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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 2023

Sir 27:30 – 28:7

Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21-35

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday at 5:05 pm

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 9 am, 11:15 am,
5:30 pm and 9 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday and Thursday - 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
or by appointment

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Congratulations!

Please call the office at least 4 months before
your planned wedding date.

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Please contact Fr. Rich at
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Our Nursery is Open!

We are so blessed to have a group of experienced and dedicated students who staff our nursery. Since the summer is over and our students have returned, we are able to reopen the nursery during our 11:15am Sunday masses this semester!

The nursery is located up the stairs, past the student lounge, the last door on the left in the library.

Thoughts on Today's Readings

John Shea, a priest from Chicago, once wrote, "The heavenly banquet table is open to everyone who is willing to sit down with everyone." Current wisdom seems to be that a safe social order requires not just good policing and peaceful public conduct, but rather widespread personal preparation to combat violence with violence, just in case. The only way to overcome bad people with guns is good people who carry arms. Even the score! Real security allows no room for mercy. On the national level: "If you attack me, I will wipe you out: - your armies, your cities and your lands." Fear is the path to peace. Peace comes when everyone is armed. Sitting down at the same table isn't even desirable. Forgiveness? Maybe once.

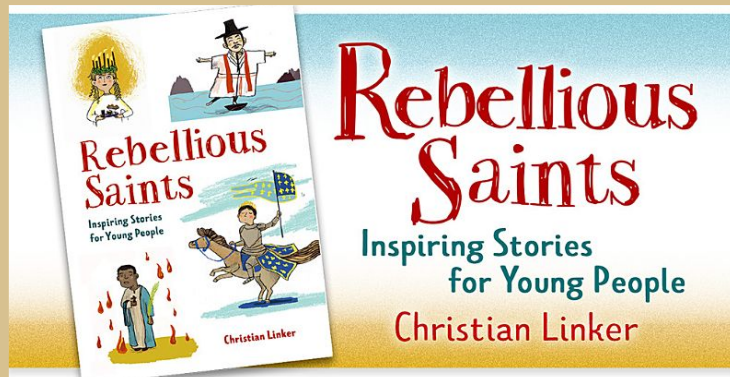
Jesus was speaking about acts of wrath, anger, hatred and revenge among his Jewish neighbors. What do you think the problems might have been? They might have resulted from rising tempers, lasting injuries, even killings. A strong person might have defrauded someone who was gullible. Sure there were betrayals, stealing, and actions that included profound disrespect. That's serious stuff in families, neighborhoods, towns and cities. That is what he was talking about.

So is this what the Gospel speaks of today? We ask for God's mercy at the beginning of every Sunday Eucharist. We can't sit down at the table with 'everyone' unless we have forgiven them and they us. Then at Communion we say, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." Be prepared for God's coming by forgiving.

So how do we deal with the wrath, anger, hatred, and violence that seems to be everywhere in our society? At least as important as carrying a weapon to kill, is becoming skilled at forgiving through frequent practice – up to seventy times seven and more. Are we prepared to lead the life that Jesus teaches?

Celebrate Life Banquet

The annual Celebrate Life Banquet will be held on Thursday, October 5th at Bridgewater Event Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Featured speaker will be Dr. David Reardon, Director of the Elliot Institute and Associate Scholar with the Charlotte Lozier Institute. He is widely recognized as one of the leading experts on the aftereffects of pregnancy loss on women and is an author of numerous books and peer-reviewed articles on this topic. To make reservations, please contact Tennessee Right to Life – 865.689.1339 or www.proLIFEknox.org. Cost is \$50 per person.



New from Paulist Press!

Twenty-two saints are arranged by their Feast Day from January through December, with up to three saints in a given month. Each saint's distinctive sense of call, service, and mission is described in the first person. A story or two for each highlights the service for which they are known or what they have come to represent in the way of help for believers. Rounding out each one's first-person account is a block of text set off from the rest. This is apart from the saint's own telling and is rather something related to the saint's story: some lesson to derive that is both of historical and spiritual importance. The glossary at the end of the book is in alphabetical order by saint name and gives for each: birthdate, remembrance day, patronages, attributes, name meaning, and other points of interest.

About the author:

Christian Linker studied theology, but has been working for many years as a successful and award-winning author of books for young people. He lives with his family in Leverkusen, Germany.

To purchase this charming book for young people, visit www.paulistpress.com/Products/6805-7/rebellious-saints.aspx

Second Collection

Our second collection today is in support of the Diocese's **St. Mary's Legacy Mobile Medical Clinic** that visits 8 medically underserved rural areas of East TN, providing healthcare and telehealth to the poor and uninsured. This "doctor office on wheels" is run by a small staff and the help of over 75 volunteer physicians, nurses, and community members who donate their time and talent to this great ministry. The Clinic provides primary health care, and access to advanced care through community partnerships. As an osteopathic physician, and the Clinic's Medical Director, Sr. Mary Lisa Renfer, RSM, DO provides a "whole-person" approach, which considers both the physical and mental needs of SMLC patients. To learn more, visit www.SMLCares.com. The box and envelopes are available in the lobby.

Scripture Readings for the Week of September 17, 2023

Sunday	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 27:30 – 28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35
Monday	1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday	Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, Companions, Martyrs 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday	Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13
Friday	1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

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Insights and Awareness

Topic 91 - Eucharist

To see God's real presence in the Eucharist, we must see God everywhere.

You can view this topic at:

<https://www.john23rd.org/insights>

(Sponsored by the Social Concerns Committee)

Pregnancy Help Center Volunteer Opportunity

Have a few hours each week to spare? You can make a difference in the life of a mother and child without leaving the comfort of your own home.

The Pregnancy Help Center is looking for English and Spanish-speaking volunteers to assist with our virtual Earn While You Learn program. We educate parents on pregnancy, parenting and life skills all while earning the supplies they need for their babies. Both women and men volunteers are needed. Training is provided and schedules are flexible.

Your time and talents are truly needed as our Pregnancy Help Centers are rapidly growing to meet the needs of those we have the privilege of serving. For more information, please contact: Ivett Lambert at ilambert@ccetn.org or 865 212-4942.

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

September 18-24

Monday: 4:00 pm - Confessions
5:05 pm - Daily Mass

Tuesday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass

Wednesday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass
7:00 pm - VolCatholic

Thursday: 4:00 pm - Confessions
5:05 pm - Daily Mass

Friday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass

Saturday: 5:30 pm - Mass

Sunday: 9:00 am - Mass
10:00 am - Adult Bible Study
11:15 am - Mass
5:30 pm - Mass
6:30 pm - Sunday Supper
9:00 pm - Mass

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Prayer Requests

Let us pray for peace and justice throughout the world. Other prayers are needed for Jo Andrews, Isabella Bleu, Isabella Linguidi, Mateo, Silas Templeton, Karen Pearson Rich, Jean Soderberg, Elizabeth Sirk, Charles, Maggie Richardson, the Carideo family, Bernadette Flowers, Linda D., Garrity family, Peg Hart, Jerry Carney, Vic and Barbara Kaminsky, Larry and Anne Kaminsky, Suzanne Lenhart, Christine Wade, Jackson Igou, Alice Peterson, Liz Mattson, Cindy Cunningham, V. J. D'Innocenzo and his family, Beth Long, Connie Beeler, Hal Leiner, Margaret Dusichka, Diane Dusichka, Ray Bieniek, Al McGinley, residents of Serene Manor, those serving in the military, and for any too reserved to let us know.



Pope Francis' Prayer for September: 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."

Lector Schedule

September 16-17

Sat. 5:30pm Stan Zelasko - LuAnne Zelasko
Sun. 9:00am Adwoa Owusu - Lindsay Walton
Sun. 11:15am John Long - Ed Howley

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