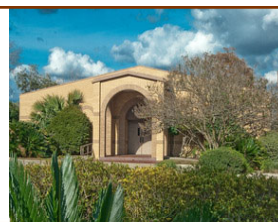


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Peter asked, "Lord,
how often must I forgive?
As many as seven times?"

MATTHEW 18:21

TWENTY-FOURTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 13
2020



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When Peter asked Jesus how many times he must forgive, he was probably stunned at Jesus' response. Peter had asked, "As many as seven times?" Seven being the perfect number, surely this is enough forgiveness, Peter likely thought. Jesus' response seems lavish beyond proportion. "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." Jesus understands the fullness of God's mercy and teaches that disciples are called to this same lavish outpouring of mercy. God showers compassion on humanity, beyond what might seem sensible or wise, yet we are called to "remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults," to give others the benefit of the doubt, knowing that God does this and more with us, each and every day. As recipients of God's compassion, we must extend forgiveness and care beyond what might seem reasonable, because God's love is beyond human reason.

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HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?

All this might seem just too much for us. It is one thing to recognize God's enduring covenant love. It is another to grasp that we are called to the same sort of lavishness in mercy and forgiveness ourselves. Saint Paul helps us put this in perspective. We no longer live for ourselves, but for the Lord. In life and death, we belong to God and are called to be witnesses to God's love, even in the most challenging circumstances. A friend turns away from us; we are called to turn toward the friend with mercy. A co-worker hurts us; we are called to approach him or her with forgiveness, seventy-seven times no less! God's love is always about what is just and right. As God's people, we live and die for the Lord, forgive even when it doesn't make sense to do so, and leave the rest in God's hands.

Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 8:45 a.m. -12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

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Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

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Saturday 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Before daily Mass

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First Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS:

First Sunday of every month

CHOIR PRACTICE:

Every Wednesday @ 6:15 p.m.

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MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY - September 13 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grandparents Day; Catechetical Sunday

7:30 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family

10:00 am - Felix & Rose Bianchi †

MONDAY - September 14 (*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*)

8:00 am - Clifton Lau †

TUESDAY - September 15 (*Our Lady of Sorrows*)

8:00 am - Cody James Loest

WEDNESDAY - September 16

8:00 am - Franklin J. Sedlar †

THURSDAY - September 17

8:00 am - Laddie F. & Bettie C. Janda †

FRIDAY - September 18

8:00 am - Hazel Waida †

SATURDAY - September 19

8:00 am - Collin David Janecka

4:00 pm - Gleinser/Jolly Family Members (Living & Deceased)

SUNDAY - September 20 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - Matthew W. Spann †

10:00 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11;
Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 19:25-27
or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22;
Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28;
Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Darren Mikulik, Tina Moya, Cole Ohrt, Ramona Perez, James Rung, Wade Shumbera, Dolores Kilgore, Carly Walker, Gerald Yankey, Ann Hagel, Piper Eloisa Lara, Bernice Drost, Mae Jean Willem, Cheryl Flood, Katrina Marbach, Hailey Vasquez, Lillian Kozielski, Patricia Pooley, Samuel William Bek, Matt Brown, Marvin Kucera, Milton Greeson, E. J. Bammert, Steve Serrill, Michael Johnson, Bernita Korenek, Michael Krennek, John Correll, Cheryl Barker, Ruben & Frances Espino, Tom Goslin, Larry Vitek, Kathleen Edwards, Helen Schoener

THIS WEEK

FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again. Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

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Questions of the Week

How can I keep a consistent forgiving attitude that assuages my anger? What leads me to forgive one who hurt me?

NEXT WEEKEND - September 19/20, 2020



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION

and

LECTORS

Sat. 4:00 pm - Standby

Greg Richter

Sun. 7:30 am - Standby

Emily Yeary

Sun. 10:00 am - Standby

David Post

ALTAR SERVERS (None assigned at this time)

USHERS/Door Monitors:

Sat. 4:00 pm - John Novak, Norman Schoener

Sun. 7:30 am - Kaden Fikac, Michael Fikac, Matt Warwas

Sun. 10:00 am - Kaden Fikac, Michael Fikac, Matt Warwas

WEEKEND of September 5/6, 2020



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Year of the Family

The Diocese of Victoria in Texas is excited to announce a renewed focus on accompanying families, as they learn and grow in faith together. Beginning this October, and continuing through the following September, the Diocese of Victoria will celebrate "The Year of the Family." Each month, together as a church family, we will explore different themes of our Catholic faith from the safety and comfort of our own homes. Diocesan offices will provide resources for all members of our church family through the DOV website and other media outlets, such as parish bulletins, Facebook and The Catholic Lighthouse. More information, including monthly themes and activities, will soon be available.



Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said "If you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your ..."

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Answer: *transgressions*

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SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (c. 344-407)

(September 13)

"Speaking truth to power" may have become just another cliché, but doing precisely that cost John "the Golden Mouth" (Chrysostom) his diocese and, after exile and a forced march, his health and life. "Renowned for eloquence, heroic in suffering" (Sacramentary), John's scriptural insights still comfort and challenge. Mystical theologian, he bids Eastern Christians, whose principal Divine Liturgy bears his name, to lift up their hearts to "God ineffable, beyond comprehension, invisible, beyond understanding, existing forever, always the same." Model pastor, he warns Roman Catholics in the Liturgy of the Hours not to neglect God-in-the-flesh: "Would you honor Christ's body? Do not scorn his nakedness, honoring him here in church with silken robes, while neglecting him cold and naked outside. What use to burden Christ's altar with golden chalices, while Christ himself starves to death? What use dressing the altar with gold-woven cloths, while denying the shivering Christ the clothes he needs? Do not adorn the church while ignoring your needy brother: he is the most precious temple of all!" (Saturday, Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time).

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MERCY

Dost thou wish to receive mercy? Show mercy to thy neighbor.

—St. John Chrysostom

- EVENTS ALL AROUND -

The 10:00 am Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church continues to be live-streamed on Facebook.

- Parishioners should take their temperatures before coming to Mass and should not attend if exhibiting any signs of sickness.
- Parishioners attending Mass are asked to **wear a face mask, bandana, scarf, or other covering for the mouth and nose while on church grounds.**
- Please follow all civil orders: www.VictoriaTXOEM.org

We continue to invite you to browse the selection of books, CDs, and other media that are available in the Parish Hall. These items are at no cost.

Face-to-face **Continuing Christian Education (CCE) Classes** will begin September 13th at 8:30 am. A parent letter and registration forms, including COVID-19 Minimum Standard Guidelines has been mailed to you. Please contact Martha Nichols at (361)571-0337 or Tammy Fikac at (361)649-3717 if you have not submitted your completed registration forms. Arrangements will be made as **due to COVID-19, there will be no on-site registration in the education building on the first day of class.** Forms may be picked up at the rectory or you may download the forms from the Church website at www.lourdesvictoria.org.

For men interested in a vocation as a **Permanent Deacon** for the Diocese of Victoria, informational meetings will be held at **St. Robert Bellarmine (El Campo) on Wednesday, September 16th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Salon**, and at **Our Lady of Sorrows (Victoria) on Saturday, September 19th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Trinity Center.** It is only necessary to attend one of the meetings. For more information on the formation program for the Permanent Diaconate, please contact Deacon Church Glynn - cglynn@victoriadiocese.org.



Knights of Columbus Council #1329 will be selling plates to go on Sunday, September 20th from 10 am to 1 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 3610 N Ben Wilson. Plates will be \$10 each and will consist of BBQ Pork Steak, Potatoes, and Green Beans. Proceeds will go toward various charities supported by the Knights of Columbus.

Altar Society News

Welcome back! We will have a meeting on Monday, September 21, at 6:30 pm in the basement. No refreshments will be served. Masks and social distancing will be maintained. Looking forward to seeing you all again.

Elaine Mayer
OLL Altar Society President

Save the Date: Saturday, October 17, 2020

The 2020 Annual Catholic Conference: *Communio – Together with Christ*

More information will be in the *Catholic Lighthouse* and [the Conference webpage](#) on the diocesan website.

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