

# ST. BRIGID

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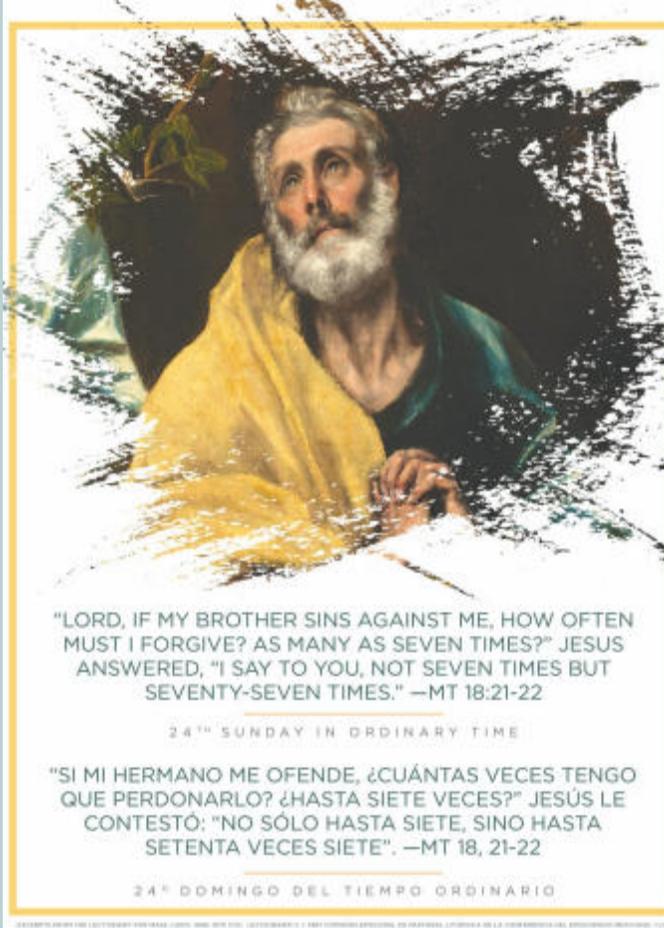
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Setenta veces siete, son muchas las veces que hay que perdonar. Perdonar no es fácil, y Pedro lo sabía, por eso propone una cifra cuantitativa. Sin embargo, Jesús va más allá de esa cifra, dando una respuesta inesperada.

*“Jesús, le contesto: No te digo siete, sino setenta y siete veces”.* (Mateo 18:21-22).

Enseguida, Jesús, narra como enseñanza catequética la parábola del que no perdonó a su compañero. El perdón no debe tener límites, lo decimos todos los días al rezar el Padrenuestro. Perdonar al hermano, a la hermana, al amigo, a la esposa, al esposo de corazón, sinceramente, sin medida. Difícil ¿verdad?

Todo el relato de la parábola, muestra un contraste muy grande, entre la persona que debe mucho y la bondad del rey. Al perdonarle todo sin esperar nada a cambio. Ya perdonada la deuda, surge el hecho de un compañero que debía poco y éste se pone muy exigente que le pague. La enseñanza aquí es ver la infinita misericordia de Dios que supera la exigencia del compañero ingrato con su amigo. El Señor Jesús, nos perdona en el Sacramento de la Reconciliación. El confesarse no ha pasado de moda como muchos creyentes piensan. El Papa Francisco dice que: *“Dios nunca se cansa de perdonar, somos nosotros los que nos cansamos de pedir perdón”*. ¿Cuántas veces acudes al Sacramento de la Reconciliación? Cuando perdonas ¿lo haces desde el fondo de tu corazón? Pidamos, al Señor en la Eucaristía de este Domingo, que nos dé la gracia de saber perdonar al que nos ofende.



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.

## ST. BRIGID CHURCH

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### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday .....9:00 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. 13

**St. Brigid Parishioners**

Tuesday, Sept. 15

**+Jeannie Carlile**

Wednesday, Sept. 16

**Alana Roberts / Robert Nicodemus**

Thursday, Sept. 17

**+Arlan Hanson**

Friday, Sept. 18

**+Larry Peterson**

Saturday, Sept. 19 5:00pm

**+Tiffany Ehrhart**



### 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 13, 2020**

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35  
Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35  
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50  
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3  
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15  
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

**Collections for September 6, 2020**

**Regular Collection: \$4,016.00**  
**Building Fund: \$925.00**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Molly Peterson, Sue Hooper, 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, Robert Nicodemus, Nathaniel Galdamez, Rex Fann, Dean Harless, Terry Dunlap, Angie Fay, Gary Harrington, Maddie Cochran, Kirby Merrill, Marquetta 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, Rose Penton, 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.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is beginning!**

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the process by which those interested in joining the Catholic Church may discern that call.

Our adult faith formation sessions for RCIA are open to all who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and her teachings. This also includes those already Catholic or who are baptized Catholic but have not yet made their First Communion and/or Confirmation.

Steve Hamby conducts our sessions on Sunday mornings at 9 am in the first classroom on the right in the Activity Center, starting September 13.

**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](http://www.dioceseoftulsa.org/donate-to-support-a-specific-parish)**

**Catholic Student Organization at NSU**

Our CSO is the campus ministry group for students at NSU. All college-age young adults are welcome to attend CSO events. For information, please contact Montana Hale at (918) 284-6869.

**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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