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**"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?"**

Forgiveness in the Gospel of Matthew is not only "relational" it is "reciprocal and reliant". When teaching his disciples to pray Jesus would say, "Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors" (Matthew 6:12). The Lord's Prayer is echoed in the lesson of this parable about the kingdom, reflecting it back in reverse. We ought to forgive as our King (Jesus) has forgiven us.

In answering the disciples' request for help in praying Jesus teaches them forgiveness — both the giving and the receiving of it — is reciprocal, one cannot have it without doing it. "For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:14-15). In answering Peter's request for help in understanding how far forgiveness needs to go Jesus teaches God's forgiveness surpasses both our deserving and our comprehension; we who have first been forgiven must, therefore, forgive those who have wronged us so much more lightly. The point of this parable is clear. Its demands, both in the context of the Gospel of Matthew and its application in our churches and families today is urgent. Forgiveness lies at the heart of our faith in God and our love of one another. Forgiveness, which we receive from God our King, in the person of Jesus, is what our King expects from his subjects in their dealings with each other.

## National Faith & Blue Weekend 2023

**Friday, October 6 to  
Monday, October 9**



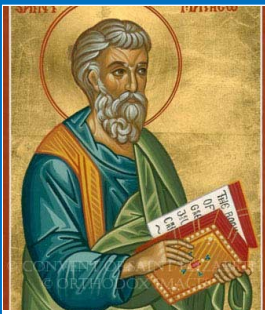
National Faith & Blue Weekend facilitates safer and stronger communities by engaging law enforcement officers and local residents through the connections of faith-based organizations. Faith & Blue is based on the premise strong communities are built through mutual respect and understanding. Law enforcement and faith institutions are key pillars of each community, and when they work together, neighborhoods thrive. The National Faith & Blue Weekend organizers represent every major national law enforcement membership and professional organization in the United States and every faith tradition. The effort is being co-convened by Movement-Forward, Inc. and the USDOJ Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.



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*God Isn't Asking You to Figure it Out? He's Asking you to Trust He Already Has.*



**September 21: St Matthew the Apostle** Little is known about St. Matthew, except he was the son of Alpheus, and probably born in Galilee. He worked as a tax collector, which was a hated profession during the time of Christ. According to the Gospel, Matthew was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Christ came to him and asked, "Follow me." With this simple call, Matthew became a disciple of Christ. From Matthew we know of the many "activities" of Christ and the message Christ spread of salvation for all people who come to God through Him. The Gospel account of Matthew tells us a story consistent with the accounts found in the other three Gospels, so scholars are certain of its authenticity. His book is the first of the four Gospels in the New Testament. His account was written many years following the death of Christ, around 41 and 50 AD. He wrote the book in Aramaic in the hope his account would convince his contemporaries Jesus was the Messiah and His kingdom had been fulfilled in a spiritual way. It was an important message at a time when almost everyone was expecting the return of a "militant messiah" brandishing a sword. It is thought he departed Galilee to escape persecution sometime after 42 AD. According to various legends he fled to Parthia and Persia, or possibly Ethiopia. Nothing is recorded of Matthew's passing. We do not know how he died; if his death was natural or if he was martyred. Saint Matthew is often depicted with one of the four living creatures of Revelation 4:7, which reads, "The first living creature was like a lion, the second like a bull, the third living creature had a human face, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle." Matthew was a tax collector and therefore, quite naturally, became the patron saint of bankers. The Church established St. Matthew's feast day as September 21.



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Confirmation Orientation**  
**September 24, 2023 11:30 am PDST**  
**Parish Hall**



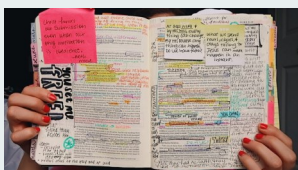
**Join us for**  
**Bible Study**  
**1st and 3rd Thursday**  
**1:00 & 7:00 PM**  
**Via ZOOM**  
**1:00 pm Meeting**  
**ID: 87233018319**  
**Passcode: 689472**

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**7:00 pm Meeting**  
**ID 811 5705 8134**  
**Passcode: 6FuFf7**

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### **The Unfolding story of the Pilgrimage Statue of Our Lady of Fatima**

#### **MIRACLES OF Mud:**

Maria approached a man from Torres Novas (23 miles away) who was near one of the oak trees. He was crying. She asked what was troubling him? He then spoke to her about the open wound he had on his leg for 24 years "which was always full of pus and prevented him from working or even moving because it would never heal."

The man told her: "My wife came to Fatima and took away some earth to make an infusion to wash my wound with. I did not want her to do this because the wound needed cleanliness and

the mud would certainly make it worse. My wife, who had great faith, said many people had been cured with the earth, and although I had no faith at all in God nor any religion, she insisted so much, at last I let her have her way.

Every day for nine days she washed the wound with that mud and each day it healed a little more, until at the end of the novena it was perfectly cured. I burst into tears, took off the bandages and came here on foot although I couldn't move before!"

Not only was this man healed physically, but also spiritually.

**Sacraments are more than mere signs. The sacraments impart grace. The sacraments help to make people holy and build-up the body of Christ. They are a way to relate to God throughout life's transitions and help us to give praise and worship to God. They help us nourish, strengthen, and express our faith.**





**BE A COFFEE AND DONUTS HERO!**  
**We need "Coffee and Donut Sponsors"**  
**No Set Up, or Pick Up, Just Pay Up.**  
**We will take care of the rest.**  
**Whether you are a Couple, a Family, a Parish**  
**Ministry, a Local**  
**Business Owner,**  
**a Service Organization.**



**ALL YOU NEED DO IS DONATE ALL OR PART**  
**OF THE (ONE TIME) WEEKLY COST TO THE**  
**CHURCH, AND WE TAKE CARE OF THE REST.**  
**FOR DETAILS CALL THE OFFICE**  
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**DON'T THROW THEM AWAY!!!**

**WE WANT YOUR BAGS!!! Paper & Plastic**  
**Christian Service Needs your used**  
**grocery bags. Simply place them in**  
**the baskets located at the church**  
**entrances. THANK YOU!**



### **LET'S CELEBRATE PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY!**

What is "Priesthood Sunday"? Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor the priesthood. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. What happens on Priesthood Sunday?

Priesthood Sunday is designed to be an event led by the laity, but you may ask your parish priest to participate by talking about how he experienced and answered his own calling and about priests who have inspired him. Priesthood Sunday offers an opportunity for priests and their parishioners to build a stronger working relationship.

### **How can we honor our priests?**

Pray for our two priests, and all priests serving in the Archdiocese and elsewhere

Pray for the vocation programs for the Archdiocese – and for more people to be open to a call to the priesthood, the permanent and religious brothers and sisters

Personally thank your priest on Priesthood Sunday, or any day

Send a thank you note or letter to your priest

Invite children in PSR or school classes to write or draw notes of appreciation

Invite your priest for dinner with your family or friends

Send a card or letter to a priest who used to serve at your parish [your parish/mission office can assist you with addresses] Send a card or letter to a retired priest [your parish/mission office can assist you with addresses]

**TO BE SCHEDULED:** Join Deacon Jim , Msgr Mac and Fr Marcel for coffee and donuts after Mass on Sunday



### **LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**  
**MONDAY**  
**TO SUNDAY,**  
**SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**

#### **Monday, September 18, 2023**

**8:00 Communion Service**  
**Live-Streamed and In-Person**

#### **Tuesday, September 19, 2023**

**St Januarius**  
**8:00 Communion Service**  
**Live-Streamed and In-Person**

#### **Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023**

**Sts. Andrew, et al**  
**8:00 am Mass**  
**Live-Streamed and In-Person**

#### **\*Thurs. September 21, 2023**

**St Matthew, Apostle**  
**8:00 am Mass**  
**Live-Streamed and In-Person**

#### **\*Friday, September 22, 2023**

**Our Lady of Sorrows**  
**8:00 am Mass**  
**Live-Streamed and In-Person**

#### **\*Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023**

**Sts Cornelius and Cyprian**  
**3:00 pm Reconciliation**  
**4:00 pm Vigil Mass**

#### **Sunday, September 24, 2023**

**10:00 am Mass**  
**Coffee & Donuts**  
**Parish Hall**  
**Following Mass**

**Other Sacraments**  
**(as Scheduled)**

#### **Mass Intentions**

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**\*LOTW: Liturgy of the Word**

**Please submit your Bulletin Articles and Pulpit Announcements**  
**AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE.**

**If you have questions, pls contact the office at (323) 293-4877**

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## 1 Corinthians 15:58

*Oh Lord, help every worker to work wholeheartedly for the church. Help them to remember the work they do in the church is not in vain as Your Word declares Your work is never wasted.*



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## Mass Intentions

Sat, Sep. 16, 2023: Jerry Cockrell Jr.

Sun, Sept. 17, 2023: Kathleen Gordon RIP, Kay Shavers (Health)

Mon, Sept. 18, 2023: Friars of St John the Baptist Province

Tue, Sept. 19, 2023: Michael Jolivette (RIP)

Wed, Sept. 20, 2023 Intentions of All Parishioners

Thu, Sept. 21, 2023 Intentions of All Parishioners

Fri, Sept. 22, 2023 Intentions of All Parishioners



## Did you know? September 16-17 Why do children not disclose abuse?

Child abuse victims are often scared and anxious to tell a trusted adult about the abuse they have suffered. These fears prevent a majority of victims from telling their parents, teachers, or other trusted adults about abuse, which, sadly, perpetuates the cycle. Victims may be afraid that they will get in trouble, or will not be believed, or will be ashamed or criticized.

For information on how to overcome or counteract these fears, read the VIRTUS® article “Barriers Minors Face to Disclosing Child Sexual Abuse” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

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## FAITH & BLUE

TOGETHER WE CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS



Hosted by Southwest Area Clergy-Police Council  
LAPD: Division Southwest Community Police Station  
PAINT & SIP, MUSIC, FOOD AND GREAT CONVERSATIONS  
BRINGING TOGETHER CLERGY, POLICE AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
“WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US”

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 07, 2023 - 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
ST. BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL  
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## PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF FATIMA PARISH VISITATION

Where:  
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When:  
October 20-22, 2023

Schedule:  
To Be Determined

Contact:

See full tour schedule at:  
[Fatimatourforpeace.com/tours/](http://Fatimatourforpeace.com/tours/)



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