

The Catholic Community of

Saint Joseph

Masses

Saturday – 4:00 p.m.; Sunday – 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Mass in Spanish: Sunday – 1:30 p.m. Holy Days: Check inside of bulletin.
Weekdays: Tuesday – 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, Thursday & Friday – 8:15 a.m.
Confessions: By Appointment Only

“In the spirit of St. Joseph, we lovingly serve Jesus Christ and His people.”

Parish Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

- ◆ **PARISH STAFF:** Rev. James Hatfield, *Pastor*; Deacon Ronald Fondriest, *Retired*; Ms. Brenda Stilgenbauer, *Pastoral Associate*; Ms. Cindy Teynor, *Director of Religious Education*; Mrs. Kateri Renicker, *Religious Education Secretary*; Mr. Matthew Nadalin, *Director of Music Ministry*; Mrs. Jodi Lindberg, *Bookkeeper*; Mrs. Betty Bidinger, *Coordinator of Family Life Center*; Mr. Russ Clay & Mr. Coleman Boring, *Church and Cemetery Maintenance*; and Mr. Neal Kwasnicka, *Custodian*.
- ◆ **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Mr. Brian Bauer, Mr. Chris Chaney, Mr. Mark Clemence, Mr. Jack Dooling, Mr. Dennis Gonano, Mr. Jan-Michael LaBrake, Mrs. Brenda Pope, Mr. Frank Rose, Mr. Joe Sciarretti.
- ◆ **MARRIAGES** – Arrangements should be made through the Parish Office at least eight months before any other planning.
- ◆ **BAPTISMS** – Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. (outside of Mass). Parents must attend the Baptismal Preparation Program. This is at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the Family Life Center. Godparents are also welcome to attend. Please pre-register by calling the Parish Office.
- ◆ **BAUTISMOS** – Bautismo en español se celebran una vez al mes después de la Misa el Domingo. Los padres y padrinos deben recibir charles de preparación en el Centro Familiar. Deben inscribirse llamando a las Oficinas de la Parroquia.
- ◆ **NEW PARISHIONERS** – Please register in person at the Parish Office or complete a registration form (available in church). Please return to Parish Office or put in collection.
- ◆ **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Please have bulletin announcements to the Parish Office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, or e-mail stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.

Parish Office:
330-364-6661

**After Hours
Emergency Line:**
330-364-6662

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330-602-7488

Youth Ministry:
330-364-6661

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330-432-0811

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Catholic Elementary
School:**
330-343-9134

**Tuscarawas Central
Catholic High School:**
330-343-3302

St. Joseph Church
Dover, Ohio 44622
The Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 12 and 13, 2020
12 y 13 de Septiembre del 2020



Mass Intentions

Monday, September 14

No Mass

Readings: 638: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday, September 15

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. Louis Tristano

Readings: 444: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31/Ps 100/Jn 19:25-27

Wednesday, September 16

8:15 a.m. Victorino Carpio

Readings: 445: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday, September 17

8:15 a.m. Joseph E. Cecil

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 446: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118/Lk 7:36-50

Friday, September 18

**8:15 a.m. The Special Intentions of
John and Sharon Kuczirka**

Readings: 447: 1 Cor 15:12-29/Ps 17/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday, September 19

The Vigil of The Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Dominic Ginnetti

Sunday, September 20

The Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Jack Beckman

11:00 a.m. Ken and Nornia Gold

1:30 p.m. People of the Parish

(Mass in Spanish)

Readings: 133: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/
Mt 20:1-16a

Ministry Schedule

Lectors, Usher and Greeter Schedule

Tuesday September 15 – 6:00 p.m. – Mary Salvo

Wednesday, September 16 – 8:15 a.m. – Jack Burnham

Thursday, September 17 – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy

Friday, September 18 – 8:15 a.m. – Lyle Tope

September 19 and 20, 2020

4:00 p.m.

Lector: Vicki Wilhelm

Ushers: Steve DeBois, Mary DeBois, Kateri Renicker,
Bill Bartz, Lyle Tope, Roy Montan

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Jack Burnham

Ushers: John Kuczirka, Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney,
John Chaney, John Karl, Zach VanDress, Ronnie Saffell

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lector: Jim Elco

Ushers: George Kail, Mike Ernest, Mary Elco, Joe Sciarretti,
Tom O'Donnell, Patti DeVault

**The Church also will be open for individual prayer on
Mondays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. until Mass begins at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday following 8:15 a.m. Mass until 1:00 p.m.

Thursday following 8:15 a.m. Mass until 1:00 p.m.

Friday following 8:15 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Saturday from 1:00 p.m. until Mass begins at 4:00 p.m.

**Confessions are available by appointment, please call the
Parish Office if you would like to schedule a time.**

Offertory for September 4 and 5, 2020

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 1,998.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 4,890.00
Online Giving	\$ 763.00
Total	\$ 7,691.00
Contributions needed each week	\$ 12,192.00

Other Funds:

Poor Fund	\$ 150.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 62.00
St. Joseph Subsidy for Catholic Schools	\$ 60.00
Other Collections	\$ 30.00

Thank you for your generosity!

**Your contributions make the mission of St. Joseph
Parish possible and keep our parish financially sound.**



Prayer Chain: To place your request on the Prayer Chain, please call the Parish Office or Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063; if no one is available, please leave a message.

**Please remember in your prayers, all the sick, homebound,
and recovering in our parish. Also, pray for those coping
with physical or mental conditions.**

Please include all those on our prayer lists who have asked for our prayers, and those who have no one to pray for them.

Spiritual Notes:

God gives us commandments, not to fence us in but to teach us the meaning of true freedom. Freedom doesn't mean that we pick and choose which laws we obey. Paul says that we are in partnership with the Lord. God won't forgive our sins if we are bitter and unforgiving toward someone who has wronged us. Peter asks, "How many times do I have to forgive? Is seven times enough?" Jesus says that seventy-seven times would not exhaust God's mercy toward us. He tells a story of a man who owed a huge debt to his master. When the man begged for mercy, the master was moved with pity and forgave him the debt. Later a fellow servant asked this same man to forgive a much smaller debt, yet he refused to release him. Jesus wants us to know that there are consequences to our actions. When we are spiteful toward someone, we risk retaliation. When we refuse to act with fairness, we risk vengeance. We should be mindful of our last days and set enmity aside. God is kind and merciful. If we forgive others, our prayers will be heard, our sins will be forgiven, and our lives will be redeemed from destruction.

For Reflection: Seek reconciliation for your sins. Pray for the grace to forgive others?

Please keep in your prayers, Jean Fondriest, age 99, who died on Friday, September 4, 2020. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. Please also keep Jean's family in your prayers.

P.S.R. News

In the coming weeks, we will have further information regarding P.S.R. for the upcoming school year. Father Jimmy, Miss Teynor, and the Catechists have been meeting to formulate the best plan for our students and families during this time. Thank you for your patience.

R.C. I.A. -

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you know of anyone who is interested in learning more about Catholicism and The Church's process for becoming Catholic, please encourage them to contact the Parish Office or John Kuczirka at 330-343-9988.

Friends of the Homeless of Tuscarawas County **Paper product drive**

For the entire month of September there will be bins in the Vestibule, to collect paper product items. Those items most in need are; paper towels, toilet paper, paper plates, dinner napkins, trash bags, Ziploc bags, wax paper, aluminum foil, baby diapers of all sizes, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, and dry laundry detergent. Please consider supporting this worthy cause!



"Living the Joy of the Gospel"

The theme of the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal compels us to join in the mission of the Gospel by sharing from our abundance. **Our parishioners have already contributed \$61,125.00!** This year our goal is \$73,756.00. Any amount raised over our goal will be returned to our parish to be used for our particular needs. Please pray for the success of the appeal.



Knights of Columbus **Awards Scholarship**

The Knights of Columbus Council 1973 at St. Joseph Catholic Church awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship to Madison Kopp, a 2020 graduate of Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School. She is the daughter of Rodney and Tammy Kopp of Dover. Madison was awarded the scholarship based on leadership, academic, athletic, and extracurricular achievements. She is a member of St. Joseph Parish and is enrolled at the University of Miami of Ohio. Congratulations Maddy!



Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School

Booster Club Fall Golf Outing

The TCC Booster Club will be having a Fall Golf Outing, Saturday, October 3, 2020 at Oak Shadows. The Shotgun Start will begin at 9:00 a.m. Team fees are \$300.00. Skins and a 50/50 will be offered. Corporate Sponsorships are \$250.00 and are greatly appreciated. Preregistration is highly encouraged and can be done by contacting Nick Angelini at 330-934-9004 or Mike Fredericks at 330-432-5062. Please consider participating in and/or supporting this event as this will temporarily replace the Annual Stag Fish Fry Booster Club fundraiser.

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The *Catholic Times*, the Diocese of Columbus' newspaper, is introducing eConnect, a new email news service. eConnect will be emailed to subscribers biweekly on Wednesdays with current news and with any breaking news to keep you up-to-date about events and activities throughout our Diocese. To sign up for your free subscription to eConnect, visit columbucatholic.org/econnect.

The 2020 Jubilee of Anniversaries is taking place on October, 25th at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Westerville. Couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th, and every year after, anniversaries of marriage are cordially invited to attend the 2:30 p.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Brennan or to virtually attend the livestream. Please register ahead of time to receive a certificate in the mail, and by October 14th to have your name included in the worship aid and in *The Catholic Times*. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

Other information to Note

Mass Intentions: Please be reminded that any parishioner is welcome to request Masses be celebrated for deceased or living loved ones. To schedule a Mass Intention, please contact the Parish Office.

Bulletin deadline: The bulletin deadline is Monday at 3:00 p.m. Please include your contact information with phone number and email address. Bulletin notices may be in writing, faxed to 330-602-7488, dropped off, or emailed to stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com

Low Gluten Hosts: If you are a person who needs to receive a **low gluten host** because of wheat allergies or celiac disease, please call the Parish Office.



Online Giving. If you manage your bills online, we're sure you'll like giving to your church online. It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your give is made and where it goes. To get started please visit www.stjosephdover.org. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the Parish Office.

St. Joseph Calvary Cemetery

If you are interested in purchasing lots, or if you have questions regarding rules and regulations, please call Russ in the Parish Office, and he will be happy to assist you

Office of Social Concerns - Action Alerts!

For Action Alerts, visit <http://socialconcerns.colstdioc.org>
Care for the Unborn

Several pro-life bills calling for a reduction of abortions will work their way through the Ohio General Assembly and Congress. For updates, visit www.ohiocathconf.org/I/AB/Abortion.htm.

Immigration Reform

With a new Congress comes a renewed debate on immigration reform. The immigration system is broken. Visit the USCCB's Justice for Immigrants Campaign website for the latest action alerts and education resources, www.justiceforimmigrants.org.

All Natural. Good for the body. Great for the soul!

Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods are effective for postponing or achieving pregnancy and are completely natural – no pills, patches, or devices. Engaged and married couples are invited to learn about NFP by visiting www.columbuscatholic.org/natural-family-planning or contacting the Diocese of Columbus Office of Marriage and Family Life at 614-241-2560.

Are you a registered parishioner? Do we have your current phone number? Registering in the parish is a declaration of your desire to be a part of the Catholic community and commitment to the life of our parish. If you want to register, there are forms in the Vestibule, simply fill one out and drop it in the collection basket or stop in the Parish Office during the week or on Sunday mornings after the Masses and request a form.

Keeping Students in College Connected To The Catholic Church.

Parents, grandparents, and family members of students heading off to college next fall. You can encourage them to be active in campus ministry through the Newman Connection. This website provides information for more than 1,300 Catholic campus ministries, their Mass times, and some scheduled activities, please visit www.NewmanConnection.com.

Leave a Legacy of Love and Faith



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*"For if we live, we live for the Lord,
and if we die, we die for the Lord;
so then, whether we live or die, we
are the Lord's." – Romans 14:8*

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

Learn how you can put God in all things by supporting your parish and contact The Catholic Foundation. Visit www.catholic-foundation.org/development for more information.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions September 2020

Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

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THE SEASON OF HOPE

Fostering Hope Through Listening



The Art of Listening

STEPHANIE RAPP, DIOCESAN HOPE TASK FORCE

As Catholics, we are familiar with the word "hope." We read it in the Bible and hear it from the pulpit. We know how it feels to live in a broken world, while at the same time, believe in God's love and promises. Yet what do we do when life throws us several curve balls, storms come crashing down, and all seems hopeless?

Right now, during such an unprecedented and challenging time, it is easy to lose hope. Many people are experiencing very real losses and there are numerous questions about what the future holds. Many may feel very unsettled and be experiencing stress or even despair.

Yet, this is when as disciples of Jesus Christ, we can offer what Pope Francis calls the "therapy of hope" to the suffering. Speaking about Jesus' encounter with the two individuals on the road to Emmaus, Pope Francis explained that Jesus offered the "therapy of hope" by first "asking and listening."

Asking and listening to how others are doing and feeling is a ministry of love and accompaniment. It allows others to be heard, share their experience, and feel cared for. It invites dialogue, aids in healing, and opens the door for others to feel the love of Christ through us.

"The Church listens to everyone's stories as they emerge from the treasure chest of personal conscience, in order to then offer the Word of Life, the witness of love, a love that is faithful until the end. And this, the hearts of people reignite with hope."

Pope Francis,
General Audience,
May 24, 2017

RESOURCES:

WWW.COLUMBUSCATHOLIC.ORG/SEASON-OF-HOPE



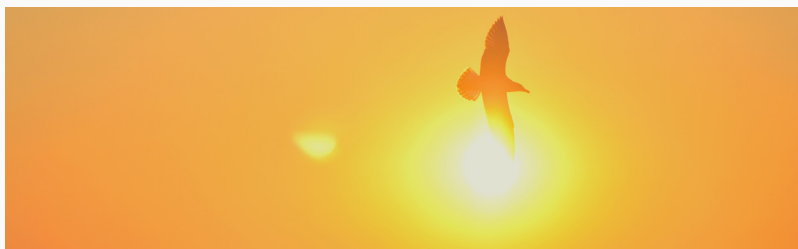
Although listening is a critical skill, it does not always come naturally. Fortunately, there are several simple ways to become a better listener, including:

- Making eye contact
- Allowing the person to finish their thought
- Focusing on what is being said
- Withholding judgment
- Demonstrating empathy
- Asking clarifying questions

Put into practice, these skills can build trust, deepen relationships, and ultimately, foster hope.

Most importantly, we must all listen to God first by spending time with Him in prayer. As the source of hope, He will give us the strength to listen and bring hope to the world around us.

Stephanie Rapp, is a wife, mother of three, and serves as the Diocesan Director of Marriage & Family Life.



Reflect

- How does my ability or inability to listen well affect my relationships (with God, family, friends, etc.)?
- In what ways am I good at listening and in what ways can I improve?
- How can truly listening to God and others bring hope?

Heavenly father,
I am your humble servant,
I come before you today
in need of hope.
I need hope for a calm
and joyful future.
I need hope for love
and kindness.
I pray for peace and
safety.
Some say that the sky is
at its darkest just
before the light.
I pray that this is true,
for today seems
stormy and dim.
I need your light, Lord,
in every way.
I pray to be filled
with your light.
Help me to walk in your
light, and live my life in
faith and service.

In your name I pray,
Amen.

- LOYOLA PRESS, 2020

Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

“If I seek my maker, I find God alone. If I seek the material from which He made me, I find absolutely nothing. From this you can conclude that whatever is in me was made by God and wholly belongs to God. If I ask about my nature, I find that I am the image of God. If I ask about my end, I find God himself, who is my supreme and total good. Therefore, I will recognize that I have a great bond with and need for God, as He alone is my creator, my maker, my Father, my exemplar, my happiness, my all. And If I understand this, what can happen except that I seek Him ardently, that I think of Him, that I yearn for Him, desire to see and embrace Him? Should I not be horrified at the dense darkness of my heart which for so long has considered, desired, and sought anything other than God, who alone is my all?” ~SAINT ROBERT BELLARMIN

Monday, September 14 ~ Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Holy Gospel: John 3:13-17 Jesus said to Nicodemus: “No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Meditation: Moses lifted high the image of a bronze serpent fixed to the wood of the pole, which resembled a cross. Those who put their faith in God by repenting of their disobedience were healed and restored to wholeness of life. In today’s Gospel Jesus links his victory on the cross with Moses’ act of deliverance in the wilderness with his own impending sacrificial death when he will be “lifted up” on the wood of the cross at Calvary. Unlike Moses’ deliverance in the wilderness which only resulted in temporary relief for the people, Jesus’ atoning death on the cross brought decisive victory over sin, Satan, and death. Jesus’ victory on the cross cancels the debt of our sin, and releases us from guilt and condemnation. His death and victory brings us new life - the new abundant life in his Holy Spirit which lasts forever. Jesus’ victory on the cross also brought about his glorious bodily resurrection to new unending life and his ascension to the right hand of God the Father in heaven, where he now rules and intercedes for us. The result of Jesus “being lifted up on the cross” and his rising and ascending to the Father’s right hand in heaven is our “new birth in the Spirit” and adoption as sons and daughters of God. God not only has redeemed us from sin in Christ, he also fills us with his own divine life through the gift of his Spirit that we might share in his own glory. Indeed, “Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaimed, till all the world adores his sacred name” (Lyrics from the hymn “Lift High the Cross”).

Prayer: O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: There is no greater proof of God’s love for us than the sending of his Son to become one with us in our humanity and to lay down his life for us -- “To ransom a slave God gave his Son.” God sent his Son to free us from the worst of tyrannies -- slavery to sin and the curse of death. Jesus’ sacrificial death was an act of total love through self-giving. Jesus gave himself completely out of love for his Father. And he willingly laid down his life out of selfless love for our sake and for our salvation. His death on the cross was both a total offering to God and the perfect sacrifice of atonement for our sin and the sin of the world. John tells us that God’s love cannot be limited because it is boundless and encompasses all of

creation (John 3:16). His love is not limited to a single nation or a few chosen friends. His love is limitless because it embraces the whole world and every individual created in His image and likeness. God is a persistent loving Father who cannot rest until all of his wandering children have returned home to him. Saint Augustine says, "God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love." God gives us the freedom to choose whom and what we will love and not love. We can love the darkness of sin and unbelief, or we can choose to love the light of God's truth, goodness, and mercy. If our love is guided by truth, goodness, and that which is truly beautiful, then we will choose for God and love him above all else. What we love shows what we prefer. Ask yourself: Do you love God who is the supreme good above all else, all things, all people?

Tuesday, September 15 ~ Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

Holy Gospel: John 19:25-27 Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

Meditation: Does suffering or sorrow weigh you down? Suffering affects all of us on one level or another, in one way or another. But the cross is different – the cross brings us face to face with Jesus' suffering. He was alone. All his disciples had deserted him except for his mother and three women along with John, the beloved disciple. The apostles had fled in fear. But Mary, the mother of Jesus and three other women who loved him were present at the cross. They demonstrate the power of love for overcoming fear (1 John 4:18) in the face of horrific challenge.

Prayer: O God, who willed that, when your Son was lifted high on the Cross, his Mother should stand close by and share his suffering, grant that your Church, participating with the Virgin Mary in the Passion of Christ, may merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer to Mary in Honor of Her Seven Sorrows: O Mary, Mother of Sorrows, I beseech Thee, by the bitter agony thou didst endure at the foot of the Cross offer to the Eternal Father, in my name, thy Beloved Son, Jesus, all covered with Blood and Wounds, in satisfaction for my sins, for the needs of Holy Church, the conversion of sinners, the relief of the Souls in Purgatory and for the special grace I now implore. (*Mention your request at this point in the prayer.*) Amen.

Contemplation: This is a day to pray the Stations of the Cross. Don't wait for the Season of Lent or for Holy Week; today is also a day to read and contemplate the words of the *Stabat Mater* – "At the cross her station keeping, stood the mournful Mother weeping, close to Jesus to the last." The entire text can be found via the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops web page (<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/0915-memorial-our-lady-sorrows.cfm>). You might also want to read the seven sorrows of Mary in Sacred Scripture; the Biblical references are listed below.

About the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows: This feast is dedicated to the spiritual martyrdom of Mary, Mother of God, and her compassion with the sufferings of her Divine Son, Jesus. In her suffering as co-redeemer, she reminds us of the tremendous evil of sin and shows us the way of true repentance. May the numerous tears of the Mother of God be conducive to our salvation, with which tears Thou, O God, art able to wash away the sins of the whole world. As Mary stood at the foot of the Cross on which Jesus hung, the sword of sorrow Simeon had foretold pierced her soul. Below are the seven sorrows of Mary:

1. The prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:25-35);
2. The flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15);
3. Loss of the Child Jesus for three days (Luke 2:41-50);
4. Mary meets Jesus on his way to Calvary (Luke 23:27-31; John 19:17);
5. Crucifixion and Death of Jesus (John 19:25-30);
6. The body of Jesus being taken from the Cross (Psalm 130; Luke 23:50-54; John 19:31-37);
7. The burial of Jesus (Isaiah 53:8; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42; Mark 15:40-47).

Wednesday, September 16 ~ Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Saint Cornelius, Pope and Martyr; and Saint Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr

Holy Gospel: Luke 7:31-35 Jesus said to the crowds: "To what shall I compare the people of this generation? What are they like? They are like children who sit in the marketplace and call to one another,

'We played the flute for you, but you did not dance. We sang a dirge, but you did not weep.' For John the Baptist came neither eating food nor drinking wine, and you said, 'He is possessed by a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking and you said, 'Look, he is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is vindicated by all her children."

Meditation: Jesus' message of the kingdom of God is a proclamation of good news that produces great joy and hope for those who will listen - but it is also a warning of disaster for those who refuse to accept God's gracious offer. Why did the message of John the Baptist and the message of Jesus meet with resistance and deaf ears? It was out of jealousy and spiritual blindness that the scribes and Pharisees attributed John the Baptist's austerities to the devil and they attributed Jesus' table fellowship as evidence for pretending to be the Messiah. They succeeded in frustrating God's plan for their lives because they had closed their hearts to the message of John the Baptist and now they close their ears to Jesus, God's anointed Son sent to redeem us from bondage to sin and death.

Prayer: God our Father, in Saints Cornelius and Cyprian you have given your people an inspiring example of dedication to the pastoral ministry and constant witness to Christ in their suffering. May their prayers and faith give us courage to work for the unity of your Church. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Contemplation: What can make us spiritually dull and slow to hear God's voice? Like the generation of Jesus' time, our age is marked by indifference and contempt, especially in regards to the message of God's kingdom. Indifference dulls our ears to God's voice and to the good news of the Gospel. Only the humble of heart who are hungry for God can find true joy and happiness. And so we might ask ourselves today: Do you listen to God's word with expectant faith and the willingness to trust and obey?

Thursday, September 17 ~ Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Holy Gospel: Luke 7:36-50 A certain Pharisee invited Jesus to dine with him, and he entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. Now there was a sinful woman in the city who learned that he was at table in the house of the Pharisee. Bringing an alabaster flask of ointment, she stood behind him at his feet weeping and began to bathe his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the ointment. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." Jesus said to him in reply, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. "Two people were in debt to a certain creditor; one owed five hundred days' wages and the other owed fifty. Since they were unable to repay the debt, he forgave it for both. Which of them will love him more?" Simon said in reply, "The one, I suppose, whose larger debt was forgiven." He said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but she has not ceased kissing my feet since the time I entered. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment. So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence, she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The others at table said to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Meditation: Why did a woman with a bad reputation approach Jesus and anoint him with her tears and costly perfume at the risk of ridicule and abuse by others? The woman's action was motivated by one thing, and one thing only, namely, her love for Jesus - she loved greatly out of gratitude for the kindness and forgiveness she had received from Jesus. She did something a Jewish woman would never do in public. She loosened her hair and anointed Jesus with her tears. It was customary for a woman on her wedding day to bind her hair. For a married woman to loosen her hair in public was a sign of grave immodesty. This woman was oblivious to everyone and everything around her; she was totally focused on Jesus. She also did something which only love can do. She took the most precious thing she had and spent it all on Jesus. Her love was not calculated but extravagant. In a spirit of humility and heart-felt repentance, she lavishly served the one who showed her the mercy and kindness of God. Jesus, in his customary fashion, never lost the opportunity to draw a lesson from such a deed.

Prayer: O God, who adorned the Bishop Saint Robert Bellarmine with wonderful learning and virtue to vindicate the faith of your Church, grant, through his intercession, that in the integrity of that same faith your people may always find joy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Jesus makes clear that great love springs from a heart forgiven and cleansed. Peter the Apostle tells us that "love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8). It was love that motivated the Father in heaven to send his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus, to offer up his life on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. The woman's lavish expression of love was an offering of gratitude for the great forgiveness, kindness, and mercy Jesus had shown to her. The stark contrast of attitudes between Simon and the sinful woman demonstrates how we can either accept or reject God's mercy and forgiveness. Simon, who regarded himself as an upright Pharisee, felt no need for love or mercy – he never gave it a thought! His self-sufficiency kept him from acknowledging his need for God's grace – God's gracious gift of favor, help, and mercy. The woman, on the other hand, knew exactly what she needed from Jesus and sought it at all costs. Are you grateful for God's mercy and grace? Do you ever think of your need for God's mercy and grace?

Friday, September 18 ~ Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 8:1-3 Jesus journeyed from one town and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of God. Accompanying him were the Twelve and some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, Susanna, and many others who provided for them out of their resources.

Meditation: During his three years of public ministry Jesus traveled widely. The Gospel records that a band of women accompanied Jesus and the twelve apostles. This was a diverse group of women; some came from rich and prominent families; some had been prostitutes, and others had been afflicted with mental and physical infirmities. No matter their backgrounds or "status" in life, these women served Jesus out of their own resources. We know that Mary Magdalene had lived a very troubled life before Jesus freed her from seven demons. She was privileged to be the first to see Jesus as the risen Lord. As the wife of King Herod's chief financial officer, Joanna was a wealthy lady of the court. It's unlikely that these two would have ever met under other circumstances. What brought them together and united them in a bond of friendship, service, and loyalty to Jesus? Certainly Jesus and his message of the kingdom of God had transformed them. Unlike the apostles, who took great pride in being the chosen twelve, these women did not seek position or demand special privileges. Jesus had touched them so deeply that they were grateful to do anything for him, even menial service. They brought their gifts and resources to Jesus to use as he saw fit.

Prayer: Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Our privilege as children of God and disciples of Jesus is to serve as Jesus served with humility, selfless love, generosity, joy, and a willingness to do whatever God asks of us. God, in his turn, gives us every good gift and grace we need to carry out our task and mission. God in his infinite power needs no one, but in his wisdom and love, he chooses to entrust his work through each one of us. His Holy Spirit equips us with all that we need to love and serve others. No one is unimportant or unnecessary in God's economy. The least in his kingdom find a home and a mission at Jesus' side. Do you know the joy of serving Jesus in company with others who love and serve him willingly?

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13 de Septiembre Del 2020



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Misas en Español

Domingo	Septiembre 20	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	Septiembre 27	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	Octubre 4	1:30 p.m.

Confesiones con cita previa.

Misas en Inglés

Sábados	4:00 p.m.
Domingos	8:30 a.m. y 11:00 a.m.

Intenciones de Oración del Santo Padre Septiembre 2020

Respeto de los recursos del planeta.

Recemos para que los recursos del planeta no sean saqueados, sino que se compartan de manera justa y respetuosa.

Creo, Jesús mío,
que estás real y verdaderamente en el cielo
y en el Santísimo Sacramento del Altar.
Os amo sobre todas las cosas y deseo vivamente
recibirte dentro de mi alma, pero no pudiendo hacerlo
ahora sacramentalmente, venid al menos
espiritualmente a mi corazón.
Y como si ya os hubiese recibido,
os abrazo y me uno del todo a Ti.
Señor, no permitas que jamás me aparte de Ti.

Amén.



Por favor, recuerde en su oración, a todos los enfermos, al salir de casa, y la recuperación de nuestra parroquia. Además, orar por aquellos que sufren de condiciones físicas o mentales.

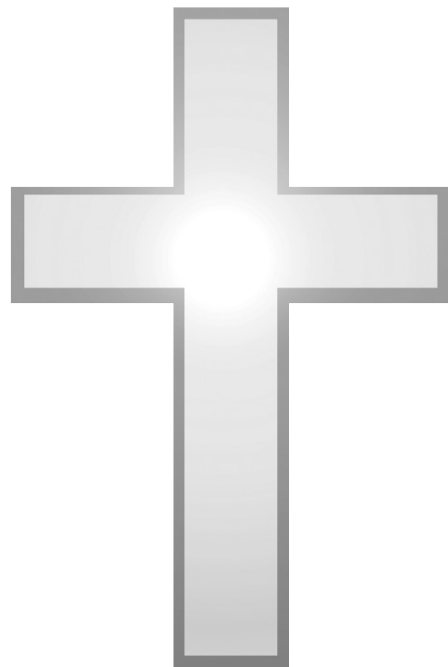
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Dios nos dio los mandamientos, no para poner una barrera pero para enseñarnos el significado de la verdadera libertad. Libertad no significa que nosotros quitamos y elegimos que leyes vamos a obedecer. Pablo dice que nosotros estamos en compañía del Señor. Dios no perdona nuestros pecados si estamos odiando y sin perdonar a todos aquellos que nos han ofendido.

Pedro pregunta, "¿Cuántas veces tengo que perdonar? Serían siete veces suficientes?" Jesús dijo que setenta veces siete no fatigaría la misericordia de Dios hacia nosotros. El conto una historia de un hombre que tenía una gran deuda a su maestro. Cuando el hombre pidió por clemencia, el maestro se movió con piedad y perdono la deuda. Más tarde, el sirviente preguntó al mismo hombre el perdón por una deuda más pequeña y él se rehusó a perdonarla. Jesús quiere que reconozcamos las consecuencias de nuestras acciones. Cuando nosotros somos rencorosos hacia los demás. Nosotros asumimos la represalia. Cuando nos rehusamos a actuar con justicia nos arriesgamos a la venganza. Deberíamos ser conscientes de nuestros últimos días y hacer la enemistad a un lado. Dios es bondadoso y misericordioso. Si perdonamos a otros, nuestras oraciones serán escuchadas, nuestros pecados serán perdonados, y nuestras vidas serán salvadas de la destrucción.

*Para Reflexión: Buscar la reconciliación de nuestros pecados.
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