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SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 | ESTABLISHED IN 1870



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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NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC CHURCH'S MISSION IS TO WORK TO BUILD UP THE KINGDOM OF GOD, TO GROW IN FAITH IN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND TO HELP OTHERS GROW IN FAITH THROUGH OUR THOUGHTS, WORDS AND ACTIONS.

MASS SCHEDULE / HOURS

Daily Mass

Tue., Thurs.-Sat.: 8:30 am
Wednesday 6 pm
2nd Tue. only: 8 am

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am
11:00 am
1:30 pm in Spanish

Confession

Held 45 minutes prior to Sat.
Vigil Mass & Sunday Liturgies
Or by appointment

Adoration / Exposition

Thur.: 7:00—8:00 pm
First Friday: 9:00 - 10:00 am

Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs.: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Friday: 9:00 am - noon

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Recommended to be celebrated at Sunday Mass. At least one parent must be a registered parishioner and Baptismal classes for parents are required. Contact the Pastor at least three (3) months before the desired date.

Anointing & Holy Communion for the Sick: Call the office to inform us of anyone who is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or unable to attend regularly scheduled Mass.

Marriage: Please do not set a date until you contact the Pastor at least six (6) months before desired wedding date to schedule marriage prep.



WELCOME

If you have newly moved to our parish, please fill out a registration form located in the alcove just before you enter the church. Forms can be placed in the collection basket or bring it by the parish office during business hours.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & Donna Coughlin 63 Years
Jerry & Linda Davis 55 Years
Donna & Richard Hughes 47 Years
Don & Susie Myers 37 Years
Ronnie & Tess Villarta 41 Years
John & Dianne Curry 37 Years

FAITH FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Our RE program started today and there will be NO CLASSES on Sept. 20 due to the Festival. Classes will resume on Sept. 27. Please allow extra time if you attend the 11 am Mass due to student pick up. Thank you.

YOUTH GROUP: Our Middle School & High School Youth Group Program continues on Wed., Sept. 16. Students are encouraged to attend the 6 pm Mass followed by food, fun and fellowship as you learn more about the catholic faith.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY: On Sun., Sept. 27 our Catechists, Assistants and Substitutes will be commissioned at the 11am Mass for the 2026—2027 formation year. A reception will follow in the Narthex. Please remember to pray for them and for parents who also teach the catholic faith to their children.

Call Tyonia at (910) 429-5552 or tyburns@gmail.com for Bible Study, Mon. Zoom or Spirituality Classes

BOOK OF ROMANS BIBLE STUDY: The next class is Oct. 16 and on the 3rd Sat. of every month using Dr. Rosary Pitre, Sin and Salvation after 8:30 am Mass.

ROSARY MEDITATION, more than a traditional rosary: This adult class is on Zoom on every Mon. at 7 pm. Email Tyonia to be added to the invite list.

SPIRITUALITY ADULT FORMATION: This Thursday morning session will be on the 2nd & 4th Thurs. after morning Mass in the Marian room beginning Sept. 10.

REMINDER: Bethlehem Marketplace family event, that transforms our parish to the time of the birth of Christ, will be Sat., Dec. 12 from 1-4 pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Sept 12	5:00pm	†	Douglas Banting
Sun. Sept 13	8:00am	†	Alberta Johnson
	11:00am	SI	Parishioners of Notre Dame
	1:30pm	SI	Miembros de Notre Dame
Tue. Sept 15	8:30am	†	Mike Lucius
Wed. Sept 16	6:00pm	†	Hoyd & Marion Elsenrath
Thu. Sept 17	8:30am	†	Jim Williams
Fri. Sept 18	8:30am	†	Connie Deruvo
Sat. Sept 19	8:30am		Fr. Zachary's Intentions
	5:00pm	†	Jim Williams

DAILY MASS READINGS

Sun. Sept 13: Sir 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35
 Mon. Sept 14: Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:5-11; Jn 3:13-17
 Tue. Sept 15: 1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31a; Jn 19:25-27
 Wed. Sept 16: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 7:31-35
 Thur. Sept 17: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50
 Fri. Sept 18: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3
 Sat. Sept 19: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15

LOST: Does anyone know the location of the "Notre Dame Tablecloth" made for special events? If so, please contact the parish office. at (423) 639-9381.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN: CCW members will be handing out information to all ladies after Masses this weekend. Please be sure to read about the organization and plan to attend their Meet & Greet Social on Sun., Sept. 20 at 3 pm. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

FOOD BANK: The commodity item for September is Crackers. Our donation barrel is located in the alcove before you enter the church. Thank you for your generosity.

PUMPKIN PATCH FAMILY NIGHT: Families are invited to join us at Myers Farm in Mosheim on Wed., Oct. 14 at 6 pm. Holy Mass will be celebrated at the farm at 6 pm followed by cooking hotdogs & marshmallows over an open fire then take a hay ride to the corn maze. The Corn Maze is FREE for youth, adults are \$7 payable at the farm.

MASS MINISTRY TRAINING / RETREAT: Everyone that serves in Mass ministry or is interested in serving is invited to attend on Sat., Nov. 7 Holy Mass at 8:30 am followed by breakfast. A joint session to follow for then small group training for all ministries: coordinators, greeters, readers, sacristans, extraordinary ministers of holy communion, cantors, altar servers, and ushers.

CANDLE SALE: Memorial candles are available for a \$10 donation to be placed at the foot of the altar for All Souls Day Mass on Mon., Nov. 2 at 7 pm. Forms available in the narthex. Drop off at office or place in the collection basket.

STEWARDSHIP

AUGUST ONLINE

\$6,313.00

IN OUR PRAYERS

George Stano, Rick Longworth, Lisa Terry, Stephen Dolezar, Antonio Zamora, Patty Mayo, Karina Justiz, Terry Costello, Linda Hahlen, Susan & Danny Collins, Lauren Casale, Kate Fabio, Michael Godleski, Gary & Mary Laun, Elaine Engle, Nancy Dessez, Harry Ziegler, Michael Dolezar, Christopher McBride, Samatha Starnes, Rosana Beyer, Brian Roberts, Rich & Barbara Jones, Patterson Family, Kacey Nicholas Payson, Robert Jenkins, Michael Walter, Sandramary Evans, Robert Jones, Noah Britton, Michelle Williams Hughes, Joel Rivera, Linda LaSorsa, Elizabeth Girton, Sue Pearson, Jerry Collins, Jennifer Kusnierczyk, Myron & Elsie Smith, Julie Hocutt, Christina Russo, Matt Mazur Jr, Yvonne Killewald, Marlene Wilds, Mikey Kaplan, Bob & Clara Russo, Maggie May; Ernest & Geraldine Hampton, Roger Brault, Nathan Presnell, Ted McBride, Sharon Thompson, Annette Noble, Andrea Bernabey, John Nickett, Linda & Edwards Reynolds, Bernadette Moughamer, Ralph Williams, Mary Noe

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST OR NEED A PASTORAL VISIT?

Contact the office for your name to be added to our prayer requests or request a pastoral visit by Fr. Zachary. Names are published for six (6) weeks unless otherwise notified. Thank You!

Call the office to update this list.

THE PRIEST'S DESK

September 13, 2026 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last year the FOCUS ministers at ETSU hosted a retreat for the students titled The Father's House. It was all about being where we belonged. We belong in the presence of Our Father. When I was asked to give a talk, I choose the topic of Gratitude. One of my favorites philosophers, Josef Pieper, makes the point that gratitude is a necessary part of happiness. This probably doesn't surprise anyone. When we are happy, we tend to be grateful. His point is that it should surprise us. Afterall, gratitude is the recognition of a debt. We owe somebody something. We are outside of justice in a sense, and yet this is part of happiness. So often we look at our relationship with God and feel inadequate. We owe Him far more than we can pay back. We can feel stress at His presence when we think about how we have failed Him. My point to the students was that we were never meant to pay back that debt. Saint Thomas claims there are three debts we can never pay back in full: To God who created us, to our parents since we can never give them what they gave us, and to also to our culture for the gift of language. There is a virtue guarding each of these debts: patriotism for our culture, piety for our parents, and above all religion for God. The idea of debt usually does not inspire thoughts of comfort in us, but we are designed to live in debt. When we are humble, we can be grateful and therefore happy. If we were able to achieve perfect Justice, which means giving everyone everything we owe, then we would be able to walk away from the other. We are not meant to walk away from God. We were made to be happy and in the Father's House.

Fr. Zach

EL ESCRITORIO DEL SACERDOTE

Septiembre 13 del 2026 Vigésimo cuarto Domingo del tiempo ordinario

El año pasado, los ministros de FOCUS en ETSU organizaron un retiro para los estudiantes titulado La Casa del Padre. Todo giraba en torno a estar donde pertenecemos. Pertenecemos estar ante la presencia de nuestro Padre. Cuando me pidieron dar una charla, elegí el tema de la Gratitude. Uno de mis filósofos favoritos, Josef Pieper, señala que la gratitud es una parte necesaria de la felicidad. Esto probablemente no sorprenda a nadie. Cuando estamos felices, tendemos a ser agradecidos. Su punto es que debería sorprendernos. Después de todo, la gratitud es el reconocimiento de una deuda. Le debemos algo a alguien. Estamos fuera de la justicia en cierto sentido, y aun así, esto es parte de la felicidad. Muy a menudo miramos nuestra relación con Dios y nos sentimos insuficientes. Le debemos mucho más de lo que podemos pagar. Podemos sentir Su presencia cuando pensamos en cómo lo hemos fallado. Mi mensaje para los estudiantes fue que nunca se supuso que pagáramos esa deuda. Santo Tomás afirma que hay tres deudas que nunca podemos pagar por completo: A Dios que nos creó, a nuestros padres, ya que nunca podemos darles lo que ellos nos dieron, y también a nuestra cultura por el regalo del idioma. Hay una virtud que guarda cada una de estas deudas: patriotismo por nuestra cultura, piedad por nuestros padres y, sobre todo, religión por Dios. La idea de deuda normalmente no nos inspira pensamientos de comodidad, pero estamos hechos para vivir en deuda. Cuando somos humildes, podemos ser agradecidos y, por lo tanto, felices. Si pudiéramos lograr la justicia perfecta, lo que significa arle a cada uno todo lo que le debemos, entonces podríamos alejarnos de los demás. No estamos hechos para alejarnos de Dios. Fuimos creados para ser felices y estar en la Casa del Padre.

Fr. Zach

FALL FESTIVAL OF NATIONS

Sat., Sept. 19 from 10 am until 4 pm
(International Food Court 11 am until 1:30 pm)



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- **RAFFLE TICKETS:** Yes, still on sale for only \$2 each for 3 chances to win \$500 cash. Buy several!
- **YARD SIGNS:** If you are listed on our permit for a sign in the city limits, your sign can be picked up this weekend. Please remove after 4 pm on Sat., Sept. 19 and return to the church after the Festival.
- **FESTIVAL SET UP:** We always need help with set up and clean up too, both outside and inside. Have some extra time this week? Contact Joe at (917) 513-8743
- **ART SHOW:** Do you have photos, drawings & paintings for display? Contact Sarah Jean at (423) 972-5007
- **SILENT AUCTION:** Items for our International Silent Auction still accepted by Wed., Sept. 16th.
- **YARD SALE:** Clean items still accepted for the Yard Sale. Last drop off is Wed., Sept. 16 at 10 am -12 pm.
- **BAKE SALE:** Homemade jelly, cakes, pies, cookies, etc. can be dropped off Thur., Sept. 17, 4pm-9pm.; Fri., Sept. 18, 9am-9 pm, or Sat., Sept. 19, 7am-9am.
- **PARKING:** Help is needed the day of the Festival to help direct cars. Call Gene to assist at (423) 367-9492

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DEANERY/DIOCESAN INFORMATION

5 RIVERS DEANERY CCW MEETING: Ladies are invited to attend the Fall Deanery Council of Catholic Women Meeting on Sat., Oct. 10 at St. Mary's Church in Johnson City. Holy Mass will be at 8:30 am followed by breakfast and a business meeting to conclude by noon. \$10 payable at the door for breakfast. Come and join other ladies in the deanery and share CCW events, activities and ideas. RSPV to Brittany at bnbrickey.bb@gmail.com

LEAD IN HIS IMAGE: This Diocesan Retreat for all Men is Sat., Oct. 24 from 8 am until 2:30 pm at the Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in Knoxville. Dig into Scripture and reflect on "The role of men as fathers and spiritual leaders" with Deacon Bob Hunt. Register at www.dioknox.org/events

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