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PSALM 103

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POTHE PUBLIC MASS SCHEDULE:

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Weekend Mass Schedule:

Holy Martyrs: Saturday at 4:00 pm
Sunday at 8:30 am, 10:30 am, & 5:30 pm
Sacred Heart: Saturday at 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am (during September)
St. Gregory: Saturday at 4:00 pm (during September)
St. Jude: Sunday at 9:30 am

Daily Mass Schedule:

Holy Martyrs: Mon, Tue, Thu at 5:30 pm & Wed at 7:30 am
St. Gregory: Friday at 8:00 am
Sacred Heart: Mon, Tue, Sat at 8:15 am

Eucharistic Adoration:

Holy Martyrs: Monday 4:15 - 5:15 pm
Park in rear lot in a spot facing the left rear
windows of Holy Martyrs
St. Gregory: Fridays at 8:30 - 9:30 am (after 8 am mass)

Confession:

St. Gregory: Saturday 9:00 am - 10:00 am
Holy Martyrs: Saturday 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Sacred Heart: Saturday 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Act of Contrition: O my God, I am heartily sorry for
having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of
thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend
Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my
love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no
more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

Spiritual Communion: "My Jesus, I believe that you
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above
all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I
cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at
least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were
already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit
me to be separated from you." Amen."



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GENEROSITY IN FORGIVENESS

In the early Church of the Apostle's time,
the Sacrament of Reconciliation was not
fully developed. Baptism was the great
sacrament of God's forgiveness; all prior
sins were washed away. The new Christian
was then expected to live a life of holiness.
In part, this was part of the reason some tried
to delay their baptism until close to their deathbed, so they
would go immediately to heaven. One of the challenges
of the early Church was to determine how to respond to
disciples who subsequently sinned. They could not be re-
baptized, should they be shunned? Should they be given a
certain amount of chances to make atonement?



Peter likely believes that he is being very generous. Seven
represents perfection in the Hebrew Scriptures, so surely
that is an acceptable amount of times to forgive. Jesus
makes a powerful statement in his response to Peter.
Human beings can do nothing to earn divine forgiveness.
Our sin is an affront to God, and we have nothing to offer
God that can make up for it. God's grace is overwhelming
and total gift to us. Even the desire to ask for forgiveness is
initiated by God.

The second part of Jesus' parable strikes at the core of
the situation in the early Christian communities. If God is
so generous in granting us forgiveness, how can we be so
stingy in offering it to our brothers and sisters? Whatever
another does to us pales in comparison to how our actions
and non-actions rupture our relationship to God. Why then
are we so quick to refuse forgiveness or to demand full
satisfaction before offering forgiveness? We comprehend
what Jesus is teaching when we think about a money
debt. If someone writes off the one thousand dollars that
we owe them, it is absurd to call the police to jail someone
who owes us ten dollars. After all, we have just saved nine
hundred and ninety dollars by the first action.

Somehow, it looks very different when we substitute a
specific sin for money. My angry words are not as hurtful as
your angry words. My lack of judgement is less significant
than your honest mistake. My regular refusal to pray to
God is "justified," because I am so busy; there is no excuse
for you not calling or visiting. You get the idea. We almost
presume God's goodness but can come up with many
reasons to withhold our goodness.

Jesus does not want us to project our stinginess onto God
and despair that God will not forgive us. Rather, he desires
that we imitate God's example and be overwhelming in
our forgiveness. As we learned in our Parish retreat this
Lent, forgiveness is more than pretending to be alright with
someone or something they did. Forgiveness is hard work,
and it is intentional work. We cannot simply wish for it to
happen. Our first step is to recognize how much God loves
and forgives me. The second step is to ask this gracious
God to help me develop this generous attitude towards the
specific people that disappoint, hurt, and otherwise bother
me.

-- Father Phil



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
THIS WEEK AT HOME						

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LET US PRAY

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

GOSPEL BACKGROUND:
MATTHEW 18:21-35

Today's Gospel reading directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

Children learn to trust God's mercy and forgiveness when they experience forgiveness from those closest to them. We hope that we model God's love and forgiveness within our family life. Today's Gospel reminds us that forgiveness is measured by its quality more than its quantity. Invite your family to consider some recent times when family members sought the forgiveness of another. Ask if there were any statements made that put conditions on our forgiveness such as "I will play this game with you if you apologize for knocking over my blocks" or "I will accept your apology after you clean up your room." Do we sometimes "keep count" or put conditions on our forgiveness of one another? This is something we may be doing without realizing it.

FAMILY CONVERSATION:

1. What might we use to mend torn fabric?
2. What about torn paper?
3. We don't just need to mend things. When we do something to harm someone, we also need to mend our relationship with that person.
4. How can we mend our relationship when we harm someone?
5. When we are sorry for having done wrong, God always forgives us. The people who love and care for us forgive us, too. When we are truly sorry, being forgiven helps us know that we are loved and that our relationships are mended.

(adapted from Loyola Press Sunday Connection)

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**WHAT WILL FAITH FORMATION LOOK LIKE THIS FALL?**

Dear Parishioners,

Our parish clergy and staff recently made decisions regarding Fall plans for our regular Sept-May Faith Formation amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. We are aware that there are still so many unknowns and questions regarding the re-opening of our local schools, other gathering places, and businesses, which present challenges and insecurities for all of us. For your planning purposes, and to ease your minds and hearts, we are keeping safety as a primary awareness as together we continue to grow our faith and come closer to God by living the good news of the Gospel. Detailed information will be sent soon to all parishioners and family learning groups. For now, a summary of what to expect:

Adult Faith Formation

- Our clergy and staff, helped by parishioners, are currently developing a model for the Fall and will communicate these decisions soon.

Faith Formation for Families, Children, and Older Youth:

- In Sept-Dec, we will NOT be physically gathering for regular Sunday Family Faith Formation sessions or week-day gatherings.
- In January, we will reassess this plan and act accordingly, with guidance by the National/Maine CDC, and Bishop Deeley.
- The week of Oct 4 marks the formal beginning of our faith formation year. Our staff and volunteer catechists will offer blended learning, including interactive virtual learning sessions twice a month with follow-up guided at-home interactive learning for weeks in between.
- In both cases (virtual and at-home), sessions will include Catholic faith teachings, conversation prompts, prayer, ritual, Bible stories, and suggestions for family activities and actions.
- Because our parish wants to maintain a strong practice of family formation, we ask parents/guardians of children ages 3-10 to join their children for the virtual sessions. This will provide social interaction and modeling for leading the at-home learning sessions.
- All virtual sessions will be co-led by staff and/or volunteers, in compliance with diocesan and parish safe environment mandates. Our annual safe environment Circle of Grace lesson will be embedded in the month of November.

Please register your family, children, or older youth for the 2020-21 year, via the link below:
<https://pothe.org/faithformationregistration>

IMPORTANT NOTICE RE: MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

Please note the updated mass times in September.

- At Sacred Heart, the Sunday morning 11am mass has moved to 8am.
- At St. Gregory's, the Sunday morning 8:30 mass has moved to Saturday at 4pm.

Message from Fr. Phil about this change:

We will use September to evaluate this schedule, with the hope of alternating this schedule monthly, if warranted. I wish to remind parishioners that the Obligation to Attend Sunday Mass is still suspended. Those who are currently attending masses have been able to attend fairly frequently over the past few months. Some of your brothers and sisters have said that these two masses are the only ones that they can attend. In justice, I believe it is important to respond to that request. After having gone from March 17th to June 1st with no one having the opportunity to receive Holy Communion, I hope that parishioners who are able can adjust their schedules to attend the masses they can, or that they will offer opportunity for those who have not received from March 17th to come to mass for a few weeks.

**For more information on mass times
& info, go to: pothe.org**

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS OCTOBER 3rd

This year's annual blessing of the animals will be held in two locations on October 3rd:

- Holy Martyrs Parking Lot from 9:00 - 9:30 am
- St. Gregory Parking Lot from 11:00 - 11:30 am

We moved from the traditional site of Sacred Heart to allow more space for distancing and to offer two times & locations. As always, animals will be blessed by Father Peter, our very own Capuchin Franciscan Friar!



From September 23 through November 1, you are invited to join other volunteers for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 443 Congress Street in Portland and to help spread the word about this important community outreach.

If you would like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Joanne or Claudia at (207) 613-5910 or visit us on the web address shown below:

40daysforlife.com/Portland-2

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To join the state wide daily prayer for our priests,
see the back page (pg 8) of the bulletin

DIOCESE OF PORTLAND LAUNCHES A SPECIAL FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP RESOURCE SECTION

To assist voters as Election Day (November 3) approaches, the **Diocese of Portland** has launched a special **Faithful Citizenship** resource section to assist visitors in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy.

The page (www.portlanddiocese.org/faithful-citizenship) includes a variety of helpful information, including Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship in English and Spanish. Prepared by the Catholic bishops of the United States, the teaching document aims to help Catholics understand their political responsibility, contribute to civil and respectful public dialogue, and shape political choices in light of Catholic teaching.

While Catholics are encouraged to vote, the Catholic Church **does not tell them for whom to vote, nor does it endorse** candidates. Instead, the Church helps Catholics "form their consciences in accordance with God's truth." The bishops state, "We recognize that the responsibility to make choices in political life rests with each individual in light of a properly formed conscience, and that participation goes well beyond **casting a vote in a particular election.**"

The section also features Bishop Robert Deeley's recent reflection on faithful citizenship that appears in the September/October 2020 issue of Harvest, the official magazine of the **Diocese of Portland**.

"The Church affirms that every Catholic is called to prayerful, active, and responsible participation in the political process," said Bishop Deeley. "As such, I urge all of us, who are eligible, to register and vote. In voting, then, in fulfilling our faithful citizenship, we, indeed, carry the cross, because we live out the call to holiness and work with Christ as he builds his kingdom of love."

Information about absentee voting in Maine can also be found on the Faithful Citizenship page.



Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Prayer Intentions (pg 5)

Saturday, September 12

8:15 am	SH	Public Mass
9:00 am	SG	Outdoor Confession
10:00 am	HM	Sacrament Mass
2:00 pm	HM	Outdoor Confession
2:00 pm	SH	Outdoor Confession
4:00 pm	HM	Public Mass (livestreamed on pothe.org)
4:00 pm	SH	Public Mass
4:00 pm	SG	Public Mass

Sunday, September 13

8:00 am	SH	Public Mass
8:30 am	HM	Public Mass (livestreamed on pothe.org)
9:30 am	SJ	Public Mass
10:30 am	HM	Public Mass (livestreamed on pothe.org)
1:00 pm	SH	Parent Baptismal Preparation – contact Deacon Dennis for more info
5:30 pm	HM	Public Mass (livestreamed on pothe.org)

Monday, September 14

8:15 am	SH	Public Mass
11:00 am	HM	Funeral - Hazel Buccina
4:15 pm	HM	Drive up Eucharistic Adoration
5:30 pm	HM	Public Mass (livestreamed on pothe.org)

Tuesday, September 15

8:15 am	SH	Public Mass
9:00 am	HM	Centering Prayer in Grotto (call office for information)
10:30 am	VC	Friends in Faith (virtual - Video Conf)
5:30 pm	HM	Public Mass (livestreamed on pothe.org)

Wednesday, September 16

7:30 am	HM	Public Mass
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Thursday, September 17

5:30 pm	HM	Public Mass (livestreamed on pothe.org)
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Friday, September 18

8:00 am	SG	Public Mass
8:30 am	SG	Eucharistic Adoration (until 9:30 am)

Saturday, September 19

8:15 am	SH	Public Mass
9:00 am	SG	Outdoor Confession
2:00 pm	HM	Outdoor Confession
2:00 pm	SH	Outdoor Confession
4:00 pm	HM	Public Mass (livestreamed on pothe.org)
4:00 pm	SH	Public Mass
4:00 pm	SG	Public Mass

Sunday, September 20

8:00 am	SH	Public Mass
8:30 am	HM	Public Mass (livestreamed on pothe.org)
9:30 am	SJ	Public Mass
10:30 am	HM	Public Mass (livestreamed on pothe.org)
5:30 pm	HM	Public Mass (livestreamed on pothe.org)

Saturday, September 12

8:15 am	SH	Fr. M	Eva Sullivan, Mitchell Weston, & Russell Phillips by Marie Sullivan
4:00 pm	HM	Fr. M	Barbara Mullin by Jack & Betty Mullin
4:00 pm	SH	Fr. T	Helen Smith by Mary Keith
4:00 pm	SG	Fr. K	Special Intention for Ferne Leblond by Jackie Royles

Sunday, September 13

8:00 am	SH	Fr. T	James Peterson by Katie Proto
8:30 am	HM	Fr. K	Malcom Teare & Raymond & Rosella Whitman by John Teare
9:30 am	SJ	Fr. T	Ronald A. Fraser by Evelyn Fraser & Family
10:30 am	HM	Fr. M	Robert Haas & Diana Harte by Barbara Haas
5:30 pm	HM	Fr. M	All POTHE Parishioners

Monday, September 14

8:15 am	SH	Fr. M	Deceased Family & Friends of Stephen Bergson
5:30 pm	HM	Fr. T	Gretchen Elsner-Sommer by Happy Copley

Tuesday, September 15

8:15 am	SH	Fr. M	Margo Cheevers by R. Jonathan Fuller
5:30 pm	HM	Fr. T	Joseph E. Tracy by Leonard Larrabee

Wednesday, September 16

7:30 am	HM	Fr. T	Nancy March by Bruce & Cecelia Peaslee
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Thursday, September 17

5:30 pm	HM	Fr. T	Joel R. York by Rose York
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Friday, September 18

8:00 am	SG	Fr. T	Gene Carrier by the Carrier Family
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Saturday, September 19

8:15 am	SH	Fr. M	Tom Lovett by his loving daughter
4:00 pm	HM	Fr. M	Eleanor Halligan by Bill Halligan
4:00 pm	SH	Fr. T	Theresa Forestall by Mary Keith
4:00 pm	SG	Fr. G	Louise Way by Pat Dunn

Sunday, September 20

8:00 am	SH	Fr. T	Pete Gallerizzo by the Sacred Heart Choir
8:30 am	HM	Fr. G	All Souls by Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Gorman
9:30 am	SJ	Fr. T	Bill Rice by Maryhelen Rice
10:30 am	HM	Fr. M	Genoveva, Raymond, Leonardo & Carlos Miller, & Florence Keating by Francis Murray
5:30 pm	HM	Fr. M	Roger Brochu by his family

PARISH INFORMATION

WISHING TO REGISTER IN THE PARISH: PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OR FILL OUT THE FORM ON OUR WEBSITE

WISHING TO BECOME CATHOLIC: PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AND ASK FOR LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR INFANTS: PLEASE CONTACT DEACON DENNIS AS SOON AS YOU GIVE BIRTH TO YOUR CHILD

ADULT CONFIRMATION: PLEASE CONTACT GEORGETTE IN THE LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT LEAST 6 MONTHS IN ADVANCE OF THE DESIRED DATE OF YOUR WEDDING

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION: HELD EVERY SATURDAY IN HM & SH AT 2:00PM, SG AT 9:00AM OR AT ANY TIME BY APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRIEST

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Weekend Mass Schedule

All Holy Martyrs Masses will be Live-Streamed at pothe.org

Saturday: Holy Martyrs & Sacred Heart at 4:00 pm

St. Gregory at 4:00 pm (September)

Sunday: Holy Martyrs at 8:30 am, 10:30 am, & 5:30 pm

St. Jude at 9:30 am; Sacred Heart at 8:00 am (September)

Eucharistic Adoration (see page 2 for more details)

Holy Martyrs: Monday 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm (Drive Up)

St. Gregory: Friday 8:30 am - 9:30 am (after 8 am mass)

Weekday Mass Schedule

All Holy Martyrs Masses will be Live-Streamed at pothe.org

Holy Martyrs: Mon, Tue, & Thu at 5:30 pm; Wed at 7:30 am

Sacred Heart: Mon, Tue, & Sat at 8:15 am

St. Gregory: Friday at 8:00 am

Drive Through Confessions (Or Available by Appointment)

St. Gregory: Saturday 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Holy Martyrs: Saturday 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Sacred Heart: Saturday 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm



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Sacred Heart Church: 326 Main St., Yarmouth

St. Gregory Church: 24 North Raymond Rd., Gray
St. Jude Church: 134 Main St., Freeport

Apostolate of Prayer for Priests of the Portland Diocese

Saturday	9/12	Rev. Joseph Daniels Rev. Patrick J. Finn
Sunday	9/13	Bishop Joseph J Gerry, OSB
Monday	9/14	Our Holy Father
Tuesday	9/15	Rev. Emile H. Dube Rev. Anthony F. Kuzia CM
Wednesday	9/16	Rev. John Mazzei V. Rev. Daniel P. Greenleaf
Thursday	9/17	Rev. Joseph W. Cahill V. Rev. Thomas M. Murphy
Friday	9/18	Msgr. Andrew Dubois Rev. Alfred Jacques
Saturday	9/19	Rev. Hubert J. Paquet Msgr. Richard S. Sniezyk
Sunday	9/20	Msgr. Charles M. Murphy Rev. Raymond P Morency

Pray for those who are ill or recovering from surgery...

John Lambert, Patricia Becker, Liz Chandler, Dave Toulouse, John V., Bonnie LaChance (wife of Paul LaChance), John Flood, Michael Rice & Timothy Rice (sons of MaryHelen Rice), Esther Sedzia, William E Palli, Sr., Patricia Merrill, Erin Murphy, Michael Lewis, Suzanne Bushnell, Karen Roberts, Debbie Miles, Louise Desjardins, Linda Momberket, Carianne Fecteau, Frank Knight, Allison Hincks, Peter Coffin, Don Gove, Bill Stanbro, Catherine D'Amboise, Douglas Lewis, Gloria Legare, The Becker Family, Bill Eycleshymer, Gloria Latini Babin, Karen Belaire, Sharyl Webster

Pray for our seminarians... Matt Valles, Joshua Maloney, Liam Gallagher, Joshua Guillemette, Than Pham, Hoa Nguyen

Let us continue to keep in our healing prayers... Brother Gary Potvin, Cynthia Sister-In-Law of Brother Chris Madden, Brother Paul Metevier, Fr. Ray Pickard, Laurene, wife of Brother Dennis Dempsey, Anne Theriault sister-in-law of Brother George Spino, Brother Mark Bastey, Michael A Stone, brother-in-law of Brother Frank Lemanski, Nancy, wife of Brother John Walkenford, Yvonne, wife of Brother Chuck Devine, Cindy, wife of Brother Steve Carrier, Brother Gerald Bose, Brother Frank Knight...Kristine, wife of Brother Peter Rogers, Brother Joe Mathew and wife Doris, & George Fuller, brother of Brother Jonathan Fulller

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