

Sacred Heart

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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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Mon. - Thurs. 8:30am - 4:30pm

Fri. - 8:30am - 12pm

Sacraments & Liturgies

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am (Spanish), 10:30am

Holy Days of Obligation:

9:00am & 7:00pm

Daily Mass:

Tues, Wed & Fri.: 9:00am

Thurs.: 5:30pm

First Friday Mass: 12:00 p.m. at

St. John's Chapel

Confession:

Saturday: 4:30-5:15pm & by appt.

Baptism: By appointment, contact Parish Office.

Weddings: Six months notice required. Please contact the pastor to begin the preparation process.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesday 9:30-10:30am & Friday

6:00-7:00pm.

September 13, 2020 • 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION

What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is hypocritical to want one thing for ourselves and something else for another. Yet, many act in precisely this way.

Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free.

For the one who wants to be forgiven and the one who needs offer forgiveness, the journey can be an adventure in learning what brought us to this place and what is needed to move forward. This is exactly how God treats us.

Catechetical Corner

Tentative start date for RE Classes

Grades Pre-K through 8th

Sunday, September 27th or October 4th

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Prayers for the Sick:

Please pray for:

Dale Wilson, Jean Beesley, Alan Craig, Don & Mary Louise Boyne, Carolyn Schmidt, Betty Conway, Don Perno, Judy Diskin, Rhett Crawford, Chapman Family.

Happy Birthday to:

Nicolas Hancock (13); Evie Boyne (15); Rick Rumsey (18).

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Please contact the office so we can update our information.

Mass Intentions: September 12th - 18th, 2020

Saturday Special Intentions
Sunday 8:00 Special Intentions
Sunday 10:30 Special Intentions
Tuesday Special Intentions
Wednesday Tina Ford t / John and Sheila Ford
Thursday Special Intentions
Friday Rick Rumsey / Jennifer Rumsey

Readings for the week of September 13th, 2020



Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

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

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

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33/Lk 7:31-35

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

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56/Lk 8:4-15

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

Thought for the Week

Have you ever heard the saying "Holding on to a grudge is like taking poison and waiting for the other person to die"? This reminds me of today's gospel. I was told by a very smart person that forgiving someone does not mean condoning what they did. What it means is to free one's self of holding on to something that keeps us from the love of God and our neighbor. If I am wanting to be forgiven for something that I did, whether unintended or on purpose, should I not do the same for anyone else? When I was a child there was a man that lived down the street from us. One day he was outside and was beating his dog. We were so angry and tried everything to entice the dog away from him but the dog refused to come to us. Later we found the man in the back of his yard crying and hugging his dog and the dog beside him trying to console him. We found out later that the man was a veteran with what today is called PTSD. That dog had the instinct to forgive because he knew the man was troubled and needed someone to be there when he needed comfort. We never know what kind of demons someone may have in their life. If only we had the instinct of that dog to look deeper into the why and know that God will forgive us of our faults. Everyone has faults because we are human. We just need to free ourselves from taking the poison.—Sue Ann Williams, Parishioner

Sacred Heart Church Collections



August 30, 2020 Collection

Envelope.....	\$ 2,013.00
Loose	\$ 248.00
On-Line.....	\$ 25.00
Total Weekend Collection.....	\$ 2,286.00

September 6, 2020 Collection - Not Available

Honor the Lord with generosity Ecc.35:7

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Life is not always easy on us and it can be hard to figure out the next step to take in our journey. We can even become immobilized by indecisiveness and fear about making the wrong move or choosing the incorrect path. I think of the song, *Should I Stay, or Should I Go*, as a mantra for many times in my life. Should I stay in this house, this job, or this car? Should I go here or there? When those times of decision surface, I usually turn to my wife, my friends, or even my children. Talking it out can help, and their perspectives give me more data to consider. When I lean on others to help me make a decision, it helps me become more confident in my choices.

Discerning the will of God is not easy either. Rarely do we understand God's calling clearly at first. God's calling is always more easily discerned within a community of faithful disciples. Our stewardship way of life can suffer greatly if we refuse to allow others to assist us in the process of discernment. What gifts or talents are needed for the task at hand? Where do I fit best into God's plan? Where is God leading me? No one should have to decide the answers to these questions alone. We need to always lean on the Body of Christ to help us see the path that God has laid before us. Without a little help along the journey, over time we might find ourselves stuck in the same place where we started. — Tracy Earl Welliver

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Deciding to travel the challenging road of forgiveness is choosing a journey toward greater freedom. Resentment, anger, and clinging to past hurts not only keep open wounds that long for healing but bring us down paths that are eventually self-destructive. Harboring grudges and withholding forgiveness not only shut down relationships with others, but with God and myself as well. To choose to forgive another person, regardless of how grave the wrong, is a choice to be released from bondage to past wounds and scars and to pursue the gift of life and love again. Who among us has not wrong or sinned against another? We certainly would want God to understand, forgive, and show mercy upon us. It is hypocritical of us to not extend that same grace to our neighbor.

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Parish Organizations

Knights of Columbus: The Sacred Heart Council meets at 7:00 pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Contact Grand Knight Robert Mulvihill 918-906-7170.
Prayer Network: For prayer requests, contact Sheila Ford at (918) 695-8796 or email at skfgma14x@gmail.com or contact the office.
Women's Bible Study Group: Meets Tuesday mornings 10:30-11:45am. Contact Julie Pittman 918-519-2029.
Fatima Ladies: Every 3rd Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:45 a.m. Contact Sue Johnston 918-227-1431.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE: Volunteer basis until further notice.

Religious Education: Enrollment forms are available in the Gathering Area. First Communion Class is open to those students who were in the First Communion Class last year and need to continue their studies to make their First Communion in May 2021 or to those students who attended the Catechism of the Good Shepherd Class last year and meet the age requirement. Confirmation and RCIA class start times will be announced in the following weeks.

Women's Bible Study will be studying the spiritual work "Abandonment to Divine Providence" using the John Beevers translation. This is also available on Kindle and Ereaders if you would like to order your own copy. Classes begin Tuesday, September 15th. We will be observing safety guidelines in the classroom but you may also join by Zoom. Contact Julie Pittman for additional information at 918-519-2029.

The Diocese of Tulsa will sponsor another 40 Days for Life campaign. The kickoff rally is set for Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Garden of Hope. Bishop Konderla will be the keynote speaker along with other local members of the prolife movement. Prayer vigil information is available on the flyers in the gathering area.





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