

24th Sunday Ordinary Time Sept 13, 2020



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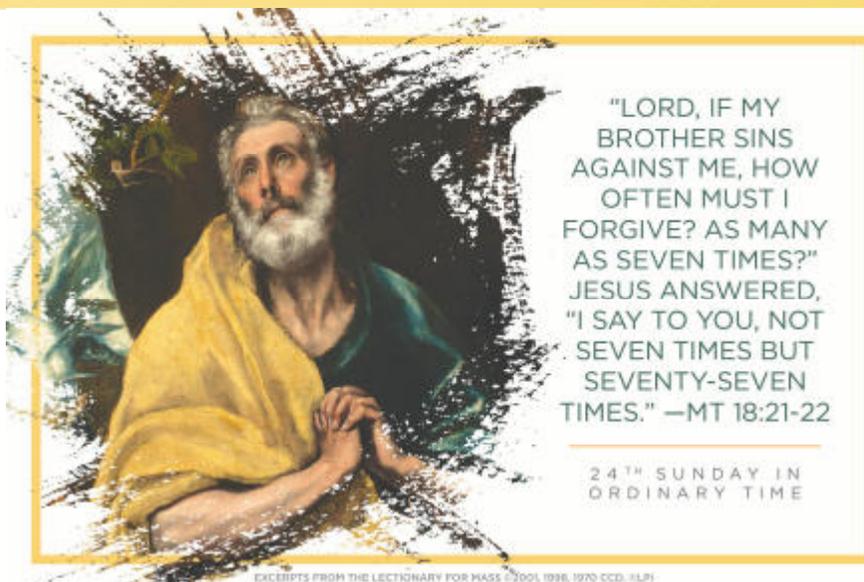
Sacrament of Reconciliation

It is an obligation of the Catholic to receive confession at least once per year during Lent and Easter season.

Please call the Parish Office to schedule your confession with Father Letona.

Home visits & Sacrament of the Sick

Have been temporarily suspended, for now is currently being reserved for ONLY when in grave of death. Thank you for understanding.



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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER LETONA

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
"The Lord is kind and merciful" (Responsorial Psalm). Our readings this week-end move us to reflect on mercy and forgiveness. These must be at the heart of the Christian life. As the Lord is kind and merciful, so should we be forgiving toward one another.

However, as our first reading reminds us, we often hold onto wrath, anger, vengeance, and a desire to "get even." But how can one hold a tight grip on those things and expect mercy and forgiveness for him or her-self. "Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord?" (Sirach 28:3).

"Forgiveness of sin is central to our redemption in Christ. Since God is so lavish in his mercy, we must also forgive those who have wronged us. Christ taught that we will receive mercy in proportion to the mercy we show others. In the Lord's Prayer (the Our Father) we express a commitment to show mercy when we say, 'forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lack of forgiveness, bearing grudges, and an arrogant bearing are tendencies that are incompatible with the Christian spirit and must be replaced with charity and kindness" (Didache Bible, commentary on Sirach 28:1-11).

The Lord in our Gospel today gives us a very real portrayal of forgiveness. The wicked servant would not forgive a fellow servant's debt, even though his own debt, a significantly larger debt, had just been forgiven by their Master (cf Matthew 18:21-35).

The Lord Jesus then tells St. Peter that he must forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven time. That means: every time.

Why does the Lord repeatedly insist that unless we forgive, we will not be forgiven? St. Paul answers that question in our second reading: "None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. 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" (Rom 14:7-8). He paid our debt by the shedding of His blood on the Cross, He bought us back, we are His.

Even though we deserved punishment for our sins, He dealt with us in mercy. Our Psalm reassures us "Not according to our sins does he deal with us..." (Psalm 103)

"The mercy and forgiveness we show to others should be the heartfelt expression of our gratitude for the mercy and forgiveness shown to us" (Dr. Scott Hahn).

"If you don't forgive you will not be forgiven. No exceptions to it. He doesn't say that we are to forgive other people's sins, provided they are not too frightful, or provided there are extenuating circumstances, or anything of that sort. We are to forgive them all, however spiteful, however mean, however often they are repeated. If we don't we shall be forgiven none of our own... To excuse, what can really produce good excuses is not Christian charity; it is only fairness. To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you" (C.S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory: On Forgiveness*).

God bless you all,
Father Robert Letona

Character Builds Families

This week in the Gospel Our Lord talks about forgiveness. Are we forgiving those who need to be forgiven? How about those who don't know they need forgiveness?

Take a moment and sit quietly with Our Lord this week and evaluate who in your life you are holding a grudge against. Look at it from a different perspective. See what may have had happening at that moment that caused the 'injustice' toward you.

Question your motives, are you really in a charitable mode when you are not forgiving those who have offended you? Do you need to maybe ask for forgiveness yourself?

This week schedule confession with Father Letona and ask Our Lord for forgiveness for your uncharity towards your brothers and sisters, open your heart to forgive those who have offended you. The Lord will do the same for you.



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OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS NEED OUR PRAYERS.....

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Gayle Mecikalski	Terry Benson	John Conrardy
Dave Lewis		

Please call the office if you would like to add or remove a name.



Secretary's Corner

I am working on updating the register of the parish for St Paul... If you MOVED, CHANGED PARISHES, or just plain need to verify that I have the right address, email, phone number and proper spelling of name!! PLEASE call, visit or email me with the information! Thank you for all your help in this matter
Office hrs Sept 13 19 Tue. 9-12.30pm, Wed 9-12.30pm Thurs 9-12 pm Please note I will be out of the office on the 18th.

How ONLINE education can spark the growth of real intellect.

Noteworthy limitations are built into online education: lack of authentic personal interaction, the danger of cheating, and the toll isolation takes on teenagers, to name a few.

But instead of focusing on all that, I am going to describe one potential benefit of this educational situation: students might take ownership of their learning. Such ownership floats before the mind's eye of the teacher constantly: equipping students to desire knowledge for its own sake and to learn on their own. The goal is lofty, and perhaps a touch ambitious in grade school or high school. But it is not absurd. It is attainable. Because knowledge is a good thing: we love it for its own sake. Everyone ought to know (and rejoice in knowing) that God is Triune, that $y=mx+b$, or that the "I" usually goes before "e." Now that we are not there in person to prod and encourage the students, they could learn something about themselves and their own desires. What do they love? Knowledge or passive entertainment? Excellence or mediocrity? Just because I am writing about kids does not mean adults can pass over these questions. We are learning painful lessons about ourselves too in our work from home. But perhaps, in the case of the kids, this bizarre form of house arrest will help them towards ownership of learning. Maybe, just maybe, they can learn a lesson that we could never have taught them in the supportive environment of the classroom: teachers assist learning, but the student must want it. She is the primary agent in that process. The promise of As and the threat of Fs can only do so much.

Let's take a moment and look at ownership. What does Ownership look like: understanding, desire, and memory. First, students must understand what an author (biologist, novelist, theologian, etc.) is saying. Then, having enjoyed understanding the material, their desire to learn about a subject is provoked. Lastly, the material becomes part of them. Desire can be for all sorts of noble or shameful things. But, intellectually, successful grappling with hard concepts leads a desire to know more. We teachers remember our first real, unaided success at proving a theorem, translating a paragraph, or understanding the causes of a war. Only after that first small success can we desire and like studying geometry, Spanish, or history. This joy, desire, or passion springs from an interest and small successes in pursuing that interest. These successes compound and build true knowledge. I am not naive, and I know they could spend all this free time on Stranger Things. But then again, they might not. (Aleteia 5/25/20)

Family Builder Idea:

Each night we as good parents tuck our children in to their beds, kiss them goodnight and put the cat out the dog in, lock the windows and doors. We follow this routine nightly to keep 'bad' people and animals that don't belong out. But, have you ever asked God and His angels to come and protect your home, your family from unsolicited entrance of the devil and other evil into your home?

Protect us, Lord, under the shadow of your wings. Keep us this night without sin. Visit, we ask you, O Lord, this home, and repel from it all the snares of the enemy. Let your holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace; and may your blessing be upon us for ever, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For this week try reciting the above prayer as you make your nightly rounds. Teach your children to call upon their angels for protection and assistance when they have a hard time falling to sleep.

MASS SCHEDULE

Attend in person **6pm Saturday St James, Camp Douglas**
8am St Michael's Indian Creek
10am St Paul's New Lisbon

Sign up today via our website or call the office @ 608-562-3125

Watch the Mass live streamed www.mjpcatholic.com or Facebook page **Saint James, Saint Paul & Saint Michael Parishes**

- 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time **Father Letona** — 10:00 am

Readings

Sir 27:30-18:7

Ps 103: 1-4, 9-12

Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21:35

St. Paul's Church is open for prayer 9am-7pm Tue-Sat
Weekday Mass schedule @ St. Paul's Tuesday-Saturday 8:30am
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On the Web

- YOUTUBE Father Letona, Mass live streamed Sunday 10am
- Like our parish page on Facebook
- Saint James, Saint Paul & Saint Michael Parishes
- www.mjpcatholic.com
- In person for private prayer
- Sunday after Mass till 7pm
- Monday 12pm-7pm
- Tuesday - Saturday 9am-7pm

Please accept my apologies for the missed dates on those who volunteer to help in the Mass, I am sorry for the confusion it has caused.

St. Michael's Schedule Sept 20th

Lector

Sherry Conant

Offertory

Rick & Annette Phillips

Ushers

Rick Phillips/Bob Conant

Money Counters

Wenzel Felber/John Ollendick

St. Paul's Schedule Sept 20th

Lector

Mary Schumer

Money Counter

Donna Gregar/Wendy Murphy

Ushers

Mike Vinz, Rick Barrett

St James Schedule Sept 19th

Volunteers needed for this week.... Thank you to those who are stepping up and returning to serve your Church!

Update to the Mass attendance;

This past week have an increase, thank you for attending Mass. See you this weekend!

FORMATION IN FAITH:

The Third and the Fourth Commandments (Laws or Precepts) of the Church

3. To confess our sins at least ONCE a year.

Frequent confession of all sins, either mortal or venial, keeps our souls clean and helps us to grow in God's love. It is good to be clean as we can before we go to Communion. We let Our Lord washes our souls with His Precious Blood in the Sacrament of Penance, just as He washed the feet of His Apostles to demonstrate how clean He wants us to come before the Lord. So we are to go to confession often to cleanse our soul and keep it healthy.

Father Letona will hear confessions when you call (608-562-3125) to schedule an appointment with him. He also will be holding confessions again at St. James in Camp Douglas starting Sat. 12 @ 5.30pm. Plan to attend!

4. To receive Holy Communion during the Easter time.

Our Blessed Lord would like us to receive Communion often. He has told us, "Unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His Blood, you shall not have life in you" (John 6:54) Church Law commands that we are to receive Holy Communion at least once a year, if we do not our soul is dead in mortal sin. As the Baltimore Catechism says, "A person who goes to Holy Communion only once a year is starving his soul. No one would think of going without food for a whole year. The more often we eat the Bread of Life, the healthier our soul will be."

Holy Communion is given every weekday Mass and every Saturday evening Mass @ St James 6pm or St Michael's Sunday morning 8am or St Paul's 10am. Plan your week around the Blessed Lord.

Announcements for Tri-Parish



Censes of the Church Registry

It's time to review you contact information and how many of you are registered at your parish, St Michael, St James and St Paul's. Please look for the new form at your parish or it will be mailed to your home. Please take a few moments and fill out, correct addresses, sacramental information ect and return it ASAP to your parish secretaries, Kris Madejczyk or Jean Arends. Thank you so much for your help and cooperation.

St. Michael's Parish Announcements!!

PCCW Meeting following Mass on Sunday 13th, Please attend as it will be quick ;-)

Council & Finance Committee meeting Thursday Sept 17th @ 6.30pm. We will meet in the basement of the church, for social distancing.

Thank you for matching funds from the Catholic Financial Life, through our fundraising efforts they sent us a check for \$500 adding this to our \$1550. Great job! Thanks to all those who donated giving us a total of \$2050.

Monday 14, 2020

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Mass @ 8.30 am

Followed by a special blessing with a relic of the True Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

No Mass Tuesday the 15th, Father Letona will be out of town

Support St Paul's Church

White Elephant Sale & County Store

Saturday Sept 19th 10am—4pm

Items for White Elephant sale can be dropped off in the shed by church (please use the side door). No Electronics or appliances. We are also looking for volunteers to help sort and price. If you are interested please contact

Lori Heindl 608-562-3257, Sue LaBudda 608-728-7267 or Janet Barrett 562-3995.

For those wishing to donate items for the County Store please contact Rose Clark 608-847-4450

As this is replacing our Fall Festival please be generous with your donations, you can place them in the drop box at church. Mark the envelope as 2020 Fall Festival. All money is greatly appreciated and used for remodeling, updates and renovations.

Support he Knight of Columbus—Tomah

Chicken Q Dinner

Saturday, Sept 26

3pm - 6pm

**The Tomah K Of C is sponsoring a
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With baked beans, potato, sour cream,

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\$11 for ½ chicken

\$8 for ¼ chicken

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Gary Dechant 608-427-3624

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ST. PAUL

Intentions for our Tri-Parish

Saturday, Sept 12

@St James 6 pm

+Dennis Weiner by Dennis & Maggie Jilek

Sunday, Sept 13

FOR THE PEOPLE

Monday Sept 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

+Katie Connor by James & Sheila Marx

Tuesday, Sept 15

NO MASS Father Letona is out of town

Wednesday, Sept 16

+David Dwyer by Margie Quist

Thursday, Sept 17

Living & Deceased members of Connor & Quist Families by Margie Quist

Friday, Sept 18

+ Peter Dwyer by Margie Quist

Saturday, Sept 19

@St James 6 pm

FOR THE PEOPLE

Sunday Sept 20

+Mary Koca by Bill & Karen Pfaff

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Offertory	\$ 60.00	
Votive	\$	

St. James

Saturday, Sept 12

+ David Weiner by Dennis & Maggie Jilek

Saturday, Sept 19

FOR THE PEOPLE

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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Offertory	\$ 218.00	Total \$637.00
Votives	\$ 64.00	

St. Michael

Sunday Sept 13

+Richard Swiss by K of C

Sunday Sept 20

+Mary Weiss by Wenzel & Jo Ellen Felber

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Offertory	\$ 84.00	Total \$ 1,029.00
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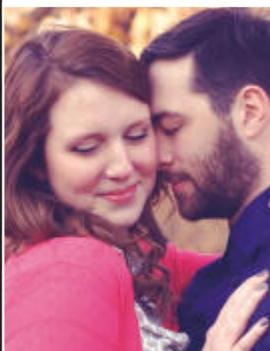
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