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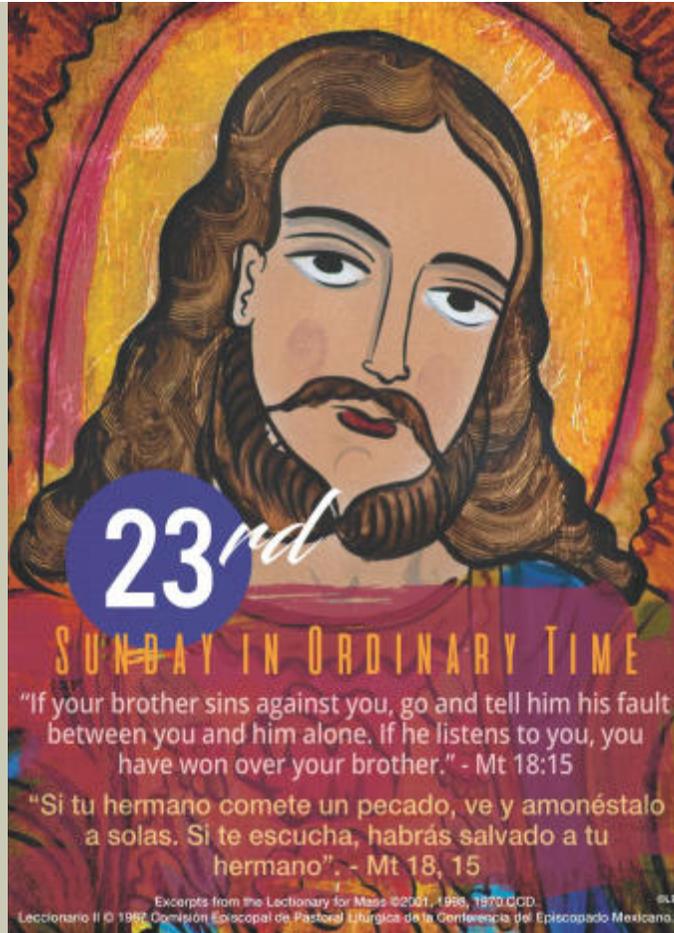
“Pues donde están dos o tres reunidos en mi nombre, allí estoy yo, en medio de ellos”. (Mateo 18:20).

Reunirnos dos o tres o muchos más en la asamblea dominical o en oraciones en los grupos de la comunidad es garantía segura de que Jesús se hace presente. Allí, es donde puede surgir la corrección fraterna de la que también habla el Evangelio de hoy. Cuando se corrige se abre el paso a la comunión y al diálogo, abriendo el camino a la eficacia de la oración comunitaria.

El pasaje del Evangelio lo expresa así. *“Si tu hermano ha pecado, vete a hablar con él a solas para reprochárselo. Si te escucha, has ganado a tu hermano.”* (Mateo 18:15)

Mateo, es protagonista de la caridad pastoral. Sabe que la Iglesia está formada por santos y pecadores y se preocupa de que se haga justicia en la comunidad. Todos necesitamos del Pastor que busca a la oveja descarriada. La misericordia y el perdón de Dios van de la mano, libera de la esclavitud del pecado y prepara al ser humano a vivir en libertad. ¡Ah! Cuanto necesita el mundo para saber convivir y gozar de la belleza de la verdad de las obras de misericordia espirituales. Sencillas y fáciles de practicar en el vivir de cada día. Dar buen consejo al que lo necesita; corregir al que está en un error; perdonar al que ofende; pedir por los vivos y difuntos.

¿Podrías atreverte a llevar a cabo alguna de estas obras en tu familia y comunidad? ¡Eso es amar sin límite!



It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn.

When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed.

ST. BRIGID CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday9:00 am - 4:00 pm

SACRAMENTS

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday.....6:00-7:00 pm

Sacrament of Penance Wednesday.....6:00-6:30 pm

Saturday.....4:00-4:30pm

(Sacrament of Penance is also available by appointment)

San Juan Diego Mission—Stilwell

Misa en español: Domingo.....8:30 am

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Sept. 6	St. Brigid Parishioners
Tuesday, Sept. 8	+Jeannie Carlile
Wednesday, Sept. 9	Kirk Barnum / +Jane Stites
Thursday, Sept. 10	Lisa Herrin
Friday, Sept. 11	+Malissa Hart
Saturday, Sept. 12 5:00pm	+Channing Burke



2020 Weekend Mass Times:

First Saturday 9:00am English

Saturday 5:00 pm English

Sunday 10:30 am English

12:30 pm Spanish

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Tuesday 5:30 pm

Wednesday 5:30 pm (Eng)

7:00 pm (Sp)

Thursday 12:15 pm

Friday 8:15 am

Pope's September Prayer Intention:

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."

Holy Land Collection September 12-13

September 14 is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. Owing to the Covid pandemic, we were unable to take up the customary Good Friday collection for the Holy Land. Some parishioners sent in envelopes at the time to support the collection (thank you!), but the congregation as a whole will have an opportunity to donate to this important cause in a second collection at Masses the weekend of September 12-13.

Cross Walk

For several years, a group of men from parishes in north Texas have been making an annual pilgrimage to Clear Creek Abbey to honor the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. On Friday, September 17, they will begin with Mass at 7 am at St. Brigid, then walk the approximately 21 miles to Clear Creek Abbey, taking turns carrying a wooden cross for those who are able. We arrive at the Abbey in time for the celebration of vespers in the evening. Please email Fr. Stuart if you are interested in details for joining this year's Cross Walk.



Readings for the week of September 6, 2020

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 [2]/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-3

Collections for August 30, 2020

Regular Collection: \$2,898.00

Becoming Catholic—the New RCIA

Keeping pace with revised directives on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), we are in the process of making some changes in the way we provide formation for those looking to join the Catholic Church. The “full-on” RCIA process is fundamentally geared toward those who are preparing for baptism, and we will retain that for those who require a thorough, broad approach to learning about the Catholic Christian faith.

However, many people come to us throughout the year who are already baptized Christians from different denominations. Their level of understanding and knowledge about Catholicism varies greatly. Rather than funnel everyone into a one-size-fits-all process in RCIA that runs September to April, we will tailor a formation process to the individuals who come to us. When they feel ready to make a profession of faith, we will bring them into the Church at that time rather than necessarily waiting until the Easter Vigil.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Fr. Stuart in the Parish Office, and he will be glad to meet!

Financial Stewardship

Thank you to all our parishioners who have continued their support of the Church during this time of pandemic. For those not yet returning to Mass, contributions can always be mailed to the parish office, or it is also possible to donate online to our church through the diocesan website:

www.dioceseoftulsa.org/donate-to-support-a-specific-parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Molly Peterson, Doug Roberts, Jane Bailey, Mary Thirsty, Abigail Flavin, Janie Hanson, Wallace H. Allen, Janice Archer, Rolland Turcotte, Lisa Herrin, Justin Simmons, Mary White, Sally Hilger, Mary Fulk, John Witosky, William Righthouse, Anita Brockman, Courtney Short, Don Brockman, Larry Guthrie, Amanda King-Summers, Marty Barnett, Nathaniel Galdamez, Rex Fann, Dean Harless, Terry Dunlap, Angie Fay, Gary Harrington, Maddie Cochran, Kirby Merrill, Marquette Lyons, Renee Ridge, Ann Payette, Carol Carroll, Michael Roberts, Jim Roberts, Alana Roberts, Dixon Davis, Tiffany Robinson, Caden Murphy, Bill Scrimshire, Kylee Osburn, Donald Sizemore, Zack Kelley, Carrie Ann Mitchell, Melynda Elias, Jesse Price, Alan Linde, Joyce Eastham, Bobby Dean Ward, Rosa Castillo, Margaret Miller, Meaghan Roberts, Kyla Roberts, Charlee Burke, Keith Burke, Glenda Burke, Debbie Rich, Kim Harris, Melanie Medaris, Kelly Callaway, Darren Sunday, Della Moore, Mary DeHaas, Kathy Seidletz, Jon Mitchell, David Alley, Andy Groat, Angie Mitchell, Emily Mitchell, Walter Sizemore, Jessie Casey, Michael Murphy, Tony Croman, Jonah Evans, Janice Booker, Matt Booker, Eddie Booker, Calvin Pope, Jasmine Evans, Calvin McCoy, Danny Craig, Laura Lollar, Karan Housley, Eddy Mcinnis, Colin Mcinnis, Cathy Farinelli, Tom Carlile, Mary Mead, Connor McClure, Terry Hearn, Jim Madison, Steve Blair, Jennifer Vinson and all our military.

BAPTISMAL CLASSES/PLATICAS PRE-BAUTISMALES

Las platicas pre-bautismales reunen el primer domingo de cada mes a las 11 am en el salon con Sra. Lula Andrade.

Baptismal classes for parents and godparents in English may be scheduled with Fr. Stuart through the Parish Office.

Sing Praise! Youth Event

St. Brigid will be hosting a Sing Praise night for middle and high school age youth sponsored by the diocesan Youth Office. The event will be Wednesday, September 23, from 6:30-8:00 pm.

Reminders about CoVID-19 Precautions

Tahlequah does have a mandatory mask ordinance in place for places of public accommodation, which includes churches. If you need a mask when attending Mass, we have some disposable ones available in the church foyer. Hand sanitizer is also available in the pews and in the foyer for your use. Thank you to everyone for your consideration of others in helping us abide by these protocols.

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