book of the Gospels is opened. *"The Gospel is the mouth of Christ. He is in heaven, but never ceases speaking on earth. Let us not be deaf, for he calls. Let us not be dead, for he thunders.... Nor did he keep silent through your mouths, for when you sang, it was he who spoke. No, He does not keep silent, and it is our duty to listen but with the ears of our hearts."*

## We Need Your Help

Looking for people to help us out on the night of our **OKTOBERFEST fundraiser** (Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>) and

Please consider to donate a prize to be given away.

A new item that you would give as a gift.

**Gift Certificates** are always a great prize.

If you have a **Time Share** week you can't use, please consider donating that.

**Tickets** to a **Sporting Event**, or the **Theater**.

Nothing is too small. We group gifts together to make a nice gift basket . Please consider gift certificate.

Starting date to collect prizes is **NOW!**

For questions please contact Dianne Laudt  
903-769-9056



## **The Blessing of the Animals**

Following the Mass on Wednesday, October 4th, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, Father Kelly will bless our pets. Then, again, on Sunday, October 8th, Father Kelly will do a second blessing for our pets after the 9:00 am Mass. Come join us!

## **Rosary Rally**

Come join our **Rosary Rally!** On Saturday, September 23rd at 9:30 am, we will meet in front of our church and pray the rosary. We are asking Mary to pray for our parish. Come join us!



## **September's Intention**

**We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.**

## Be Forgiving & Be Forgiven

By Deacon John

***“Forgive your neighbor’s injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.” – Sirach 28:2***

When I was much more athletic, I used to play in a men’s soccer league. Whenever we played, if one of our teammates got fouled, it was up to us other players to foul the other team. It seemed right. We were standing up for our team and getting even for the grave injustice that was brought upon us. It didn’t matter if the referees judged the foul or not, it was our right to get our own payback.

“Don’t get mad, get even.” Doesn’t it seem like that’s the prevailing way of life anymore? And it’s not just in sports, it’s everywhere in our culture. Ever see an action movie? They’re all the same. The hero is minding his own business doing good, when suddenly, the villain strikes against him or his family or his dog or whatever. A lot of bullets, screaming car chases, loud explosions, and the grand finale face off ends in the villain’s demise. We cheer for the hero, pleased that he’s received his vengeance, and we walk away from the theater feeling good. It’s human nature. We see fairness in it and we call it justice.

So, it makes today’s readings about forgiveness all the more difficult for us to receive. Our society doesn’t value forgiveness. In fact, forgiveness is often seen as a weakness, not a strength. But in today’s Gospel, Jesus commands us to forgive; truly forgive from our hearts. Why?

Well, one big reason is love. If we sincerely love each other (as we’re commanded to) it doesn’t make sense to want to hurt another, even when they’ve hurt us. Can you imagine purposely getting back at your spouse every time you think you’ve been hurt? Of course not. Out of love, you forgive and work things out. Now, expand that feeling to the world. Forgive and work things out.

Also, forgiveness is liberating. We are not condoning or dismissing the bad behavior that’s been done to us. There are many things that are done to us that are very difficult for us to accept. We certainly aren’t always able to reconcile with it all. But forgiveness isn’t about dismissal or forgetting. Instead forgiveness is about surrendering our right to get even. It’s about putting the judgement of the injustice into the hands of God and allowing ourselves to be free of it. Give away the pain. Because when we have forgiven and are no longer dwelling upon vengeance, we are able to heal from the hurt.

Most importantly, though, we must forgive because we’ve been forgiven. Contrary to what we may think, there isn’t a day that goes by without us committing a sin. It may not be a grave offense, but we certainly fall way short of God’s standards. Every day, we hurt God. Yet He always forgives us. Always. And if you go around believing that someone who’s hurt you doesn’t deserve forgiveness, then you must honestly ask yourself if you deserve forgiveness.

When we think like that, we know we need to pray to God constantly, “Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us”. If we’re always asking God to forgive us, we should always look to forgive those who hurt us. And as Jesus says, forgive them from the heart. He knows that our generous forgiveness of others should be because we understand the forgiveness that God has extended to us. That’s what the above verse from our first reading from Sirach means. Be forgiving and be forgiven.

## Article for the Big Sandy-Hawkins Journal. 13 September 2023 Edition

(Submission date: 8 Sept 2023) Submitted by Randy Munoz

Why St. Philip Neri is known as the “humorous saint” Philip Kosloski - published on 05/26/18

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He didn't mind being ridiculous if it would keep him humble. St. Philip Neri, an Italian priest from the 16th century, is commonly known as the “patron saint of joy,” and the “humorous saint.” He wasn't exactly a comedian, but he did enjoy poking fun at himself, using humor to maintain his humility.

For example, according to author Shaun McAfee, “Neri was known to show up to important events with half his beard shaved, give incorrect walking directions to his disciples, read a book of jokes ... When he did each of these things he caused a mix of emotions in others, but it always ended up producing the same end state: increased humility, and increased patience.”

Additionally, he needed light-hearted jokes to keep his mind focused on celebrating Mass. Mary O'Regan relates, “in order to concentrate before offering Mass, St. Philip would need to hear jokes or read humorous anecdotes which distracted him just a little from total absorption in the glory of God, so that he was able to concentrate on the task at hand, which was to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.” In this case humor grounded him, bringing him back to earth so that his mystical union didn't prevent him from fulfilling his duties. Another story from Epic Pew explains, “Once, when a scholarly Bishop who was used to the stoic seriousness of his office attended Philip's mass, [t]o lighten the ambiance, Philip committed every possible error in pronunciation during that homily. The crowd wasn't sure if they should laugh or remain silent. Philip himself likely laughed for days after the Mass, but maintained his mispronouncing character throughout the entire sermon.”

These humorous antics were done to remind himself of his own imperfections. St. Philip wasn't trying to be disrespectful or uncharitable, but to keep his prideful nature in check.

St. Philip Neri also hung a sign on his door that said, “The House of Christian Mirth.” In all things Neri maintained a light-hearted view of the world, using humor to keep him from being too prideful or vain.

In a certain way, his life can be best summarized by an oft-cited quote of his, “A heart filled with joy is more easily made perfect than one that is sad.” This proved true in the life of St. Philip Neri and was also a reason why many were attracted to him. Others saw the joy he had and wanted to know the source of that joy.

As Pope Francis would say, to be a Christian doesn't mean being “gloomy-faced,” but being filled with a levity of heart that recognizes the beauty and joy of Christian life. Humor in the right context can be a good thing, and even a pathway to holiness.

10 Witty quotes from Saint Jerome Philip Kosloski - published on 09/30/16

<https://aleteia.org/2016/09/30/10-witty-quotes-from-saint-jerome/>

His cranky sense of humor cut to the quick and made him enemies wherever he went. September 30 is the feast day of Saint Jerome, priest and Doctor of the Church. Most widely known for his translation of the Bible into the form of Latin most commonly read at the time (the Vulgate), Jerome started out his priestly ministry as a hermit leading a life of asceticism outside of Antioch. Jerome later traveled to Constantinople, where he developed a friendship with St. Gregory of Nazianzus, with whom he studied sacred scripture. After a few years in Constantinople, Jerome lived in Rome and was asked by Pope Damasus I to translate the Bible from a collection of Old Latin texts.

He is also “well-known as one of our crankier saints,” speaking his mind freely and making many enemies wherever he went. Jerome's asceticism was what saved him, as one bishop said about him while looking at a painting that had Jerome striking his breast with a stone, “You do well to carry that stone, for without it the Church would never have canonized you” (Butler's Lives of the Saints).

Here are 9 quotes from Saint Jerome to help us appreciate the life of the man who gave us the Vulgate:

- 1) “Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.”
- 2) “Begin now to be what you will be hereafter.”
- 3) “The face is the mirror of the mind, and eyes without speaking confess the secrets of the heart.”
- 4) “A friend is long sought, hardly found, and with difficulty kept.”
- 5) “Everything must have in it a sharp seasoning of truth.”
- 6) “Do not let your deeds belie your words, lest when you speak in church someone may say to himself, ‘Why do you not practice what you preach?’”
- 7) “A clergyman who engages in business, and who rises from poverty to wealth, and from obscurity to a high position, avoid as you would the plague.”
- 8) “It is worse still to be ignorant of your ignorance.”
- 9) “When the stomach is full, it is easy to talk of fasting.”