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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 8:30 AM (English)

12 PM (Tiếng Việt)

Tue, Thur, Saturday: 9:00 AM

Mon, Wed, 1st Friday: 6:00 PM

HOLY HOUR- HOLY ROSARY

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

7:00 AM - 8:45 AM

Monday; Wednesday; 1st Friday:

4:00 PM - 5:45 PM

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Saturday: 8:30 AM

Sunday: 8:00 AM

RECONCILIATION

Monday - Thursday: After Mass

Saturday: 9:45 AM; 4:00 PM

Or: by appointment



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*Our time is now
Let's grow together*

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**Should
you not
have had
pity on
your
fellow
servant,
as I
had pity
on you?"**
(Mt 18,33)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Our national memory will keep September 11 holy for generations to come, as we remember the innocent dead. Our memories of the attack on our nation are intertwined with memories of how we human beings are natural symbol-makers. In one parish, as a candlelight vigil ended, the assembly, without being instructed, took their candles and stood shoulder to shoulder, down the steps and along the city streets for a quarter mile. Slowly, people came out of their houses bearing tapers and candles. In the first hours of crisis, we stood vigil, we prayed from the heart, and we celebrated the human ability to draw light out of terrible darkness.

Stories of that terrible day necessarily drift to tales of heroism, courage, dignity, faith, solidarity, hope, community. The church learned long ago through hard experience that “the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church.” Perhaps the victims of 9/11 have gifts to bring that we are only just discovering as believers in a just and loving God. They are teaching us still, and today is a day for lighting candles at the table and being silent for a moment before the abundance of God’s gifts. Today reminds us that we are capable of acts of indescribable beauty even in the face of great evil.

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TODAY’S READINGS:

- First reading: Sir 27:30—28:7;

- Psalm: 103

- Second reading: Rom 14:7-9;

- Gospel: Mt 18:21-35

Mass schedule & Intentions 09/ 16 – 23/2023

SAT: 09/16 (Vigil)	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM	Thanksgiving for Tracy & Michelle Wright (L) <i>Fr Henry</i>
SUN: 09/17	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM	Mr. Ken Dover (L) <i>Sharon Cook</i>
12:00 PM	Tạ ơn Chúa và cầu bình an Anh John Hùng và Chị Vân By Father Henry
MON: 09/18	Weekday
6:00 PM	Thanksgiving for Joseph & Theresa Creighton (L) <i>Fr Henry</i>
TUE: 09/19	Saint Januarius, Bishop & Martyr
9:00 AM	Gioan Baotixita Tiên & Chan's Family
WED: 09/20	Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gôn, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs
6:00 PM	All souls <i>Cô Tú Nguyễn</i>
THUR: 09/21	St Matthew, Apostle-Evangelist
9:00 AM	All souls <i>Mrs. Tu</i>
FRI: 09/22	Weekday
SAT: 09/23	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
9:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Jerry & Evelyne Bronikowski (L) <i>Fr Henry</i>
5:00 PM	Thanksgiving for Mr. & Mrs. Jordan Colletta (L) <i>Fr Henry</i>
SUN: 09/24	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM	Thanksgiving for Jerry, Evelyne Bronikowski (L) <i>Fr Henry</i>
12:00 PM	Lh. Cecilia by AC Hòa & Điệp

READINGS FORTHE WEEK

Monday:	1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
Friday:	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
Sunday:	Twenty - Fourth Sunday In OT Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Mt 20:1-16a

Pope Francis'Prayer Intention 09/2023



For people living on the margins

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.

Cầu cho những người đang sống bên lề

Chúng ta hãy cầu nguyện cho những người đang sống bên lề xã hội, trong những điều kiện vô nhân đạo; xin cho họ không bị các tổ chức bỏ qua, và không bị coi thường bao giờ.

Please
continue to
pray, to
support for
our Building
Project



The Building Committee met this Thursday with John Schiavone and reviewed the scope of our project, the contractors pricing along with costs for survey, hazardous waste removal, demolition, septic system, etc. Also it was discussed as to why Andrews Construction (Dundee) is the recommended contractor.

In addition, contract documents will be sent to Dundee within the next day or two and are expected back before the end of the month. Demolition should begin the end of September or early October, with a 12 month completion. Phase I (the new Parish Life Center) will be completed before Phase II (the Religious Education Building).

WiFi will be rerouted and Ayen's office area will be moved to the church's cry room the week of September 18th. Once the move is complete the remaining items that are to be kept will be packed up and stored.

WE ARE FINALLY STARTING!

The total project cost is \$350,000 over our expected budget. If you can continue to support our project

please continue to do so. Otherwise we will need to borrow \$350,000 from the Archdiocese to complete this.

Should you have any questions please contact Dave Slezickay at (412) 736-7646.

24th Sunday In Ordinary Time

09 17, 2023

Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?

(Matthew 18:33)

Meditation: People saddled with impossible debt, desperate pleas for more time, threats of imprisonment and even torture – why did Jesus tell such an upsetting parable? To help his disciples understand the need to show mercy when someone sins against them.

Peter's question started it all: "How often must I forgive?" (Matthew 18:21). It was understandable. Shouldn't there be a limit to how often we should forgive, especially repeated offenses? An honest look at ourselves might help us see the answer. How often do we go to the Lord asking for mercy for the same sins again and again? We would never want him to tell us we have reached our limit. Thankfully, he never does; he repeatedly forgives us.

Not only does God forgive us again and again; he doesn't hold our sins against us. Remember the unforgiving servant. His entire debt was wiped out. There was nothing hanging over him. Similarly, God has pardoned every sin we have ever committed and stands ready to forgive every sin we will ever commit. Nothing is outside the scope of his mercy. He forgives us everything.

This is the standard of mercy that Jesus calls us to imitate. It's not so different from the Lord's Prayer: "Forgive us... as we forgive" (Matthew 6:12). Granted, today's parable is more graphic. But it shows us that God doesn't want us imprisoned in unforgiveness and tortured by resentment. He knows how hard it is to forgive. But he went so far as to give us his only Son to cleanse us and soften our hearts so that we could share that same mercy.

Mercy goes beyond simply not punishing offenses. It forgives the entire debt. That's how God treats us. Let that truth change how you treat the people who offend you.

"Heavenly Father, strengthen me to be able to forgive others as you have forgiven me!"

Chuyển ngữ: Sr. Maria Trần Thị Ngọc Hương
Nguồn: The Word among Us

Chúa Nhật 24 Thường Niên

"Người không phải thương xót đồng bạn, như chính ta đã thương xót người sao?"

Meditation: Người ta nợ nần chồng chất, tuyệt vọng xin thêm thời gian, bị đe dọa bỏ tù và thậm chí bị tra tấn – tại sao Chúa kể một dụ ngôn khó chịu như thế? Để giúp các môn đệ của Người hiểu được sự cần thiết để thể hiện lòng thương xót khi có ai đó phạm tội với họ.

Câu hỏi của Phêrô bắt đầu tất cả: "Con phải tha đến mấy lần?" (Mt 18,21). Điều đó có thể hiểu được. Phải chăng nên có giới hạn về mức độ thương xuyên chúng ta nên tha thứ, đặc biệt khi những sự xúc phạm cứ lặp đi lặp lại? Một cái nhìn chân thành vào bản thân có thể giúp chúng ta nhận ra câu trả lời. Đã bao lần chúng ta chạy đến với Chúa để xin lòng thương xót cho cùng những tội phạm đi phạm lại? Chúng ta không bao giờ muốn Người nói với chúng ta rằng chúng ta đã chạm đến giới hạn của mình. Tạ ơn Chúa, Người không bao giờ làm thế; Người liên tục tha thứ cho chúng ta.

Không chỉ Thiên Chúa tha thứ cho chúng ta nhiều lần; Người không chấp tội chúng ta. Hãy nhớ đến một người đầy tớ không biết tha thứ. Toàn bộ số nợ của anh ta đã được tha bổng. Không còn gì đè nặng trên anh ta. Tương tự, Thiên Chúa đã tha thứ mọi tội lỗi chúng ta từng phạm và luôn sẵn sàng tha thứ mọi tội chúng ta sẽ phạm. Không có gì nằm ngoài phạm vi của lòng thương xót. Người tha thứ cho chúng ta tất cả.

Đây là tiêu chuẩn lòng thương xót mà Chúa Giêsu mời gọi chúng ta bắt chước. Nó không quá khác biệt với Kinh Lạy Cha: "Xin tha thứ cho chúng con... như chúng con cũng tha thứ" (Mt 6,12). Quả thật, dụ ngôn hôm nay mang tính minh họa nhiều hơn. Nhưng nó cho chúng ta thấy rằng Thiên Chúa không muốn chúng ta bị giam cầm trong sự không tha thứ và bị hành hạ bởi sự oán hận. Người biết thật khó để tha thứ. Nhưng Người đã đi xa đến độ ban Người Con duy nhất của mình để thanh tẩy chúng ta và làm mềm lòng chúng ta hầu chúng ta có thể chia sẻ cùng lòng thương xót đó.

Lòng thương xót không chỉ đơn giản là không trừng phạt những hành vi phạm tội. Nó tha thứ hết nợ. Đó là cách Thiên Chúa đối xử với chúng ta. Hãy để cho sự thật đó thay đổi cách bạn đối xử với những người xúc phạm bạn.

"Lạy Cha trên trời, xin ban sức mạnh cho con để con có thể tha thứ cho những người khác như Chúa đã tha thứ cho con!"

HERE ARE THE SEVEN GRACES

1. I will grant peace to their families.
2. They will be enlightened about the divine mysteries.
3. I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work.
4. I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my divine Son or the sanctification of their souls.
5. I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives.
6. I will visibly help them at the moment of their death, they will see the face of their Mother.
7. I have obtained from my divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolors, will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son and I will be their eternal consolation and joy.



The Blessed Virgin Mary grants seven graces to the souls who honor her daily by saying seven Hail Mary's and meditating on her tears and dolors (sorrows). The devotion was passed on by St. Bridget.

SEVEN SORROWS: 1/The prophecy of Simeon. (St. Luke 2:34, 35); 2/ The flight into Egypt. (St. Matthew 2:13, 14); 3/ The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple. (St. Luke 2: 43-45); 4/ The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross.; 5/ The Crucifixion; 6/ The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross; 7/ The burial of Jesus.

1. The prophecy of Simeon: "And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary his mother: Behold this child is set for the fall and for the resurrection of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be contradicted; And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that out of many hearts thoughts may be revealed." – Luke II, 34-35.

Meditation: How great was the shock to Mary's Heart at hearing the sorrowful words, in which holy Simeon told the bitter Passion and death of her sweet Jesus, since in that same moment she realized in her mind all the insults, blows, and torments which the impious men were to offer to the Redeemer of the world. But a still sharper sword pierced her soul. It was the thought of men's ingratitude to her beloved Son. Now consider that because of your sins you are unhappily among the ungrateful.

Say one Ave Maria (Hail Mary)

2. The flight into Egypt: "And after they (the wise men) were departed, behold an angel of the Lord appeared in sleep to Joseph, saying: Arise and take the child and His mother and fly into Egypt: and be there until I shall tell thee. For it will come to pass that Herod will seek the child to destroy Him. Who arose and took the child and His mother by night, and retired into Egypt: and He was there until the death of Herod." – Matt. II, 13-14.

Meditation: Consider the sharp sorrow which Mary felt when, St. Joseph being warned by an angel, she had to flee by night in order to preserve her beloved Child from the slaughter decreed by Herod. What anguish was hers, in leaving Judea, lest she should be overtaken by the soldiers of the cruel king! How great her privations in that long journey! What sufferings she bore in that land of exile, what sorrow amid that people given to idolatry! But consider how often you have renewed that bitter grief of Mary, when your sins have caused her Son to flee from your heart.

Say one Ave Maria (Hail Mary)

3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple: "And having fulfilled the days, when they returned, the Child Jesus remained in Jerusalem; and His parents knew it not. And thinking that he was in the company, they came a day's journey, and sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And not finding Him, they returned into Jerusalem, seeking Him." Luke II, 43-45.

Meditation: How dread was the grief of Mary, when she saw that she had lost her beloved Son! And as if to increase her sorrow, when she sought Him diligently among her kinsfolk and acquaintance, she could hear no tidings of Him. No hindrances stayed her, nor weariness, nor danger; but she forthwith returned to Jerusalem, and for three long days sought Him sorrowing. Great be your confusion, O my soul, who has so often lost your Jesus by your sins, and has given no heed to seek Him at once, a sign that you make very little or no account of the precious treasure of divine love.

Say one Ave Maria (Hail Mary)

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4. The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross: "And there followed Him a great multitude of people, and of women, who bewailed and lamented Him." – Luke XXIII, 27.

Meditation: Come, O ye sinners, come and see if ye can endure so sad a sight. This Mother, so tender and loving, meets her beloved Son, meets Him amid an impious rabble, who drag Him to a cruel death, wounded, torn by stripes, crowned with thorns, streaming with blood, bearing His heavy cross. Ah, consider, my soul, the grief of the blessed Virgin thus beholding her Son! Who would not weep at seeing this Mother's grief? But who has been the cause of such woe? I, it is I, who with my sins have so cruelly wounded the heart of my sorrowing Mother! And yet I am not moved; I am as a stone, when my heart should break because of my ingratitude.

Say one Ave Maria (Hail Mary)

5. The Crucifixion: "They crucified Him. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus, His Mother. When Jesus therefore had seen His Mother and the disciple standing whom he loved, He saith to His Mother: Woman: behold thy son. After that he saith to the disciple: Behold thy Mother." – John XIX, 18-25-27.

Meditation: Look, devout soul, look to Calvary, whereon are raised two altars of sacrifice, one on the body of Jesus, the other on the heart of Mary. Sad is the sight of that dear Mother drowned in a sea of woe, seeing her beloved Son, part of her very self, cruelly nailed to the shameful tree of the cross. Ah me! how every blow of the hammer, how every stripe which fell on the Saviour's form, fell also on the disconsolate spirit of the Virgin. As she stood at the foot of the cross, pierced by the sword of sorrow, she turned her eyes on Him, until she knew that He lived no longer and had resigned His spirit to His Eternal Father. Then her own soul was like to have left the body and joined itself to that of Jesus.

Say one Ave Maria (Hail Mary)

6. The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross: "Joseph of Arimathea, a noble counselor, came and went in boldly to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. And Joseph buying fine linen, and taking Him down, wrapped Him up in the fine linen." – Mark XV, 43-46.

Meditation: Consider the most bitter sorrow which rent the soul of Mary, when she saw the dead body of her dear Jesus on her knees, covered with blood, all torn with deep wounds. O mournful Mother, a bundle of myrrh, indeed, is thy Beloved to thee. Who would not pity thee? Whose heart would not be softened, seeing affliction which would move a stone? Behold John not to be comforted, Magdalen and the other Mary in deep affliction, and Nicodemus, who can scarcely bear his sorrow.

Say one Ave Maria (Hail Mary)

7. The burial of Jesus: "Now there was in the place where He was crucified, a garden; and in the garden a new sepulcher, wherein no man yet had been laid. There, therefore, because of the pasceve of the Jews, they laid Jesus, because the sepulcher was nigh at hand." John XIX, 41-42.

Meditation: Consider the sighs which burst from Mary's sad heart when she saw her beloved Jesus laid within the tomb. What grief was hers when she saw the stone lifted to cover that sacred tomb! She gazed a last time on the lifeless body of her Son, and could scarce detach her eyes from those gaping wounds. And when the great stone was rolled to the door of the sepulcher, oh, then indeed her heart seemed torn from her body!

Say one Ave Maria (Hail Mary)

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Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month @ 6pm in the Parish Social Hall. (A monthly parish breakfast is sponsored on the first or second Sunday after the morning Mass.)

For more info please visit: www.kofc.org

St. Mary's Ladies

The Ladies of St. Mary serve to provide a community of fellowship and growth in faith, reaching out to serve and support our pastor, parish families and the community. We serve God through a commitment and uniting our members through prayer, work and service.



Meet: 2nd Wednesday of the month

- 10 AM: Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov

- 7pm: Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct & Dec

Co-Presidents: - Donna: (678) - 851 - 7170

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PARISH PICNIC Sunday September 24

Sunday September 24 is just a few weeks away! There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, please let us know what dish you are bringing and the number attending so that we can plan accordingly!



Looking forward to a great gathering!

Offertory/Contribution Weekend of September 09 & 10, 2023

Weekly Budget	\$ 3,100.00
Offertory	\$ 2,780.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 1,206.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 300.00

The counters for this week are:

Nancy Williamson , Cathy Staley & Connie Tirico

Thank you for your generosity!

Please keep the following people in your prayers

Joe Franzmathes, Laura Barnett, June Webb, Sharon Cook, Eddie Hallford, Jay McAtee, John Craton, Lucca Fiorillo, Melissa Grigg, James Meyn, Dan Dwyer, Calvin Isbell, Jerry Powell, Alice Marold, Kim Kellams, Danny Carter, Joachim Phạm M. Tường, Tim McGlone Sr., Timothy McGlone Jr., Robert McGlone, Christen Cook, Lindsey McDonald, Rebecca Gonzalez, Joy Powell, Nancy Barbour, Mr Joaquin Fejeran & NH- Madeline Mary Singer, Connie Tirico, Tammy Tweedy, Nancy Sterling, Geneva Alexander and for all others not mentioned here.

If you want to submit an individual for Prayer Intentions, please contact Mrs. Ayen Camilli ((706) 886-2819 ext – 1 or Mrs. Gerrie Chalk at: 706 -963-0050 for a loved one who is sick. Our homebound Ministers are please to bring you the Holy Communion and Weekly Bulletin.



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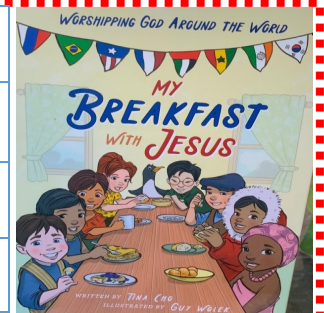
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