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— MATTHEW 18:27 —



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LIVE THE LITURGY – INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We have all been the wicked servant. We have denied others the same forgiveness and grace shown to us. This week, let us find new ways to make the love and mercy of God manifest in the lives of those we meet.

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VIVIR LA LITURGIA – INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Todos hemos sido los sirvientes malvados. Hemos negado a otros el mismo perdón y gracia que se nos ha mostrado. Esta semana, encontremos nuevas formas de hacer que el amor y la misericordia de Dios se manifiesten en la vida de quienes conozcamos.

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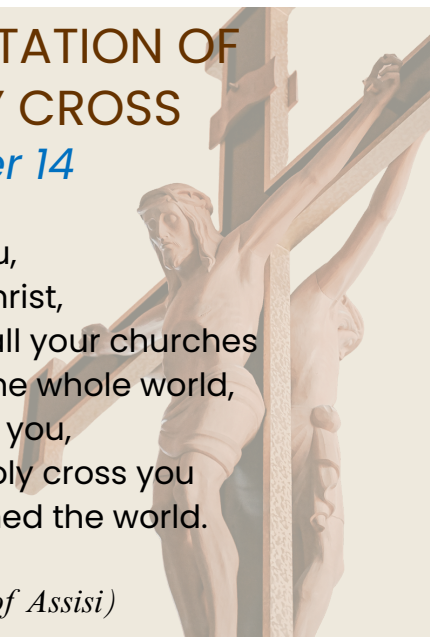
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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS *September 14*

We adore you,
Lord Jesus Christ,
here, and in all your churches
throughout the whole world,
and we bless you,
for by your holy cross you
have redeemed the world.

(Saint Francis of Assisi)



Greetings and Prayers: Birthday & Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week.

PARISH MASSES & LITURGIES

DAILY MASS:	Monday – Saturday, 8:15 AM
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS:	5:00 PM – English
SUNDAY MASSES:	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM – English; 12:00 PM – Español
1st FRIDAY Devotion:	Eucharistic Adoration follows the 8:15 AM Mass
CONFESSIONS:	Saturdays, 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM (2nd & 4th Saturdays: English only)
ANOINTING OF THE SICK, FUNERAL SERVICES or HOUSEBLESSING:	Please call the Parish Center to set an appointment.
BAPTISM – Monthly:	Second Saturday: 10:00 AM – English El cuarto sábado: 10:00 AM – Español <i>Please call at least 2 months prior to the approved date of baptism.</i>
QUINCEAÑERA MASS:	Saturdays at 12 noon. Subject to availability. <i>Please call at least 5 months prior to the approved date of the Mass.</i>
MARRIAGE:	Saturdays at 12 noon. Subject to availability. <i>Please call at least months prior to the approved date of the wedding.</i>

PARISH CENTER HOURS – Monday–Friday

8:30AM – 4:00PM

Break from 12PM–1PM

CLERGY

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Luello Palacpac

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Fr. Patrick Okoye

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Registration: If you are new in our community, welcome!

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Registered parishioners may also update their information on the website.



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Pray for our departed parishioners

May they rest in peace

AMEN.



Adoration Chapel

Open Sundays through
Saturdays from 9am to 9pm

*None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.
For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord*

(Rom 14:8)

GOSPEL MESSAGE: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle A

CALLED TO LOVE AND FORGIVE

Dear friends,

When humanity sinned against God, God did not abandon her to the eternal consequences of sin. Instead, He sent His only Son into the world, and through His death and resurrection, He paid the price of our redemption. He offered us forgiveness, restoration, and a new identity as adopted children.

As beneficiaries of divine love and mercy, our Lord Jesus Christ has mandated us to show love and mercy to one another. Jesus is clear: **“love one another as I have loved you.”** Forgiveness is not optional—it is the mark of those who belong to God.

Yet, my dear friends, we know how difficult this command can be. Our human instincts resist forgiveness. Our wounded pride clings to hurt. Our emotions demand repayment. This is precisely why we ask God to strengthen our resolve—to conquer our human weakness and to shape our hearts into His divine likeness.

The Christian vocation is an invitation to imbibe and demonstrate the divine character. Jesus came into the world to identify with our humanity in order to transform it. The high point of His mission is that our hearts and minds be totally transformed into the likeness of God—to become identical in character with our Heavenly Father.

And what is the Father’s character?

He forgives not because the offender deserves forgiveness, but because He Himself is good. No amount of “I’m sorry” can fully repair an offense. Forgiveness flows from the goodness of the one who forgives, not from the merit of the one who offended. So, when we forgive, we are not excusing the wrong. We are syncing our will with God’s will, allowing His mercy to flow through us. We are expressing gratitude for the mercy we ourselves have received. We are showing our true identity as children of the Father.

My dear friends, contemplating how much God has loved us becomes the fuel that empowers us to love and forgive others. This is the pathway to advancing in divine character: **Receive mercy. Remember mercy. Show mercy.** And in doing so, we become what Christ came to call us to become: **Loving and merciful as our Heavenly Father.**

LLAMADOS A AMAR Y PERDONAR

Queridos amigos:

Cuando la humanidad pecó contra Dios, Él no la abandonó a las consecuencias eternas del pecado. Por el contrario, envió a su Hijo único al mundo y, mediante su muerte y resurrección, pagó el precio de nuestra redención. Nos ofreció el perdón, la restauración y una nueva identidad como hijos adoptivos.

Como beneficiarios del amor y la misericordia divina, nuestro Señor Jesucristo nos ha encomendado mostrar amor y misericordia los unos a los otros. Jesús es claro: **“Ámense los unos a los otros como yo los he amado.”** El perdón no es opcional: es el signo distintivo de quienes pertenecen a Dios.

Sin embargo, queridos amigos, sabemos lo difícil que puede ser cumplir este mandato. Nuestros instintos humanos se resisten al perdón. Nuestro orgullo herido se aferra al dolor. Nuestras emociones exigen reparación. Precisamente por eso pedimos a Dios que fortalezca nuestra determinación, que nos ayude a vencer nuestra debilidad humana y que moldee nuestros corazones a semejanza del suyo.

La vocación cristiana es una invitación a acoger y manifestar el carácter divino. Jesús vino al mundo para identificarse con nuestra humanidad y transformarla. La plenitud de su misión consiste en que nuestros corazones y nuestras mentes sean totalmente transformados a semejanza de Dios, hasta reflejar en nuestro carácter el de nuestro Padre celestial.

¿Y cuál es el carácter del Padre?

Él perdona, no porque quien lo ofendió merezca el perdón, sino porque Él mismo es bueno. Ningún «lo siento» puede reparar por completo una ofensa. El perdón brota de la bondad de quien perdona, no de los méritos de quien ha ofendido. Por eso, cuando perdonamos, no estamos justificando el mal cometido. Estamos uniendo nuestra voluntad a la voluntad de Dios, permitiendo que su misericordia fluya a través de nosotros. Estamos expresando gratitud por la misericordia que nosotros mismos hemos recibido. Estamos mostrando nuestra verdadera identidad como hijos del Padre.

Queridos amigos, contemplar cuánto nos ha amado Dios se convierte en la fuerza que nos capacita para amar y perdonar a los demás. Este es el camino para crecer en el carácter divino: **Recibir misericordia. Recordar la misericordia. Mostrar misericordia.** Y, al hacerlo, llegamos a ser aquello a lo que Cristo vino a llamarnos: **amorosos y misericordiosos como nuestro Padre celestial.**

Fr. Patrick

LAY ORGANIZATIONS

- Mental Health Ministry
- Good Grief Ministry
- Legion of Mary (Eng & Sp)
- Rosary Group
- The Prayer Warriors
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Pro Life 40 days for Life Group
- The Sto. Niño Group
- El Grupo Guadalupano
- Lazos de Amor Mariano
- El Grupo Aliento de Oración
- OCIA – Catechists
- Bible Study Group
- Men's Club
- Women's Club
- Mount Carmel Youth Ministry
- *The Carlo Acutis Way (new)*

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

- Altar servers
- Lectors & Holy Communion
- Hospitality: Ushers & Greeters
- Music Ministry
- Liturgical Environment

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Sept 12

5:00 PM Pro Populo

Sun., Sept 13

8:00 AM † Joe Castello
10:00 AM † Michele Giorgetti
12:00 PM † Patricia Villa & Oscar Alvarez

Weekdays at 8:15 AM

Mon., Sept 14 † Deceased Mt. Carmel Parishioners
Tues., Sept 15 † Cecilia Corman
Wed., Sept 16 † Robert D. O'Leary
Thurs., Sept 17 † Edmund Mulhall
Fri., Sept 18 † Hiet Tran Marta
Sat., Sept 19 † Mike Lynam

2027 MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass Intention Book for 2027 is Open



10 INTENTIONS
maximum per family, per year.



\$10 DONATION
requested per Mass Intention.



For requests and guidelines contact the **PARISH OFFICE.**



THANK YOU TO OUR ALTAR FLOWERS DONORS:

Sept. 12: Nieto-Cruz family in memory of † Fernando, † Enriqueta & † Jose Nieto Ulgalde



2nd Collection: Sept. 6 – Facility Repair & Improvement
Sept. 20 – Liturgy Fund

Sept. 13 – Religious Education
Sept. 27 – Priests Retirement Fund

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND

Our priests have dedicated their lives to serving others. Now in their retirement years, these men of God need and deserve our help. This support helps provide financial security for our retired priests by alleviating their living expenses, health care and extended care costs. It is critical in our ability to care for these special men, and it helps ensure they are cared for in the same way they have cared for us.

Check out their website for more details: <https://sfarch.org/prflunch/>

Weekly Collection Donations (August 29 – 30)

First Collection – \$3,944
Second Collection – \$4,043
Gifts / Other – \$2,193
Total Collected – \$10,180

Mental Health Ministry

Call: Maria Koenigsberg
(650) 366-3802
Or email us at:

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Good Grief Ministry

Call: Maryann Gonzales
(650) 366-3802
Meets every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month
@ 6pm at the Parish Center.

The number to call for mental health crisis support in San Mateo County

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OCT. 14 ·
6:00 PM
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5:00 PM
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SUNDAYS
9:00–10:00 AM



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or the Parish Office

2027

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

- (Sept. 13) *Grandparents' Day*
 (Sept. 14) The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 (Sept. 15) Our Lady of Sorrows
 (Sept. 16) Sts. Cornelius, *Pope*, and
 Cyprian, *Bishop, Martyrs*
 (Sept. 17) St. Robert Bellarmine, *Bishop and*
Doctor of the Church;
 St. Hildegard of Bingen, *Virgin and*
Doctor of the Church
 (Sept. 19) St. Januarius, *Bishop and Martyr*

OUR LADY OF SORROWS September 15

By the Cross of our salvation
 Mary stood in desolation
 While the Saviour hung above.
 All her human powers failing,
 Sorrow's sword, at last prevailing,
 Stabs and breaks her heart of love . . .



Virgin Mary,
 full of sorrow,
 Love enough
 to share your pain.
 Make my heart
 to burn with fire,
 Make Christ's love
 my one desire,
 Who for love
 of me was slain.

Stabat Mater
 Source: St. John Paul II, Homily,
 September 15, 1987 — The Holy See

FORGIVE



"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."

MATTHEW 18:21-22

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Catechism of the Catholic Church *Transforming Pain into Compassion.*

2843 Thus the Lord's words on forgiveness, the love that loves to the end, become a living reality. The parable of the merciless servant, which crowns the Lord's teaching on ecclesial communion, ends with these words: "So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart." It is there, in fact, "in the depths of the heart," that everything is bound and loosed. It is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offense; but **the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession.**



**SF Healing and
Prayer Ministry**

Healing Mass
Every third Friday of the month
Next Mass: September 18, 2026

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

5:15 p.m. - Moment of recollective and meditative silence

5:30 p.m. - Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

6:00 p.m. - **HEALING MASS**, followed by the Anointing of the Sick



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY — ALL ARE WELCOME!

As we begin a new season, the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Our Lady of Mount Carmel warmly welcomes returning members and invites anyone interested in learning more about our ministry of service to join us.

Come discover how we serve neighbors in need within our community and how you can become involved in this beautiful mission of charity and compassion.

Thursday, September 17

Parish Center

7:00 PM

Whether you have served with us before or are simply curious to learn more, you are welcome!

Catholic Charities San Francisco (CCSF) create lasting solutions to the most pressing challenges in our community – homelessness, inequality, aging in isolation, generational poverty, HIV/AIDS, and immigration to name a few. CCSF does not charge fees over the phone or through online ads. Please call our office directly at **(415) 972-1200** for more information or to request a consultation.

TREASURES OF ITALY PILGRIMAGE

11 Days: January 25—February 4, 2027



Spiritual Director - Fr. Ernie Jandonero, BCC
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**To register or to ask questions, please contact
Tami Palladino: tami@theprayerpage.net
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