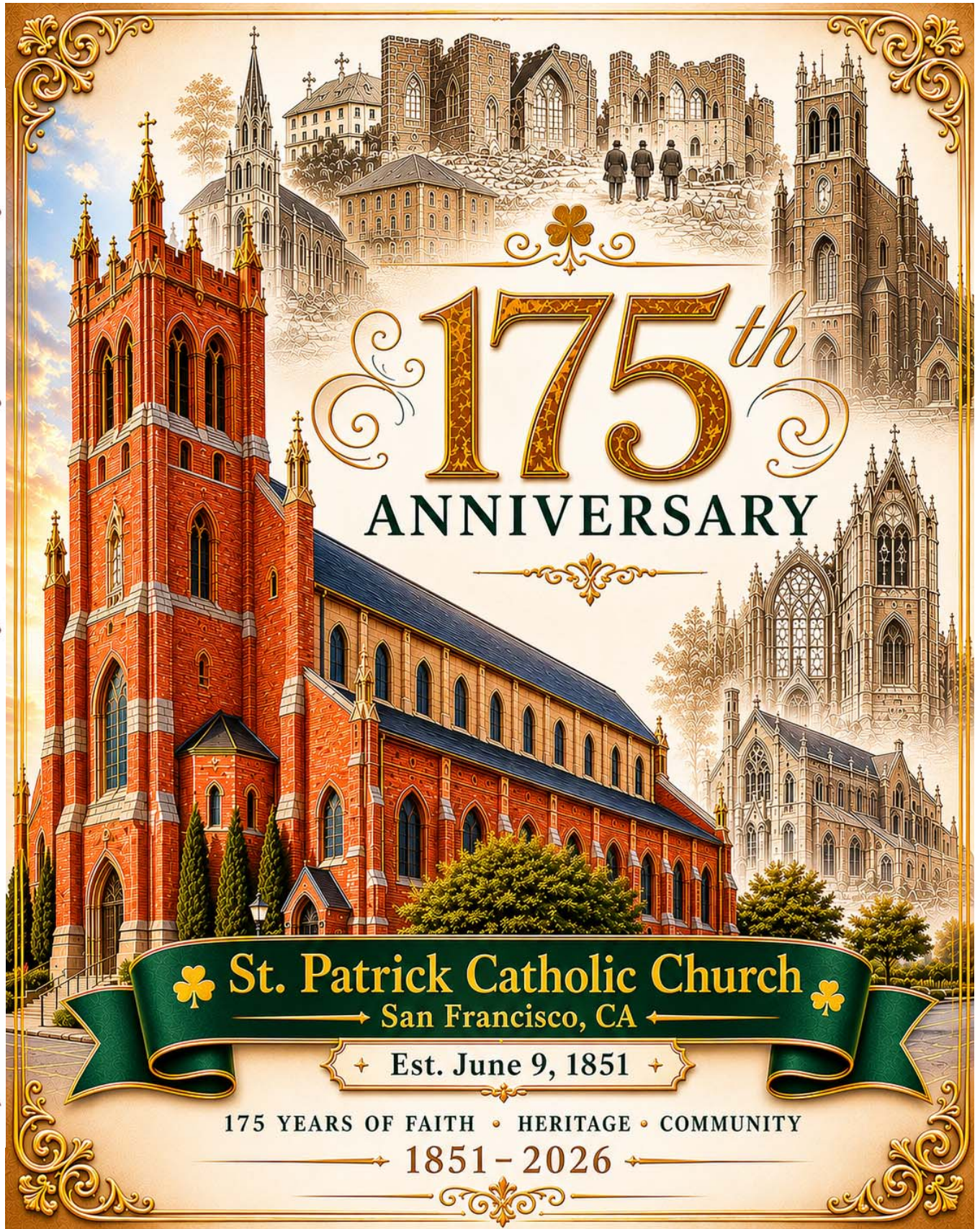


September 13, 2026 • Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
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Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Monday through Friday
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Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Every Tuesday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

Sacred Heart

First Friday of the month at 4:00 p.m..

Sto. Niño Devotion

Every Friday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

Our Lady of Fatima

First Saturday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

7:30 a.m. Masses

All priests of the Archdiocese of San Francisco will be attending the Priest Convocation Week on September 21, 23, and 24. Because of this, we will not have 7:30 a.m. Masses on these days. The 12:10 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Masses will be celebrated as usual. We appreciate your understanding and thank you for your prayers for our priests.

Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners
celebrating a birthday this week.

Olimpia Galindo	9/13	Celina Perales-Beltran	9/17
Jon Salangsang	9/13	Kevin Barry	9/17
Lorelei Sullivan	9/14	Perla Fernandez	9/17
Zsolt Pajor-Gyulai	9/15	Jesus Paningbatan, Jr.	9/18
Restilyn Angeles	9/15	Ethan Oscar Montemayor	9/18
Lourdes Salazar	9/16	Phoebe Rutaguio	9/19
Marinyi Laud	9/16	Nila Bautista	9/19
Joyce Ngabire	9/16		

Missing the Point

"You missed the point," we might be tempted to shout at the servant in today's Gospel. His master had just forgiven a huge debt when he cried for mercy, and yet, when given the opportunity to show mercy himself, he instead acted violently and with retribution toward a fellow servant. Certainly, he had missed the point of his master's merciful actions toward him, and suffered the consequences as a result. He missed the point. He is not alone, however. We all "miss the point" sometimes—we miss the point of God's enduring covenant of love, and miss the mark in our call to live as though we are the Lord's, for this is who we are. God's love is always about what is just and right. As God's people, we are to live and die for the Lord, forgive even when it doesn't make sense to do so, and leave the rest in God's hands.

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Our Fascinating Faith

The Second Vatican Council and the Church Today

In the fifteenth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, we read of what became known as the "Council of Jerusalem," which addressed the Christian communities of Gentile origin in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia. The letter proclaiming the results of that council's deliberations begins, "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us." Thus it is with every council of the Church. The "spirit of Vatican II" is none other than the Holy Spirit—Pope Francis in April 2013 called the Council "a beautiful work of the Holy Spirit." So while you might perhaps see one parish or another promote itself as a "Vatican II parish," in truth every parish must be a Vatican II parish.

Because we are human, implementation of any council of the Church takes time, and that of Vatican II will continue to move in fits and starts. There will be differences over the meaning and application of some of the Council's decisions for years to come. But those near-unanimous votes (by thousands of bishops!) made each document the law of the Church. When in doubt we can always consult with the Holy Spirit at whose inspiration the Second Vatican Council was convened, and under whose guidance its conclusions were reached.

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Catholic Prayer Corner

Prayer after the Rosary

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death,
and resurrection,
has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life;
grant, we beseech you, that,
meditating upon these mysteries
of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
we may imitate what they contain
and obtain what they promise,
through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.

AAA Update

(as of 01 September 2026)

2026 AAA Goal	\$43,252
Received	\$23,693
Amount Remaining	\$19,559
% of Goal	55%

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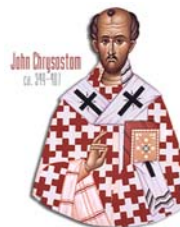
TICKET: \$50

Tickets may be purchased from the
various parish organizations,
the gift shop, or the parish office.

Drawing to be held on
Thursday, December 24th after the Misa de Gallo Mass

Winners need not be present to win.
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John Chrysostom
ca. 294-407

Saint of the Week

St. John Chrysostom (344/49-407)

This Doctor of the Church died in Turkey on September 14, 407, and his body was transferred to Constantinople in 438. His feast is celebrated on the vigil of the day of his death because September 14 is the feast of the Holy Cross. The Churches in Constantinople and Alexandria also observe this date. Born in Antioch around the year 349, John was educated by his mother and by the famous Greek master Libanius. At the age of 18 he was baptized a Christian and at the age of 32 he was ordained a priest, after having lived the monastic life for six years. He spent 12 years as a preacher at Antioch, where his sermons won the admiration of the faithful, largely because he was able to incorporate both exegetical and dogmatic content with moral application. "Chrysostom" means "golden-mouthed."

It was largely because of his fame as a preacher that John Chrysostom was elected patriarch of Constantinople, but it was also because of his preaching that he aroused the hostility of the imperial court. Angered against one of John's sermons against pomp and luxury, the empress Eudoxia prevailed on Theophilus, bishop of Alexandria and an adversary of John Chrysostom, to have John sent into exile in 403. He was soon brought back by the emperor Arcadius, but two months later the empress had him exiled once more, first to the frontier of Armenia and then to the Black Sea. He died en route at the little town of Comana, saying, "Glory be to God for everything. Amen." It was the feast of the Holy Cross, September 14, 407.

Mercy

Dost thou wish to receive mercy? Show mercy to thy neighbor.

~ St. John Chrysostom

Mass Intentions for Sep 13 - 19

Date	Time	Intention
Sunday 13	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Dr. Beverly Lynn Bolinger FH Orlando, Jr. Florendo Pelejo † Rosario Monis SI All Parishioners of St. Patrick
Monday 14	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Sandra Cea † Anacleto Navasca SI Kaiser Permanente Sf, 4Center & Oncology
Tuesday 15	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marilyn & Lorenzo Sumulong † Ofelia Hall SI Felix Chang
Wednesday 16	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Manuel Platero & All Souls In Purgatory † Asterio Navasca SI Derrick Chang
Thursday 17	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Dan & Katya Coming † Ponciano Mauricio SI Thelma Dancel
Friday 18	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† William Cotter, Jr. BD Gerardo La'O SI Evangeline Viray De Leon
Saturday 19	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Brian Dela Pena BD Arjay Beck SI Rowena Cruz Diaz

Religious Education Classes

The staff and catechists of St. Patrick Church are dedicated to helping your children grow in faith and be closer to God. As parents, you are the primary educators of your children and are their best teachers. Your children learn the most from the example you set when you pray together and actively participate in Mass and the sacraments as a family.

Our Religious Education Program is designed to assist you in the faith formation of your children. First-time students must provide a valid baptismal certificate. Classes began on Saturday, September 12th and run through May. Class hours are from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Are You Someone or Do You Know Someone Who...

- ...has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- ...has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- ...was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is an opportunity for you to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights, and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact the parish office during normal business hours.

Stop and Think

Some of us are reluctant to volunteer for parish ministries and programs. We come to Mass and try not to get involved beyond that. People hang back for many reasons. One reason is fear—fear that anything they give will not be good enough. Others worry that if they offer just once they will be pressured into long-term commitment. Perhaps some don't want to risk being asked to do things they have no interest in or ability for. Not all reluctant volunteers are lacking in generosity; they may put more than their fair share in the collection, give generously to those undergoing hardship at Christmas and Thanksgiving, or send donations to a good cause. If you are one of the hesitant ones, perhaps you need to think hard about what your God-given abilities and interests really are. Perhaps you are good at listening, like to cook, enjoy making things, have good accounting or computer skills. Are you a leader, or do you like to be part of a team? Do you prefer to work behind the scenes? There is something in this parish only you can do! Even if you are sick, homebound, or travel for business, you can pray more. If you are a ministry leader now, how well do you communicate the purpose and activities of your ministry to parishioners? Do you explain the value and success of what you do? Is the name of your ministry confusing to newcomers? Are you truly welcoming and appreciative when someone shows an interest? If you are a committed volunteer, do you share your enthusiasm with other parishioners and invite them to join you and see how they like it? Our parish *survives* if only a few people are committed, but it *thrives* if everyone is included.

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St. Patrick Children's Choir

All children ages nine and above are invited to audition for The St. Patrick Children's Choir. No prior singing experience is required, just a willingness to learn, sing, and serve. Auditions will be held in McKenna Hall on August 29, September 5, and September 12, from 1:00 to 2:00 PM. Registration forms will be available on-site. For more information, please pick up an FAQ sheet at the back of the church, the Gift Shop, or the Parish Office.

Novena to San Lorenzo Ruiz

Everyone is invited to join the novena to San Lorenzo Ruiz from Saturday, September 19 through Sunday, September 27, with the recitation of the rosary at 11:30 a.m. each day, culminating with the Feast Day celebration on Monday, September 28 at the 12:10 p.m. Mass. Please join us as we commemorate the life of the first Filipino Saint.

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Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray,
your own sins will be forgiven.

~ Sirach 28:2

Patrician Meeting

Join us next week for the monthly Patrician Meeting, a Catholic discussion group sponsored by the Legion of Mary. This month's topic is...

Our Lady of Sorrows

Speaker ~ Margarita Galindo

Date ~ Sunday, September 27, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

McKenna Hall

CATHOLIC CORNER

ABOUNDING IN MERCY

Have you ever said "I'm sorry" to someone? How does it feel to ask for forgiveness when you know you have hurt someone? We ask God's forgiveness for our failures at the beginning of every Mass when we pray the Penitential Act.

Has anyone ever asked you for forgiveness? Is it easy to forgive? God is always ready to forgive. Psalm 103:8 assures us, "Merciful and gracious is the Lord, / slow to anger, abounding in mercy."

We also receive God's gift of mercy in the sacrament of reconciliation. This sacrament offers us a chance to reflect on our lives—to think about what we've said and done and to say we are sorry for the bad things. It reminds us that God loves us and forgives us when we have sinned. Have you celebrated the sacrament of reconciliation yet or are you preparing for it this year? You might want to visit the reconciliation room or confessional in your church.

Each part of the sacrament of reconciliation is meant to help us experience God's mercy.

1. We read scripture. When we read about the life of Jesus and the mercy of God, we can compare our lives to the way that Jesus asks us to live. What should we keep doing? What do we need to change? Read Matthew 18:21-22 in your Bible.
2. We confess our sins. Think about one or two things that you want to change in your life so you can become more like Jesus. Share this with the priest.
3. The priest gives us a penance. A penance may be an action, a prayer, or both. It helps us think about how we can begin to change our lives.
4. We usually recite the Act of Contrition. Do you know this prayer that says we're sorry and wish to change? If not, ask your parents to help you learn it.
5. We receive absolution. Absolution means that we are freed from the sins we have confessed. In God's name the priest says, "I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." We respond, "Amen."
6. The priest may say, "Go in peace." We go forth forgiven, having experienced God's mercy and love, ready to forgive others.



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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

IN THE PAST I'VE PUT OFF FORGIVING PEOPLE, BUT IT HASN'T SERVED ME WELL



"Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart." Mt 18: 34-35

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Peter asked,
"Lord, how often
must I forgive?
As many as
seven times?"

Matthew 18:21



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Pastor Al™



"This isn't fair! I always get stuck changing the toner because it doesn't show if I get it on my clothes?!?"

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Forgiveness

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

Our national memory will keep September 11 holy for generations to come, as we remember the innocent dead. Our memories of the attack on our nation are intertwined with memories of how we human beings are natural symbol-makers. In one parish, as a candlelight vigil ended, the assembly, without being instructed, took their candles and stood shoulder to shoulder, down the steps and along the city streets for a quarter mile. Slowly, people came out of their houses bearing tapers and candles. In the first hours of crisis, we stood vigil, we prayed from the heart, and we celebrated the human ability to draw light out of terrible darkness.

Stories of that terrible day necessarily drift to tales of heroism, courage, dignity, faith, solidarity, hope, community. The church learned long ago through hard experience that "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." Perhaps the victims of 9/11 have gifts to bring that we are only just discovering as believers in a just and loving God. They are teaching us still, and today is a day for lighting candles at the table and being silent for a moment before the abundance of God's gifts. Today reminds us that we are capable of acts of indescribable beauty even in the face of great evil.

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Reflecting on God's Word

"Tell me, what is it that you plan to do with your life?" It's a good question, but also a haunting one that makes us so edgy and anxious that we wonder if our life is real at all. It's the sort of question we'd sometimes rather not even hear, much less attempt to answer.

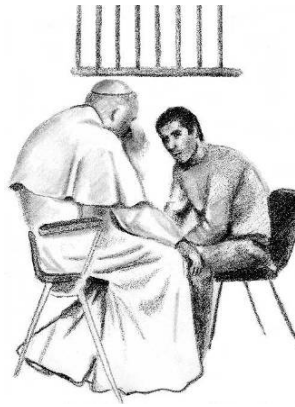
So what is it that you plan to do with your life? We say we're going to get married and raise a family. Or we're going to get a job that pays well. Or we're going to play professional baseball or football or some such thing when we grow up. Or we're going to retire and enjoy life. So what is it that you plan to do with your life? There is only one life, after all, one to spend lavishly or cautiously, one to treasure or squander or hoard, one to laugh with or cry with or maybe just sit in a daze with for sixty or seventy or eighty years. The trouble is, or perhaps more honestly the sadness is, that few of us ever answer that gentle but probing question, because we don't know.

What God did was to give away what was most precious, God's only Son, so that we might find life. And what Jesus did was to empty himself, so that God could fill him with life and exalt him. It seems that while you and I are preoccupied with finding meaning by filling our lives, the divine instinct is to empty life so that meaning might find us.

~ Rev. Joseph J. Jukniales

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The Cross of Forgiveness



Why should we forgive those who hurt us? The gospel this Sunday gives three reasons: First, because Jesus commands it. Second, because forgiveness is part of loving one another. And third, because we want to be forgiven for our sins.

Obviously, Jesus expects us to forgive one another. Here he commands us to forgive unceasingly, without limit. Now that could be a challenge for even the most patient person. So does forgiveness exclude tough love? Does it mean we

have to let someone hurt us over and over? No, it is possible to forgive someone and also prevent them from hurting us, if we do it with love (the second reason.) For instance, we might forgive an alcoholic family member, but still insist that they get help. We can forgive a son or daughter who breaks the law, but still let them face the consequences so they learn from their mistake. We may forgive a friend who borrows money without repaying it, but still refer them to a credit counselor, instead of lending them more money. Since forgiveness is part of love, it is also part of tough love.

That leads to the third reason: We forgive because we want to be forgiven. Or more accurately, we forgive because we have been forgiven. Jesus has already died for our sins. His resurrection shows us that the Father accepted the sacrifice of his Son Jesus for our sins. If we truly believe that Jesus is risen and that we will rise to eternal life with him in spite of our sins, how can we refuse to forgive someone who hurts us? When we promise to take up our cross each day to follow Jesus, we must remember why Jesus took up his cross and realize that we have to forgive as he does. That is why the cross is such a powerful symbol. It challenges us to accept suffering for Jesus' sake. It reminds us that sometimes our cross is simply forgiving someone rather than hurting them back or hating them. If Jesus gave his life to forgive us, how willing are we to spread that forgiveness around?

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Living God's Word

Young people are good at risking. They do it with abandon, mostly because they've got nothing to lose, and so they do it almost instinctively and without thinking about it. As we begin to accumulate years, we also accumulate stuff. Perhaps to be young at heart is to be willing to risk being emptied.

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Living Stewardship Now

Have you committed your abilities, your time, and your financial resources to your parish for God and the Church? Is your involvement a true reflection of your gratitude to God? Do you need to give more, or give differently?

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Forgive Others

There are many kinds of alms the giving of which helps us to obtain pardon for our sins; but none is greater than that by which we forgive from our heart a sin that someone has committed against us.

~ St. Augustine

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In many of our relationships with others—friends, spouse, neighbors, or co-workers—often the most difficult times come when someone damages the relationship. There are moments when only apology and forgiveness can lead to healing. In this week's readings, we are reminded how our connection with God is woven into our relationships with others. God is the source of all mercy, and all of us stand in need of forgiveness. As we are able to accept the mercy of God deep within our hearts, we become empowered to show mercy to others. When things go badly in our relationships, we can remember that God is present at the center of these difficult moments. God is offering grace to ask forgiveness, to receive apology, and to accept the forgiveness extended to us.

Forgiven and Forgiving

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to forgive "seventy-seven" times. In other words, stop keeping track when forgiving others. But when we are hurt, this is really hard to do. In fact, to protect ourselves from further hurt, we might be inclined to do the opposite, and lash out. Jesus teaches the futility of this approach.

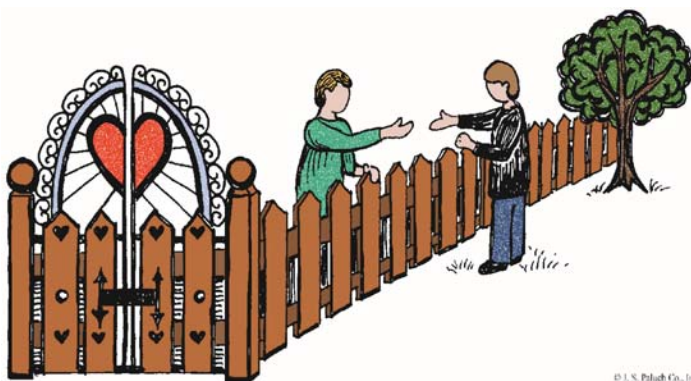
Jesus' parable of the unforgiving servant reminds us that in the course of our lives we have harmed others, and so distanced ourselves from God. We have also been harmed by others. Like the servant, we sometimes owe a debt, and sometimes others owe a debt to us. Here we are invited to stop the cycle of pain with the grace of mercy. We are called to imitate our God, who forgives wholeheartedly.

Protecting the Vulnerable

It is also tempting to view this teaching on forgiveness in isolation. This would suggest that the burden is placed entirely upon the offended person to go on forgiving, without mentioning any accountability on the part of the offending person. This interpretation can often be dangerous. The call to forgive should never be used as a cover for bullying or for oppressive relationships of any kind. It is helpful to consider all of chapter 18 in Matthew's Gospel, which teaches about forgiveness and reconciliation, and the exercise of authority in the Christian community. Last week's Gospel (Matthew 18:15–18) provides guidance on how Christians can call to accountability someone who has hurt others, to protect the weak, and to seek reconciliation as a community. The parable we hear today reminds us that, like the master who protected the second servant from the cruelty of the unforgiving servant, God seeks to guard the most vulnerable from harm.

The Gospel of Matthew presented an alternative to the violence-based order of his day. Matthew described Jesus' vision of community, in which power is used at the service of all and the vulnerable are protected and cherished.

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Being Lifted Up

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds Nicodemus how Moses had "lifted up the serpent in the desert." Then Jesus says, "So must the Son of Man be lifted up, that all who believe may have eternal life in him." The evangelist clearly saw this "lifting up" of Jesus to mean his crucifixion.

That "lifting up" of the serpent by Moses is described in today's first reading. The people were attacked by "saraph serpents," and many died. God had Moses make an image of the serpent and put it on a pole and lift it up. The people who had been bitten looked at it and recovered.

Jesus "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave." Lifted up on the cross, he was despised and seemed the most abject of people. But it was in embracing this disgrace and painful death that he became the bearer of eternal life for all of us. His "lifting up" in shame was also his "lifting up" in glory and triumph.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

On this date in 335 two churches and a shrine erected by Constantine over the empty grave of Jesus and over the place of the crucifixion were dedicated. After these were destroyed by the Persians in 614, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which still stands, was erected by the Crusaders in 1149. Today also commemorates the event that led to the building of the churches dedicated in 335: the discovery of the "true cross" by St. Helena, Constantine's mother, in 326.

According to one legend, St. Helena traveled to Jerusalem on pilgrimage, in search of the true cross. Workers she hired dug through a pagan temple that had been erected on the site of the Crucifixion by Hadrian and found three crosses. A dying woman was brought in, and touched by each cross in succession, the last of which healed her. Helena ordered that this cross be divided in three parts, one to be kept in Jerusalem and the other two to be sent to Constantinople and Rome. The pieces in Jerusalem and Constantinople were ultimately lost. Slivers were taken from the portion that went to Rome until eventually it was scattered around the world.

Of course, the significance of the true cross lies not in the wood itself but in the burden that it bore. As a faithful Christian, what crosses do you accept in your life today?

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Feast of Faith

Offering and Intercessions

In this holy moment—with the consecrated bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, upon the altar—we pray for a share in the fruits of Christ's sacrifice. We offer to God what God has given to us, and we intercede for the Church and the world. We pray for the pope and for all the bishops, and we mention the bishop of our local church by name. We pray for the clergy and for all the people of God. We pray in a special way for those who have died. And we pray for ourselves, that one day, with Mary and all the saints, we may come to that place where Jesus already reigns. These prayers of intercession, like the General Intercessions earlier in the Mass, broaden our focus and remind us that the Eucharist is offered not just for those gathered, but for the salvation of the entire world. The Eucharistic Prayer leads us from an intense focus on Christ, present in the consecrated host in the hands of the priest, to a loving sweep of prayer that embraces the world.

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Faith

Faith is the union of God with the soul.

~ St. John of the Cross

Church Feasts

Feasts Permanently Assigned to Sunday

In the United States, the immovable feasts of Epiphany and the Body and Blood of Christ have been mobilized.

Holy Family... to the Sunday after Christmas

Epiphany... to the Sunday after January 1

Baptism of our Lord... to the Sunday after January 6

Holy Trinity... to the Sunday after Pentecost

Body and Blood of Christ... to the Sunday after Holy Trinity

Christ the King... to the last Sunday of the liturgical year

Feasts ~ The Movable Feasts

Like Easter, the movable feast upon which they depend, these feasts always fall on the same day of the week and move to whatever calendar date the day of Easter makes necessary.

Ash Wednesday... forty days before Easter

Palm Sunday... the Sunday before Easter

Good Friday... the Friday before Easter

Ascension*... forty days after Easter

Pentecost... the Seventh Sunday after Easter

Trinity... the Eighth Sunday after Easter

**In the United States the solemnity of the Ascension may be celebrated on the Seventh Sunday of Easter.*

Feasts ~ The Immovable Feasts

These feasts, like birthdays, cannot move from their annual date. The first four are the traditional "quarter days"; the rest are lesser movable feasts.

Annunciation ("Lady Day")... March 25

Nativity of John the Baptist... June 24

Michaelmas Day... September 29

Christmas... December 25

Mary, Mother of God**... January 1

Epiphany*... January 6

All Saints**... November 1

**In the United States the solemnity of the Epiphany may be celebrated the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.*

***In the United States, whenever January 1, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or November 1, the solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Saturday or Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated.*

Feasts Permanently Assigned to Sunday

There are ten holy days of obligation listed by Rome. In the United States six, besides Sundays, are celebrated. The number varies from country to country because conferences of bishops are free to set their country's holy days - with the Vatican's approval. Current practice is to retain at least two: Christmas and one feast honoring Mary. (In the United States, as noted by the italics below, Epiphany, The Body and Blood of Christ and Ascension are transferred to the nearest Sunday; and the obligation is removed from the feasts of St. Joseph and Saints Peter and Paul. Whenever January 1, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or August 15, the solemnity of the Assumption, or November 1, the solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated.)

Christmas	Immaculate Conception
Epiphany	Assumption
Ascension	Saint Joseph
The Body and Blood of Christ	Saints Peter and Paul
Mary, Mother of God	All Saints

The Hierarchy of Eucharistic Liturgies

Each is abbreviated by capitalizing and using its initial letter on the lists and calendars that follow.

Solemnities (S) celebrate events, beliefs and personages of greatest importance and universal significance in salvation history. (Their observance begins with Evening Prayer I of the preceding day.)

Feasts (F) are of lesser significance.

Memorials (M for obligatory, blank for optional) are of the least significance. (Those important only to a local country, Church, or religious community are called optional memorials.)

Masses celebrating the Mystery of Jesus

Christmas (The Nativity)	December 25 (S)
Holy Family	Sunday after Christmas (F)
Epiphany	Sunday after Holy Family (S)
Baptism of our Lord	Sunday after Epiphany (F)
Presentation	February 2 (F)
Annunciation	March 25 (S)
Easter	first Sunday in Spring (S)
Ascension*	forty days after Easter (S)
The Body and Blood of Christ	Sunday after Trinity Sunday (S)

** In the United States the Ascension may be celebrated on the Seventh Sunday of Easter.*

Sacred Heart	Friday after Body and Blood of Christ (S)
Transfiguration	August 6 (F)
Triumph of the Cross	September 14 (F)
Dedication of St. John Lateran	November 9 (F)
Christ the King	last Sunday in Ordinary Time (S)

Masses Honoring Mary, the Mother of God

The term "Lady Day" originally referred to the feast of the Annunciation, March 25, but it later came to mean any Marian feast. Like Candlemas Day, the Annunciation is primarily a feast honoring Jesus (and the Incarnation). Secondly, it is a Marian feast.

Immaculate Conception	December 8 (S)
Our Lady of Guadalupe	December 12 (M)
Mary, Mother of God	January 1 (S)
Our Lady of Lourdes	February 11
Visitation	May 31 (F)
Immaculate Heart	Saturday after Sacred Heart
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	July 16
Dedication of St. Mary Major	August 5
Assumption	August 15 (S)
Queenship of Mary	August 22 (M)
Birth of Mary	September 8 (F)
Our Lady of Sorrows	September 15 (M)
Our Lady of the Rosary	October 7 (M)
Presentation of Mary	November 21 (M)

Masses Honoring the Apostles

Celebrated monthly during the longer phase of Ordinary Time

Saints Philip and James	May 3 (F)
Saints Peter and Paul	June 29 (S)
Saint Thomas	July 3 (F)
Saint James	July 25 (F)
Saint Bartholomew	August 24 (F)
Saint Matthew	September 21 (F)
Saints Simon and Jude	October 28 (F)
Saint Andrew	November 30 (F)
Saint John	December 27 (F)

Hate Not

I will permit no one to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate them.

~ Booker T. Washington

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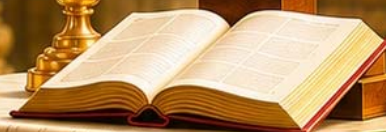
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4:00 PM

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*Judy Labaria
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Anecita Achivida*



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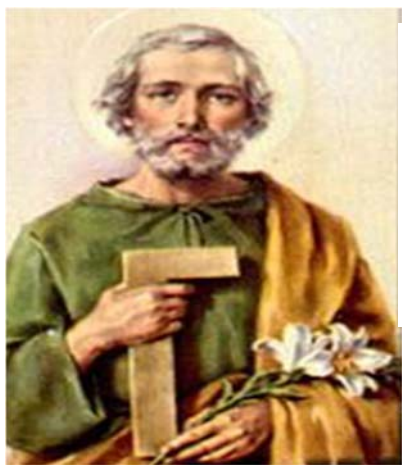
***Our Lady of
Perpetual Help
Devotion***
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*Raya & Gamboa
Families*



***San Lorenzo Ruiz
First
Filipino Saint
(Sep 28)***

*Maria Bravo
Evelyn Grande
Mely Saavedra*



***Saint
Joseph***

***Feast Day
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Xenia Villamejor

***St. Anne
Feast Day
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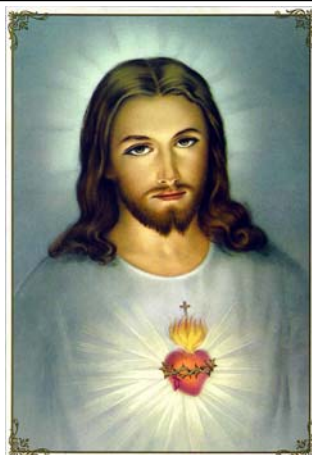
*Fe Macatangay
Jun & Emy Pasion
Emma Damian
Rowena Lawsin
Rowena G. Mendoza
Anonymous*



***Sacred
Heart***

***First Friday
Schedule***

***4pm Holy Hour
5:15 Mass***



***OUR
LADY
OF
FATIMA***

***Pray the
rosary***

PSALM 91

The one who lives under the protection of the Most High dwells in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say concerning the Lord, who is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust:

He himself will rescue you from the bird trap, from the destructive plague.

He will cover you with his feathers; you will take refuge under his wings. His faithfulness will be a protective shield. You will not fear the terror of the night, the arrow that flies by day,

the plague that stalks in darkness, or the pestilence that ravages at noon.

Though a thousand fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, the pestilence will not reach you.

You will only see it with your eyes and witness the punishment of the wicked.

Because you have made the Lord—my refuge, the Most High—your dwelling place, no harm will come to you; no plague will come near your tent.

For he will give his angels orders concerning you, to protect you in all your ways.

They will support you with their hands so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the young lion and the serpent.

Because he has his heart set on me, I will deliver him; I will protect him because he knows my name.

When he calls out to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble. I will rescue him and give him honor.

I will satisfy him with a long life and show him my salvation.

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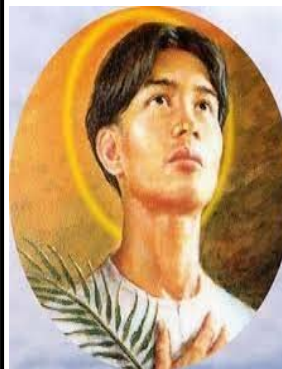


Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Feast Day
December 12**



St. Pedro Calungsod 2nd Filipino Saint (October 21)



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& Mark Ramoran Gayapa
Romeo & Antonina Real,
Dan & Annie Lacap,
Jesus, Jr. & Malou Paningbatan,
Vida Ventura,
Marigold*