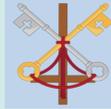


24th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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The St. Peter Prayer Line unites parishioners in a spirit of Christian Charity to pray for the needs of our parishioners, especially:

Ronnie Hebrank, Joseph Walters, Jackie Diaz, Leticia Cepeda, Saúl Suárez, Jr., Fr. John Flynn, OSA, Dolly Leonard, Madison McAllister, Deacon Tony Nethercott, Dolores Snyder, Tom Doucette, Br. Larry Sparacino OSA, and all the sick on St. Peter's Prayer Line. The group will continue to pray for your request until they hear differently from you.

Readings for the week of September 13, 2020

Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]
Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Mass Intentions

Saturday Sep 12th

05:00pm Pro Populo

Sunday Sep 13th

08:00am † Nancy Hardy, by Rick Hardy

10:30am † Joseph Schalte, Sr.
by Knights of Columbus

Monday Sep 14th

08:30am † Julio César Villalobos

Tuesday Sep 15th

08:30am † Angel Cleto

Thursday Sep 17th

08:30am † Dolores Peterson
by Carl Peterson

Friday Sep 18th

08:30am The People of Saint Peter Parish

Saturday Sep 19th

05:00pm Pro Populo

Next Sunday Sep 20th

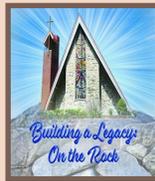
08:00am † Maria Diaz
by Harry & Dorothy Tolson

10:30am † Elizabeth Broderick
by Laura Danyluk

ST. PETER CHURCH

WILL BE closed for the duration of the construction project

Daily Mass in the Parish Hall
The St. Kateri Chapel (Classroom)
is open 8:00am-5:00pm for personal prayer and devotion.
The Tabernacle is in the St. Kateri Chapel



Confessions on Saturdays

3:30pm-4:30pm and by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration Fridays

9:00am-12:00pm

Masses. Open to the Public

M,T,TH,F 8:30am

Wednesday —No Mass—

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:00am and 10:30am



All weekend Masses at St. Peter are Live Streamed



**From Rick Hardy,
Pastoral Associate**

What About the Unconceived?

The seventh and final theme of Catholic Social Teaching is Care for the Environment. I have come to see this as an inseparable companion to our professed care for every human life. Pope Francis addresses this concern in *Laudato Si*, which is likely to become one of the most significant papal documents of our time:

A true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor...everything is connected: Concern for the environment that needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society. (Laudato Si, 49, 91)

We started this journey through Catholic Social Teaching with a good deal of reflection on the unborn — why their lives are so important to us, why we place such a premium on defending their right to life. They have become our guides, in a sense, through all seven of these themes.

While we proclaim the value of every human life, we simply do not practice that belief consistently. “They are innocent,” we say. But the guilty deserve the opportunity to repent. “They have no voice,” we say. But the poor — especially the poor who do not live in our country — have no voice here, where we consume the fruits of their labor. “They have no one to speak for them,” we say. But who speaks for the earth, without which no human person can live?

Caring for the environment, for the earth itself, is directly related to caring for every human person. The book of Genesis says that humans were given “dominion” over the earth and all its creatures. But Jesus redefines “dominion” as service, servanthood, stewardship. We are stewards of a planet that is given to us, not to rule, but to cherish; not to consume, but to care for, so that the unborn, as well as those yet to be conceived, will have a place to live in justice and peace.

Catholic Social Teaching is the place where our Respect for Life is rooted. The first theme is the dignity of every human person. But if you pay close attention, every one of the seven themes underscores the first: who respects the dignity of every human person will work for a more just society in which every human person can thrive.

As Catholic Christians, we simply cannot dismiss this crucial teaching. If every unborn human life is precious, then equally precious is the life of everyone who is already born, and everyone who has yet to be conceived.

Rick Hardy's article continued in the next page

Support Our Parish and Community

Our parish continues to rely on our parishioners' generosity, and we may have additional financial need if more people seek assistance. If you will not be able to give in person, **please give online.**



Just click the link on the parish web site under the Home category..... Donate or Register on Line tab (www.stpeter-douglas.org) and make a one-time gift, or set up a recurring donation. .

Thank you for your generous support

This Week

- ◆ Mass, M-T-Th-F at 8:30am
- ◆ AA Meeting, Tues 7pm - 8pm Parking Lot
- ◆ NO MORNING MASS, Wednesday
- ◆ Rejoice and Renew – Thursday 7pm
- ◆ Adoration, Thursday 9am - 5pm
- ◆ Adoration, Friday 9am - 12pm
- ◆ Catholic Men's Fellowship, Sat 8 - 10am (Zoom)
- ◆ Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sat 3:30 - 4:30pm

Gospel Meditation

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is hypocritical to want one thing for ourselves and something else for another. Yet, many act in precisely this way.

Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free.

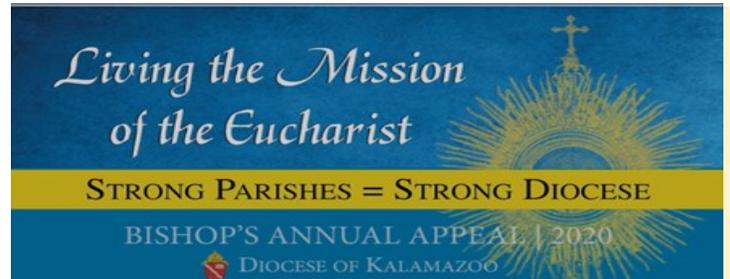
For the one who wants to be forgiven and the one who needs offer forgiveness, the journey can be an adventure in learning what brought us to this place and what is needed to move forward. This is exactly how God treats us. Why would we not want to do the same for others? ©LPi

Rick Hardy's article continued here.

"At St. Peter's," Fr. Fabio likes to say, "our politics are only one thing: Our Father, who art in heaven..."

Life and all creation are the gifts of our Creator. How shall we care for the gifts entrusted to us?

Read more: <https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching>



After a brief delay, the Bishop's Annual Appeal 2020, has officially begun. Given our current circumstances, Bishop Bradley has approved a significant change for this year's appeal; after each Parish has reached 50 percent of its goal, all additional gifts will be returned to the Parish. The hope with this change is to allow Parishes to remain strong centers of worship, faith formation and service to their communities, because, as we know, *Strong Parishes equal a Strong Diocese*. This year's theme of "Living the Mission of the Eucharist", is powerfully expressed in the three diocesan priorities: 1) Fostering Priestly Vocations; 2) Accompanying Families toward Holiness; and 3) Activating Missionary Disciples.

Learn how your donation to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports these priorities at diokzoo.org/bishops-annual-appeal. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration and financial support.





Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land

The Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land, usually held on Good Friday, was transferred to Sunday, Sept. 13th with the approval of Pope Francis. The COVID 19

pandemic has added to the complex political, religious and military challenges faced by Christian communities in the Holy Land. This collection, a sign of our solidarity, enables them to continue their evangelical presence, provide humanitarian aid to refugees, and maintain schools and social structures that assist all citizens with health care, education, and peaceful coexistence, attending above all to the weakest and poorest.

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit myfranciscan.org/good-friday.



Next week our Diocese will hold the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection. More than 40 million people in the US live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities.

Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at: usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development.

FOR REPORTING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT:

The Diocese of Kalamazoo has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General's investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the reporting number set-up by the Michigan Attorney General's office at: **844.324.3374**

The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit ReportBishopAbuse.org or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

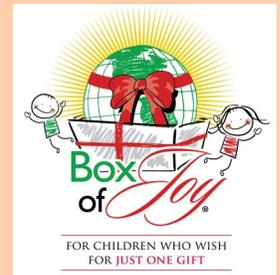
Box of Joy

It is that time a year again! Together with Cross Catholic Outreach, a global relief and development non-profit, we are kicking off our annual Box of Joy ministry with a renewed passion and intensity, given the extraordinary and unprecedented year the entire world has faced. The World Bank estimates that the novel coronavirus has driven millions of families into greater poverty already, including those in nations where Box of Joy has been operating over the past several years.

"This year, perhaps more than any other, Box of Joy will be a small light in the darkness of the pandemic for thousands of families in Latin America who have suffered greatly," said Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach. "These small gifts of toys, toothbrushes, Bible stories, Rosaries, and crayons will be all that these children will receive for Christmas."

Last year, with your help, Cross Catholic Outreach collected and delivered gift-filled Boxes of Joy to 75,797 children in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Grenada, the Bahamas and Guatemala. The ministry's goal is to increase the number of children served to 100,000 by this year.

You may also choose to participate in the Create-A-Box option, which will give you an easy way to send a box online at crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/create-a-box/.



Pick-up your Box of Joy TODAY in the Parish Center



Un vistazo a San Felipe esta semana...

Oportunidades de Generosidad

En estas semanas hay dos colectas especiales:

La Colecta de la Campaña Católica del Desarrollo Humano

La próxima semana nuestra Diócesis tendrá la colecta para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano. Más de 40 millones de personas en los Estados Unidos viven en pobreza hoy. Esta colecta financia programas que capacitan a las personas para identificar y abordar los obstáculos mientras que trabajan para hacer cambios positivos y permanentes en sus comunidades. Aprenda más acerca de la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano en <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development>

El Fondo de Emergencia de los Obispos para Desastres

Esta semana estamos recibiendo dinero para este fondo que ayuda la recuperación humanitaria y las necesidades de la Iglesia surgidas después del creciente número de desastres naturales en los Estados Unidos. Muchos hogares, edificios e iglesias han sido dañados o destruidos por el huracán Laura y los incendios en California.

La Parrillada

Sacaron **\$1,314** en la parrillada del domingo pasado. Gracias a los grupos de cocina y el comité del mantenimiento por todo su esfuerzo. Informan que solo falta \$1,500 más para terminar de los gastos del nuevo piso.

Catequesis para los Niños y Jóvenes

¡¡¡TODAVÍA HAY TIEMPO PARA COMENZAR LA CATEQUESIS PARA LOS SACRAMENTOS!!!

La catequesis para la Primera Comunión:

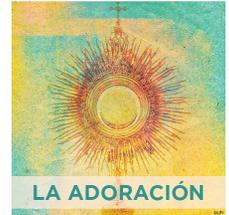
- Niños vienen cada otra semana CON SUS PAPAS
- Estudian con sus papas en casa cuando no tienen clase en la iglesia.
- Clases lunes por la tarde y domingo por la mañana.
- Hay cupo de 36 niños para el primer año.

La catequesis para la Confirmación:

- Las clases en pequeños grupos un domingo cada mes por la tarde y alguna tarea en la computadora.
- Tienen que estar en el octavo grado de la escuela.
- Hay cupo de 24 jóvenes para el primer año.

La Adoración al Santísimo

El domingo 20 de septiembre vamos a tener adoración al Santísimo en San Felipe desde las 5 hasta las 8 p.m. Pueden venir por un rato o por una hora.



Vamos a ofrecer el Rosario y la Vísperas durante la Adoración. Una visita a Jesús es un buen momento para pedir por la paz en este país y en el mundo, por las vocaciones, por las necesidades de nuestras familias y por los enfermos. Pueden hacer una visita de cualquier duración y puede participar en cualquier momento de la jornada.

Mañana lunes 14 de septiembre es la Fiesta de la exaltación de la Santa Cruz.

Celebramos este símbolo de nuestra fe y la victoria del amor sobre el odio y la vida sobre la muerte. ¿Hay una cruz or crucifijo en tu casa? Haga algún gesto de veneración a la cruz. Colócala por el día a un lugar especial donde la pueden honrar. Haga una oración con tu familia en frente de la cruz. No recuerda el gran amor que Dios tiene por cada uno de nosotros. Devolvemos amor por amor en nuestros acciones diarias.



Nuestras Condolencias

Acompañamos en el dolor a la Familia Cleto. Su hijo, hermano, tío, Ángel, murió la semana pasada. Fue estudiante en Bloomingdale High School. En este momento de dolor inmenso ofrecemos nuestra oración por su descanso eterno y recordamos a sus papás, José Luis y Paula, a sus hermanos, sobrinos y demás familia y amigos en su momento de sufrimiento.



¡¡ Ángel, te encomendamos a las manos misericordiosas de nuestro Señor !!

Un vistazo a San Felipe esta semana...

lecturas de la semana del 13 de septiembre del 2020

Domingo: 24° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario;

Día del Abuelo (EEUU)

Eclo 27, 30—28, 7/Sal 103, 1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12/
Rom 14, 7-9/Mt 18, 21-35

Lunes: La Exaltación de la Santa Cruz

Nm 21, 4-9/Sal 78, 1-2. 34-35. 36-37. 38/Flp 2, 6-11/
Jn 3, 13-17

Martes: La Virgen de los Dolores

1 Cor 12, 12-14. 27-31/Sal 31, 2 y 3. 3-4. 5-6.
15-16. 20/Jn 19, 25-27 o Lc 2, 33-35

**Miércoles: San Cornelio, papa, y San Cipriano,
obispo, mártires**

1 Cor 12, 31—13, 13/Sal 33, 2-3. 4-5. 12 y 22/
Lc 7, 31-35

**Jueves: San Roberto Belarmino, obispo y
doctor de la Iglesia**

1 Cor 15, 1-11/Sal 118, 1-2. 16-17. 28/Lc 7, 36-50

Viernes: 1 Cor 15, 12-20/Sal 17, 1. 6-7. 8 y 15/Lc 8, 1-3

Sábado: San Genaro, obispo y mártir

1 Cor 15, 35-37. 42-49/Sal 56, 10-12. 13-14 /
Lc 8, 4-15

**Domingo siguiente: 25° Domingo del Tiempo
Ordinario; Domingo Catequético**

Is 55, 6-9/Sal 145, 2-3. 8-9. 17-18/Flp 1, 20-24. 27/
Mt 20, 1-16

¡Felices Fiestas Patrias!

Esta semana México celebra las fiestas patrias. Oramos por el bienestar de ese país y todos los países del mundo, especialmente por las víctimas del COVID 19. Que Dios bendiga a México en este año difícil para el mundo y la Virgen de Guadalupe lo cubra con su manto.



Gracias a la generosidad de algunos parroquianos **recibimos \$620.00 en la colecta el domingo pasado.**

Las Misas: Los domingos a las 12:30 p.m.

Los jueves a las 6:30 p.m.

(Para asegurarse de un si tenemos que mover la Misa adentro algún domingo, inscribanse al 269-501-9865.

No se necesita inscribirse para los jueves.)

Hay Misa en vivo en Facebook y la página web:

Los sábados a las 7 p.m. y los domingos a las 12:30 p.m. (cuando se puede).

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En caso de emergencia: Llame al Coordinador Parroquial (Joe Marble) al 269-501-9865.

LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA

¿Debo Permanecer o Debo Ir?

La vida no siempre es fácil para nosotros y puede ser difícil determinar el próximo paso a seguir en nuestro viaje. Incluso podemos quedar inmovilizados por la indecisión y el miedo a hacer un movimiento incorrecto o elegir el camino incorrecto. Pienso en la canción, *Debo Permanecer o Debo Ir (Should I stay, or Should I go)*, como un mantra para muchas veces en mi vida. ¿Debo quedarme en esta casa, este trabajo o este auto? ¿Debo ir aquí o allá? Cuando surgen esos momentos de decisión, generalmente recorro a mi esposa, mis amigos o incluso a mis hijos. Hablarlo puede ayudar, y sus perspectivas me dan más datos para considerar. Cuando me apoyo en otros para que me ayuden a tomar una decisión, me ayuda a tener más confianza en mis elecciones.

Discernir la voluntad de Dios tampoco es fácil.

Raramente entendemos el llamado de Dios claramente al principio. El llamado de Dios siempre se percibe más fácilmente dentro de una comunidad de discípulos fieles. Nuestra forma de vida de corresponsabilidad puede sufrir mucho si nos negamos a permitir que otros nos ayuden en el proceso de discernimiento. ¿Qué dones o talentos se necesitan para la tarea en cuestión? ¿Dónde encaja mejor en el plan de Dios? ¿A dónde me está guiando Dios? Nadie debería tener que decidir las respuestas a estas preguntas solo. Necesitamos siempre apoyarnos en el Cuerpo de Cristo para ayudarnos a ver el camino que Dios ha puesto ante nosotros. Sin un poco de ayuda durante el viaje, con el tiempo podríamos encontrarnos atrapados en el mismo lugar donde comenzamos.

- Tracy Earl Welliver

