

Dear friends in Christ,
I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who worked to make the events last week in our parishes such a success: Our Lady of Velankanni at St. Jude, the Parish Picnic at Holy Innocents and the Fall Potluck and Listening Session at St. Anthony. Though things had to be adjusted because of the rain, nothing could dampen the spirits and devotion of our people. It was so great to see everyone working together in a wonderful way to celebrate our faith and fellowship in Christ.

Last week's Gospel spoke of the centrality of mercy and forgiveness to the life of faith. Pope Leo reflected beautifully on this important aspect of Christianity in his weekly talk at the Angelus:

Today's Gospel speaks to us of forgiveness, which is a fundamental feature of the Christian life. Jesus taught and exemplified forgiveness even on the cross, where he prayed to the Father for his persecutors with the familiar words: "Forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing" (Lk 23:34).

In today's passage, Peter asks the Master precisely about this question: "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" (Mt 18:21). His words reveal a generous heart, for the number seven symbolizes fullness in the Bible, and "forgiving seven times" means forgiving abundantly. Jesus' response, however, goes even further: "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven" (v. 22); in other words, beyond all limits, without measure.

To clarify his point further, the Savior tells the parable of a servant who owed his master a large debt that was practically impossible to pay. Although his own debt was forgiven out of pure mercy, he did not extend the same mercy toward one of his fellow servants, and for this he was rebuked and severely punished (vv. 23-30).

With these words, Jesus reminds us that gift and forgiveness are the foundation of our existence. All things are given to us by God out of pure love, and none of us can claim to be perfect in responding to such goodness.

For this reason, gratuitousness — which is the source of our existence — is also the best rule for our life together. We experience this every day. Forgiveness is indispensable, and without it, we cannot live in peace. Sooner or later conflicts, accusations, grudges and acts of vengeance emerge in our hearts and among people, and these acts destroy relationships, divide families and unleash wars.



Only forgiveness sets us free and restores the light, even where human material and moral poverty has darkened the horizon and made the path uncertain. Forgiveness, like a gentle breeze, sweeps away even the thickest clouds until the sun shines once more. Saint Peter himself experienced this many times in his life; in particular, when — after denying and abandoning Jesus during the Passion — he encountered the risen Lord on the shore of the lake and heard him ask just one question: "Simon ... do you love me?" (Jn 21:15). This was accompanied by an invitation, "follow me!" (v. 19), which was the same invitation given on the occasion of their first encounter. It was as if nothing had happened. This love, which forgives and heals, would mark for the first of the Apostles, the confirmation of his mission.

Let us therefore ask the Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, to help us forgive — always, even when it is difficult to take the first step — and to spread, with courage and perseverance, the serene and healing light of love that overcomes hatred and disarms all resentment. POPE LEO XVI

Finally, many thanks to those who completed the survey. We are now compiling and synthesizing the results.

Thanks too, to all who participated in the Listening Session last Saturday at St. Anthony. It was a wonderful session and we appreciate your taking time to share your input. This weekend and next we have Listening Sessions at St. Jude and Holy Innocents. I hope you can come and participate in one of them! Please remember to pray for the Partners in the Gospel process: that we may grow together in our faithfulness to the Lord's mission. Blessings on your week!

Fr Johnson

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

ST JUDE Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday 9AM-4PM, Friday 9AM-12PM

Mon September 21	Tuesday September 22	Wednesday September 23	Thursday September 24	Friday September 25	Saturday September 26	Sunday September 27
9:00am Daily Mass 10:00am Women of Faith	5:30pm Faith Formation K-6	8:30am Confessions 9:00am Daily Mass 7:00pm House of Prayer 7:00pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal (for 11am Mass) 7:00pm First Reconciliation Parent Meeting	9:00am Daily Mass 12:15pm Steps to Freedom 1:00pm Rosary Cenacle 6:30pm 9AM Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm KoC Officers' Meeting 7:00pm Confirmation Information Meeting 7:00pm OCIA	9:00am Daily Mass 9:30am - 9:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am Guardians & Angels	3:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass 6:00pm Oktoberfest	9:00am Sunday Mass 11:00am Sunday Mass Coffee & Donuts after both Masses 3:00pm Partners in the Gospel: Listening Session 6:30pm Teen Group



HOLY INNOCENTS Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9AM-4PM, Friday 9AM-12PM

Mon September 21	Tuesday September 22	Wednesday September 23	Thursday September 24	Friday September 25	Sunday September 27
	9:00am Daily Mass 3:00-6:30pm Food Pantry Open	9:30am Women's Bible Study 10am-12pm FoodPantry 6:00pm Daily Mass 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	9:00am Daily Mass	9:00am Daily Mass 6-6:45pm Confessions 6-8pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	8:00am Sunday Mass 10:30am Sunday Mass Partners in the Gospel Listening Sessions after both Masses (English & Spanish) 12:00pm Confirmation Opening Reflection



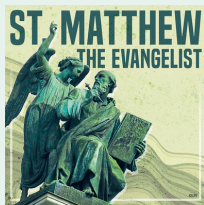
ST ANTHONY Office Hours: Sept 25, 2026 Friday 9AM-12Noon

Tuesday Sept 22	Wednesday Sept 23	Thursday Sept 24	Friday Sept 25	Saturday Sept 26	Sunday Sept 27
6:00pm Adoration & Rosary	7:30-9:30pm AA Meeting	6:00pm Bible Study		5:00pm Vigil Mass	5:30pm Sunday Evensong

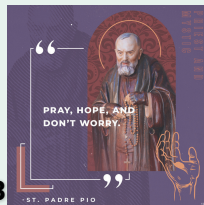
ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN NEED

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- Holy Innocents: King County Crisis line at 211
- St. Jude SVdP: Helpline assistance: 206-767-6449
- To learn more or to join the ministry contact:
 - Connie Dunn at Holy Innocents: conniedunn.com
 - Diane Murphy at St Jude: svdp@stjude-redmond.org
- To donate furniture or household items email: svdpfurnitureredmond@gmail.com (UPDATED EMAIL)



SEPT 21



SEPT 23



SEPT 26

PARISH FAMILY FINANCIAL UPDATES

HOLY INNOCENTS YEAR TO DATE 2026 - 2027



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Actual \$94,636
Goal \$112,115
Ahead/(Behind) **(\$17,479)**

BUILDING

Actual \$41,416
Goal \$61,431
Ahead/(Behind) **(\$20,015)**

ST JUDE YEAR TO DATE 2026 - 2027



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Actual \$209,301
Goal \$200,600
Ahead/(Behind) **\$8,701**

SAFE PARKING AT ST JUDE

Safe Parking Helpline: 425-658-4982
safeparking@stjude-redmond.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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