

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2020

Anger is a basic human emotion, its welling up within us is perfectly natural in many situations. However, if left to fester, or expressed as wrath or vengeance, it can become poisonous. Sirach tells us that “the sinner hugs (wrath and anger) tight,” refusing to let go of their visceral reaction to being wronged (Sirach 27:30). Instead, we must embrace the golden rule, forgiving our neighbor so that we may be forgiven ourselves. Forgiveness opens the door for reconciliation.

When the king in Jesus’ parable forgave the loan, he didn’t just wipe away the servant’s debt, he restored him (and his family) to life. Had he not done so, the servant, his wife, and their children would have been sold, alone with all their belongings, to pay his debt. He literally gave them their life back. How tragic to see him then go out and punish the servant with the smaller debt!

In ancient time seven was seen as the perfect number, so it was used to symbolize perfection or completeness, as in the creation story. When Peter suggests to Jesus that forgiving one’s brother or sister “as many as seven times” (Matthew 18:21) would be sufficient, he is suggesting that seven times would amount to total forgiveness. But Jesus responds that “not seven times but seventy-seven times” (18:22) is the answer, implying that there is no completion to forgiveness. Seventy-seven implies boundlessness, a sense that forgiveness is not a task to be quantified and completed, but an attitude to be integrated into our way of living. We are called to be forgiving. Always. Really how can we stop forgiving if we so often need forgiveness ourselves?

Question of the Week

How can I keep a consistent forgiving attitude that assuages my anger? What leads me to forgive one who hurt me?



Saturday, September 12, 2020

Vigil Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Stephen S. Johnson III – Melvin J. Thomas, Jr.

Sunday, September 13, 2020

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8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Earthy B. Lazard – Walter Banks, III – Melvina Kepp – Freddie Thomas – Betty Cates – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Calvin Tate – Jerome Lomba, Sr. – Stephen S. Johnson, III

10:30a.m. Intentions of John Fletcher– Lordeas Glapion Nix – Beatrice Pace – Lamar and Shirley Smith – Evelyn Ford – Gloria B. Lewis

12:00p.m. Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Intentions of St. Maria Goretti Parishioners

Monday, September 14, 2020

8:30a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Wilmer Honore – Mr. & Mrs. Charles Winshell, Sr. – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Tu Tran – Intentions of Stacy Martin – Kimberly Brown – Calvin Tate, Jr.

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Claudia Claude – Intentions of Stacey Martin

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Intentions of John Guillory – Therol Humphrey – Henry Martin

Thursday, September 17, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Msgr. Gauthreaux – Intentions of Calvin Tate, Jr. – Kimberly Brown – Stacy Martin

Friday, September 18, 2020

8:30a.m. Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Intentions of Therol Humphrey – Henry Martin

Saturday, September 19, 2020

8:30a.m. The living and deceased members of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

“Again, [amen,] I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Matt. 15: 19-20 (NABRE)

Announcements

No Eucharistic Adoration until further notice.

No Bingo until further Notice

Please remember to sign up for Mass prior to arriving at Church. We will no longer offer on site sign up. If you do not have access to a computer or smartphone you may call the parish office to sign up. You can find the link on our website and on the parish Facebook page. Sign-up for the desired mass the day before for week day masses and by 12:00pm (noon) on Saturday for all week end masses.

Please drop your envelopes in the two collection baskets in the back of the Church as you enter or after Mass.

We have moved all daily Masses to the main Church until the medical professionals find a way to contain the virus. So, if you don't feel comfortable coming on the weekends you may find this as a better option.

On September 9th, we will offer the Sacrament here at St. Maria Goretti from 5:00 pm. to 6:30 pm. All COVID mitigation methods will be in place.

The Bible Study theme for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time is: It will be available on the parish website.



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of Cornelius Breaux, Jr. The Sanctuary Lamps in the Chapel this week will burn for the intentions of Gloria Breaux and June Marie Pierre.

Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of the land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade the land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you, O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen

We welcome everyone into our parish. If you have not filled out a census card, the cards can be found on the table at the entrance of the church.

Pray Without Ceasing. Our Lord Is Listening.