

September 7: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses." — Mt 18:15-16

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, Sept. 7 (Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20)

8:00 am- Russell Grahmann

10:30 am- For our Parish Family

Monday, September 8, *The Nativity of the Blessed*

Virgin Mary (Mi 5:1-4a/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23)

7:00 am- Living & deceased members of KJZT #2

10:00 am- Sarah Jansky (Hallettsville Rehab)

Tuesday, September 9, *St. Peter Claver, Priest (1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19)*

7:00 am- Billy & Earline Chovanetz

Wednesday, September 10 (1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26)

7:00 am- Felix, Mary & Albert Janecek

8:05 am- Arthur & Rose Mary Etzler's 67th Anniversary

Thursday, Sept. 11 (1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38)

7:00 am- Chris Jares (*Patriot Day*)

10:00 am- Deacon Sonny & Elaine Rogers (Stevens)

Friday, September 12, *The Most Holy Name of Mary (1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42)*

7:00 am- Julius & Annie Horky, John & Victor Trojcak, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Trojcak

8:05 am- Victor & Lena Grafe

Saturday, September 13, *St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49)*

5:30 pm- Robert & Rosa Helmcamp

Sunday, September 14, *The Exaltation of the Holy*

Cross (Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17)

8:00 am- Living & deceased members of Donald G. Berger Family

10:30 am- For our Parish Family

Bulletin & Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In honor of the 67th Anniversary of Arthur & Rose Mary Etzler.

Vigil Light: In memory of Glenn & Stacey Rabel and special intention of Joe L. Pekar.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$5,398.50; Loose-\$1,370; Children-\$144.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Gabriel Chapa, Jr.*, father of Gabriel Chapa, III. *May he and all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

Welcome to the Parish: Rene (Philip) Anderson, daughter Anneliese; Gareth & Heather Pustejovsky, son Jackson; Rosa Molina (Hector Ochoa), children Camila & Edwin; Brian & Joy Smith, daughters Abby & Bailey; and, Leslie Mikush, daughter Brianna.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

-BBQ Calf Group Supper, 5:30 p.m., KC Hall Pavilion.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

-Blood Drive, 11:00 a.m.-5:45 p.m., Family Center.

Sponsored by SHCS Student Council.

-Rosary & Evening Praise, 5:30 p.m., Church.

-Christian Mothers Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Family Center.

A program will be presented by Fr. Barnabus.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., K.C. Hall of Fame Room.

-P.I. Classes, 9:15-11:30am & 7-9:15pm, Family Center.

(It's not too late to register for these classes!)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

-CCD: K-12th Grade, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

-Divine Mercy Study/Prayers, 7:30 p.m., Cry Room.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

-KJZT #2 Meeting, 3:00 p.m., Mary's House.

Among our sick: Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Josephine Muniz, Wilbert Kalinec, Barbara Kubena, Kathy Davis, Elrose Ehler, Marilyn Palmquist, Doug Blumberg, Terry Mitchon Bludau, Amanda Gutierrez, Becky Pekar, Victor Vasek, Karen Kahanek, Harvey Drozd, Monte Staha, Marie Hermes, Karen Perez, Georgie Meyer, Doris Anders, Jack Crandall, Gary Trojcak, Georgie Henke, Jerry Novosad, Brian Wisnoski, Jeanne McClain, Frances Kutach, Henry Konvicka, Clorisa Hartensteiner, Sweet Hrcncir, Betsy Brown, Ed Aulick, Ben Brosch, nursing home residents, & the homebound.

Happy Anniversary!

Emil & Joyce Hermes	51 years	Sept. 7
Esther & Johnny Kelley	52 years	Sept. 8
Andrew & Barbara Leopold	30 years	Sept. 8
Henry & Elrose Muenster	58 years	Sept. 8
Gilbert & Mary Schindler	52 years	Sept. 8
Anthony & Rachel Siegel	35 years	Sept. 8
Arthur & Rose Mary Etzler	67 years	Sept. 9

August Baptisms: Ada Rose, daughter of Jared & Brooke Meinkowsky; Jessica Wallis, daughter of Bobbie Joe & Linda Glover; and, Michael Julius Cooper, son of John & Karen Scherer.

Area Church Picnics:

Sept. 14: *Holy Cross*, Yorktown Community Center. Holy Mass 9:30 am. BBQ Beef & Sausage Dinner (Adults \$10). Auction 1pm. Booths, music, kid's games.

Sept. 21: *Our Lady of the Gulf*, Bauer Com. Ctr., Port Lavaca. Seafood Platter 11am-1:30pm. Auction 12:30. Arts & crafts, bingo, raffle, cake spin, country store, kid's games. Food! (Egg rolls, sausage, nachos, tamales, Kolaches, roasted corn, bbq on bun, pizza, desserts)

Falling Leaves Gala featuring The Original Triumphs, Oct. 11, 5:30-11:00 pm, KC Hall. Tickets \$100 per couple (rib-eye steak dinner, open bar, dance, prizes). For tickets, call the KC Hall (798-2311) or go to www.kchall.com.

From the Desk of Msgr. John

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the parish picnic a success last Sunday. It was a very good day. Thanks to all who worked, donated or bought items.

CCD News ~~ All CCD students must be registered before the first day of CCD on Sept. 10. If you have not yet registered, you may register at the Rectory.

Sept. 7: All Volunteer Commissioning and Dinner, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Jalisco's.

Sept. 10: Opening Class.

Sept. 21: First Penance Workshop & Commissioning Ceremony, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Cafeteria.

Sept. 24: Mass Day (Catechists participate)

Sacred Heart Youth ~~ Hello everyone! Our first **Youth Night** is coming up! Sunday, September 21 from 5-7:30 p.m. This begins with an hour of adoration with music by members of the Teen Acts Band, followed by food and fun at the Youth House. Deacon Jacob Koether will be joining us. More details to follow. Also, we sincerely thank all the students of Hallettsville and Sacred Heart who helped us out at the picnic this Sunday. It was a great success! God bless all of you!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will begin on Thursday, October 2. If you or someone you know is interested in learning about the Catholic Faith with the possibility of joining the Catholic Church, please call the Rectory to register. If you are already Catholic and are interested in helping with the RCIA process as a Sponsor or Team Member, please call the Rectory. There are a variety of ways you can be of service.

Please pray for the blessing of beneficial rainfall!!!



Heavenly Father,

We believe that it is You Who created our world with all of its beauty and life.

We believe that it is You Who put into place the systems of nature that sustain, nurture and renew this work of Your

hands. We believe that it is You Who hears Your children when they call upon You. Hear then, this prayer which comes from a heart filled with confidence and trust. Grant to us and to all who seek it, the gift of a bountiful rain. Water our lands so that they may once again spring to life and reflect the beauty of Your creation. Fill our lakes and rivers with sufficient rain so that they may continue to provide life giving and refreshing water to all who depend upon it for their livelihood and well-being. Please do not let many more days pass without sending us this most needed blessing of rain. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

Sacred Heart School News ~~

Sept. 8: School Advisory Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Sept. 9: Band Parent Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Band Hall.

Sept. 10: Booster Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., K.C. Hall.

Sept. 11: Memorial Service at the Flag Pole, 8:05 a.m.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time –

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone." Gossip has become a modern pastime. We publish magazines with the latest celebrity chatter, and create websites and blogs that reverberate with "opinions" about public and private personalities alike. Many people utilize social media to rant about the behavior of others, and the good old-fashioned coffee break still provides ample opportunity to reveal the offenses we have suffered or to dish out dirt about people who aren't present.



Although it can take many forms, at its core, gossip is about tarnishing people's reputations without giving them a chance to defend themselves. Today, Jesus recommends a different approach. He encourages us to deal directly with people, which in effect means to treat them with dignity and respect. Rather than making preconceived judgments about another's behavior, Jesus asks us to talk to the person involved ... first. Instead of running around venting our frustrations elsewhere, or even "tattling" on someone who has legitimately wronged us, we are called to address our concern head-on, with charity and compassion.

As Jesus suggests, "If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." In other words, by speaking directly to those who have offended us, we actually have the chance to resolve the situation before it grows out of proportion. Of course this doesn't always work; that's why Jesus mentions the other steps to take if necessary. But we will be the ones to blame for the continuation of the conflict unless we follow the Lord's advice and give peace a chance.

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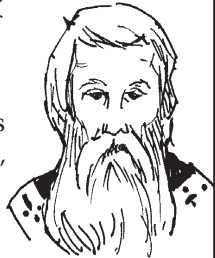
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One Minute Meditations

Pope St. Gregory the Great

A great pope of the Church, Pope St. Gregory gave up the privileges of being a rich man's son to serve God. As a young man, he became one of seven deacons of Rome. He then became Rome's Chief Magistrate but resigned to become a monk turning the family estate into the Abbey of St. Andrew.



Elected pope at age 50, St. Gregory made peace with the invading Lombards, saved Rome from famine, and restored order within the Church itself.

Our rock

Although the world may change, God stays the same. He can be trusted to provide love, support, strength, patience, wisdom, insight, and creativity when we need it. All we have to do is ask. *"For I the Lord do not change ..."* (Malachi 3:6).

Power in number

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).



God loves me; this I know."

We are loved immeasurably by Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Why, then, do we often fear God as a stern taskmaster who imposes impossible rules and waits to catch us in misdeeds? Instead, let's be confident in his warmth.

God is love.
"Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God ... for God is love" (1 John 4:8). God's very nature is love. He isn't capable of ill will, ridicule, or bad feelings. He can only love and want us to love.

God is only capable of wanting our good. When someone loves us, he

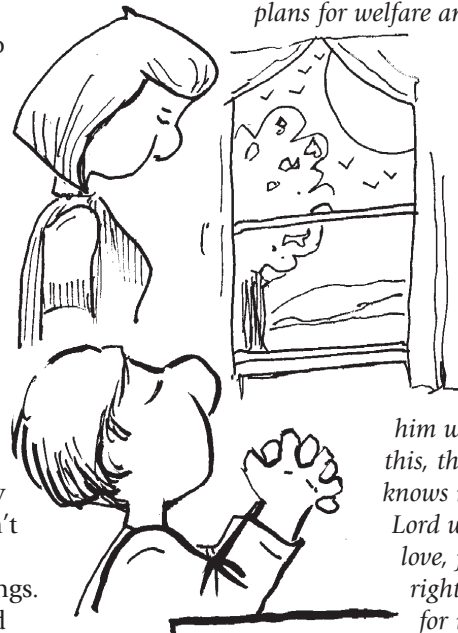
wants the very best for us. *"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope"* (Jeremiah 29:11).

God doesn't want us to wonder about him. We don't have to guess who he is. He makes it easy to come to know him. *"... Let*

him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practice steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth; for in these things I

delight, says the Lord" (Jeremiah 9:24).

We get to know him through seeking him in prayer and action.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do we say the Church is "Apostolic?"

The Church was founded on the Apostles, sent by Christ to *"make disciples of all nations...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you"* (Matthew 28:19-20). The Apostles conferred their mission and authority on their successors with the imposition of



hands, still done today.

The faith of the Apostles was preserved through time via this apostolic succession. *"[The Church] continues to be taught, sanctified, and guided by the Apostles until Christ's return, through their successors in pastoral office"* (CCC 857).

Mistakes can be blessings

Do you dread making mistakes and feel remorse when you do? Instead, realize that mistakes are simply outcomes we didn't expect and can lead to growth.

Start by admitting your mistake. You can only learn from a mistake if you admit you made one. Acknowledging the error takes the focus away from assigning blame and moves it toward understanding a future course of action.

Enlist help. Talking to someone else about what happened gives you the benefit of another's experience. He or she may have made a similar

mistake or know of solid solution. Plus, describing the event forces you to think it through and may even help you see opportunities you didn't know were there.

Decide on change. Ask, "What will I do better next time?" Real growth and change happen when you see possibilities for improvement.

Benefit from mistakes. If you can learn from the current error, you may be able to avoid a future one.

Remember, God is the only one you know who doesn't make mistakes.

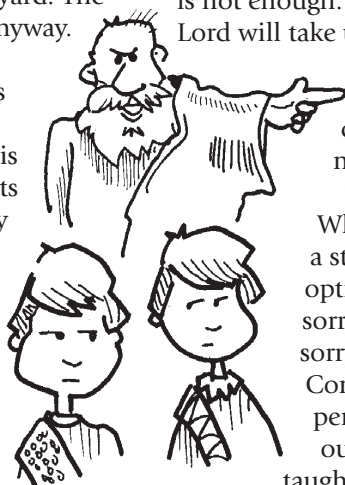


from Scripture

Matthew 21:28-32, Honest obedience.

Jesus told of a man who asked his two sons to go work in his vineyard. The first said, "No," but went anyway. The second said, "Yes," but didn't go. Which son did as the father asked?

The father in the parable is God. The first son represents the outcasts of society. They said "No" to God at first, but repented of their sins and changed. The second son represents the Jewish religious leaders. They said "Yes," but it was just lip service. They followed rules rather than change their hearts.



Saying, "Yes, God, I believe in you," is not enough. If we presume that the Lord will take us into Heaven just

because profess our faith, we will be disappointed. Words are not enough.

True obedience is lived. When we realize we are in a state of sin, we have two options. We can say we're sorry, or we can show we're sorry by going to Confession, doing sincere penance and amending our lives. Living as Jesus taught us is our way of "working in our Father's vineyard."

Q & A Why is the Our Father called, "The Perfect Prayer?"

One reason we call the Our Father, "The Perfect Prayer," is because Jesus

taught us to pray it (Luke 11:1-13). It is actually four prayers in one. First, it is a prayer of praise and gives God the glory that he is due.

Second, it is a prayer of petition in which we ask God to provide what we need.

Third, it is a prayer asking for forgiveness and the strength to be forgiving. And last, it is a prayer of acknowledgement. It leads us to admit that God knows what is best for us and reminds us to submit to his will rather than our own. That's what makes it the perfect prayer and the perfect prayer model.

The Our Father is a good beginning to heartfelt prayer. Jesus encourages us to ask for God's help, seek God's will, and open the door to God's grace in our lives.



Feasts & Celebrations

Sept. 13 - St. John Chrysostom (407). A powerful public speaker, he was a brutal critic of clergy who abused their office and royals who turned a blind eye to the suffering of the poor. He died in exile as a result

Sept. 27 - St. Vincent de Paul (1660). St. Vincent de Paul, was devoted to the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick. He founded several hospitals, and ransomed over 1,200 galley slaves from North Africa.

Sept. 21 - St. Matthew. Also known as Levi, he was a notorious tax collector. St.

Matthew left everything when Jesus called him to spread the Gospel. He wrote the Gospel According to Matthew.

Sept. 29 - St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael, the Archangels. Members of the third hierarchy of angels around the throne of God, archangels are entrusted with important missions to mankind such as St. Gabriel's visit to the Blessed Mother to tell her she had been chosen as the mother of God.



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