

September 13, 2020

FOCUS:**We do not deserve God's mercy, but we can live it.**

The Christian life is a communal life, not a solitary one. Thus, it entails times of being reconciled to God and with one another.

Saint Paul explains why it is necessary for us to be reconciled with each other if we ever have hope of being reconciled with God. *We are the Lord's*, we belong to Christ, and we are to conform ourselves to him: *None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.* We are a community of believers. We are all sinners, and need to give and receive from each other what we need from the Lord – mercy. We are meant to treat others the way God has treated us in Christ, sharing with them the life-giving and forgiving love of Jesus.

"What does that look like, exactly?" we might ask. This is at the heart of Peter's question in today's Gospel. "What does forgiveness look like, Lord, forgiving my brother seven times?" That seems like a reasonable number, does it not? Especially if it is for the same thing? Except Jesus said *seventy-seven times* was the answer. And lest we get stuck on the exact numbers rather than the larger point, Jesus tells the parable of the unforgiving servant. Completely upside down in his debt, with no hope to repay it, and he must throw himself completely on his master's mercy.

His debt is miraculously forgiven! Yet, rather than reforming his life, changing his heart, and sharing with others the mercy just shown him, the servant imprisons someone who owes him a much smaller amount. In response, the master hands him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt.

Jesus suggests that he owes us nothing, but he has given us everything. He has forgiven the worst things we have ever done. He would forgive the worst things we could ever imagine. And yet, with all that mercy to draw from, free for the taking, he still finds us holding grudges over much smaller wrongs done to us by the hands of another.

All of us belong in Jesus' "debtors' prison," but he came to set the captives free. It is true that we don't deserve the mercy God has shown us in Christ. We can't earn it and we can't repay it. But we can live it. We can forgive, and we can seek forgiveness. And as "seventy-seven" represents the limitless nature of God's mercy toward us – so we can make it represent ours to one another.

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MASS ATTENDANCE – At this time, Mass attendance will be on a first-come, first-seated basis. Please be reminded that once the Church reaches capacity for that Mass, you will be asked to attend the next Mass.

It is vital that we stay within the guidelines of the state regarding places of worship. ** You must wear a mask. ** Remain 6 feet apart (social distancing) ** No physical contact outside your household.

The 10:30am Mass will be live-streamed on our website and FB page.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- Sat, 9/12** – 4:00pm – Paul Fournier, Pam Daigle
Sun, 9/13 – 8:00am – Myra Blanchard, Harvey Perque
Sun, 9/13 – 10:30am – Dr. Victor Tedesco
Mon, 9/14 – 6:30am – Liturgy of the Word
Tue, 9/15 – 6:30am – Rachel & Lula Chiasson
Wed, 9/16 – 6:30am – Fernando, Sr., Lilia & Grandparents
Thu, 9/17 – 6:30am – Mary & Marcella Bourgeois
Fri, 9/18 – 6:30am – Annie Miller (B), James Crochet, Jr. (B)
Sat, 9/19 – 4:00pm – Lucy Porche (DA-9/21), Paul Fournier (DA-9/21), Wayne Riche', Lenus Giroir (B)
Sun, 9/20 – 8:00am – Dale Lirette, Harold Cade
Sun, 9/20 – 10:30am – Donald Burnett

STEWARDSHIP REPORT – September 5 & 6, 2020

WEEKLY GOAL TO MEET ANNUAL NEEDS: \$6,500.00

Weekly Collection - \$5,546.00 Catholic University - \$630.00 Building Fund - \$340.00 Hurricane Laura - \$3,035.00 (total)

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

▪ **September 13th & 14th** envelopes for our monthly **MAINTENANCE COLLECTION** can be placed in the offertory basket.

▪ **September, 2020**

DONATIONS/ENVELOPES FOR YOUTH FORMATION

(Formerly named Religious Education) – This annual parish collection for our own Youth Formation Program will be held during the month of September. This collection helps defray some of the expenses for textbooks and educational materials. This is an opportunity for all of us to participate in educating our youth in the Catholic faith. Envelopes will be available by the collection baskets for this collection.

**WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Sat, 9/12** – 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49
Sun, 9/13 – **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Sirach 27:30–28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35
Mon, 9/14 – Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17
Tue, 9/15 – 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a; John 19:25-27
Wed, 9/16 – 1 Corinthians 12:31–13:13; Luke 7:31-35
Thu, 9/17 – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 7:36-50
Fri, 9/18 – 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 8:1-3
Sat, 9/19 – 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Luke 8:4-15
Sun, 9/20 – Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a

SANCTUARY CANDLE burn this week
IN LOVING MEMORY of

- ♥ **Begue & Hebert Families, Ellen Monterio, Cody Antill & Dale Bergeron** by Ann & Gary Hebert ♥
- ♥ **Bonnie, Rene & Marguerite Guidry, Ernest, Ertell & Emil Joller** by Ulysse & Miriam Guidry ♥
- ♥ **Davis, Jr. & Michael Arceneaux, Iris Gaston Talbot, Vicki & Christopher Steib & Rena Hebert** by Shelia Arceneaux ♥
- ♥ **Ed & Dolly Richard, Lucy Porche, Louis & Lois Authement, June Fischer, Sylvia & Reed Folse, Dot & Junel Marcel** by Ed & Elaine Richard ♥
- ♥ **Gable & Rita Duplantis, Daspit, Duplantis, Hebert & Rodriguez families** by Betty & Clarence Hebert ♥
- ♥ **Gilbert, Uraine, Albert & Billy Joe Trahan** by W. L., Rita & Carroll Trahan ♥
- ♥ **John, Della, Warren, Eula, Will, Ronald and Emmett Rodrigue, Arthur and Marie Hebert** by Rodrigue Family ♥
- ♥ **Logan Naquin, Trey Marmande, Gerald & Judith Duplantis** by the Chafin Family ♥
- ♥ **M/M Joseph Dufour, M/M George Darsey, M/M Harold Favret, Sr., Harold Favret, Jr., Charles Favret & Marie Hyland** by Linda D. Favret ♥
- ♥ **Neal, Linda, Theresa & Reynold Hebert; Giroir, Faucheaux & Hebert Family** by Janis Hebert & Hebert Family ♥
- ♥ **Pierre LeBlanc, Ann Gill, Terri Lambert, Nell Kay & Curtis Marcello, Sr., Tenny Moore, Bubba McNeal, Aull & LeBlanc Families** by Kaye LeBlanc ♥
- ♥ **Ryan & Marc Pitre, Viella & Nolan Rogers** by Carol Antill ♥
- ♥ **Ted & Violet DeYeide Borowski, John Ford Sr., Borowski, DeYeide, Dison and Ford family** by James & Stefanie Ford ♥
- ♥ **Victor & Beau Tedesco & Tedesco and Boudreaux Families** by Madelyn Tedesco ♥
- ♥ **BeBe Breaux, Stanley, Sr., Eva, S.P., Jr., Betty Hebert & Sons, Breaux, Trahan, Giroir, Blanchard & Hebert Families** by Viridie and Bubba Breaux ♥

REGISTRATION FOR YOUTH FAITH FORMATION (FORMERLY KNOWN AS CCD)

We also are pleased to inform you that registration is now underway. Registration forms, the schedule and other important information are available on the parish website or please feel free to go to <https://stanthonybayoublack.weshareonline.org/> scroll down to EVENTS & COLLECTIONS and click on the red REGISTER for YF HERE. This will open the general information and fees page; click on the red box to begin the registration process.

If you know of anyone that has children previously enrolled or eligible (K-11th grade), please feel free to share this with them. If there are any questions, feel free to call office or email us.

Please keep all of our students and their teachers in your prayers as school has resumed.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, pray for us!

Please send all registration forms AS SOON AS POSSIBLE so we can have an accurate headcount to order books.

CLASSES BEGIN OCTOBER 4TH & 5TH

RCIA INFORMATION - Do you have questions as to what the Catholic Church teaches? Are you an unbaptized person or a person baptized in another faith who may be called to join the Catholic Church? We are beginning a new session of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), with a period of inquiry, during the month of September. Inquiry sessions will be held on Sundays of **September 13th, 20th, 27th** and October 4, 2020, from **9:15 – to 10:15am** at **St. Anthony Church Parish Office**. Come join us beginning Sunday, September 13th, if you are interested in joining our faith community or if you would like to learn more about the Catholic Church. Please call the office **985-872-0922** to let us know you are interested in attending classes.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux is inviting all couples married in the Catholic church who are celebrating their **25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th and beyond anniversary during 2020** to one of two Diocesan Liturgies of the Word, which will be celebrate Sunday, November 8th and Sunday, November 22nd, respectively at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, both at 3:00pm. The celebration will NOT be a Mass, but a Liturgy of the Word. If you wish to participate in this program, call or email the parish office **BEFORE STEPTEMBER 18, 2020** to register. All registered anniversary couples will receive an inscribed diocesan certificate in their own church parish, time and date to be determined.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the number of couples who usually register for this event and the social distancing guidelines, at this time we can only invite the anniversary couples themselves. Under the current pandemic guidelines, unfortunately, we do not anticipate having a reception after either of the liturgies. However, if things change we will make sure to let you know.



PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM HURRICANES



Our Father in Heaven, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us from all harm during this hurricane season and protect us and our homes from all disasters. Our Lady of Prompt Succor hasten to help us. Amen!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sat, 9/12** – 4:00pm – Vigil Mass
- Sun, 9/13** – 8:00am – Mass
- 9:15am – RCIA in the Parish Office
- Sun, 9/13** – 10:30am – Mass
- Mon, 9/14** – 6:30am – Liturgy of the Word
- Tue, 9/15** – 6:30am – Mass
- 9:30am – Bible Study
- Wed, 9/16** – 6:30am – Mass
- Thr, 9/17** – 6:30am – Mass
- Fri, 9/18** – 6:30am – Mass
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