

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

It is not easy to forgive. Resentment, tension, clashes, diverse opinions, offenses and provocations. It is very difficult to let them go

Today's gospel gives a practical, psychological and spiritual strategy for approaching reconciliation. Reconciliation through dialogue.

The scheme of action for mending Christian relationships depends on the understanding that Christians are bound in a fellowship. Our union in Christ is powerful; we can never be enemies.

Jesus recommends that if we are wronged, we go to the person to solve the problem. We meet face to face. We don't let the hurt fester.

If that personal and private meeting doesn't resolve the issue, take it to some wise person. A wise person doesn't try to assign guilt, but finds a way for reconciliation.

Sometimes, this is still difficult for the simple reason that human beings often hate the most the very person they have injured the most.

The Christian strategy for remedying interpersonal conflicts is prayer first. Second, keeping the conflict private. Anger, jealousy, and hurt feelings among Christians are often the cause of the sins of calumny, slander, detraction, and rash judgment. While gossip has become an entertainment in our culture, we know that gossip is a terrible occasion of sin against truth.

If we take our problems to prayer and love, we are following Jesus.

Forgiveness frees us from the entrapment of the past. Love makes the changing of a heart possible.

FATHER RICARDO'S DESK

"ALL IN TOGETHER"

The Entrance ceremonies of the Mass do two things – or should. They unify individuals into a single assembly. That assembly admits the need and desire for God. The priest intones the basis of that unity. "The Lord be with you!" The prayer "The Lord be with you" is the beginning of a dialogue. Throughout Scripture, when God invites anyone to a role in salvation history, He promises His presence. "I will be with you." We are about to receive Presence, Presence, Presence on all kinds of levels. Each of us has an important role to play in salvation history. "I will be with you." After we have invoked God on one another, we stop and evaluate our worthiness to be in close communion with God. We recognize and acknowledge our sinfulness, and we call for mercy.

The "Kyrie eleison" is the ancient Greek prayer for God's mercy and forgiveness. Once again, it is addressed to the

Trinity, just as the Sign of the Cross calls on the Trinity. "Lord (the Father) have mercy, Christ (the Son) have mercy, Lord (the Holy Spirit) have mercy." Forgive our sinfulness. Purify us, as we dare seek closeness to you.

As we began singing with one voice, we recognize that we are all sinners and need forgiveness. We are unified in our failures. Little or big failures. We all need mercy.

Because the Church is a mother, she doesn't permit us to linger on our defects or inadequacies. And so, we move right into the "Gloria." We sing the good news of Christmas: God has become fully human in everything except sin. We can celebrate our humanity. We have hope. Jesus Christ is our God and brother.

The Introductory Rites of the Mass close with a prayer called the "Collect." The Collect is a prayer that incorporates important themes. At Easter, we refer to the Paschal Mystery. At Christmas, the Incarnation. At Lent, penitence. The presiding priest opens his arms to gather, to collect all of us into one purpose. We are placed under God's protective care, we are reminded of the beliefs of our faith, we are urged to experience God's presence, and we are invited to rejoice and thank God that we are the Body of Christ.

The Introductory Rites end, we all sit and get ready to get down to experiencing God's full presence in His life-giving Words.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

This week end is the official kick-off for the Bishop's Annual Appeal. We earnestly encourage your participation in this program.

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

September 14th is the Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross. In gratitude for the miracle of our salvation, parishioners are invited to attend one of two masses. The morning mass, 8:45am as usual, or 7:00pm.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is sponsoring a "Rosary Alive" as part of the September 13th "Celebrate Fatima" series. Recitation of the Glorious Mysteries will be enhanced by a tableaux and visual effects. The event is 7:00pm in the Church.

RCIA

Our Adult Program for the preparation of the Sacraments (RCIA) is open. Please contact our parish office, or Father Ricardo directly.

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Registration forms are available in the vestibule of our church. Please return them to the parish office as soon as possible.

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's apparition at Fatima, the 80th Anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Paterson, and the re-opening of our cathedral in Paterson.

In thanksgiving, Bishop Serratelli will be leading the pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on October 21, 2017. Please consider participating. For further information please contact Jean or Roger Grey at 973-764-8843

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS
SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH. GOD BLESS YOU**

September 3, 2017

1ST Collection: \$ 4390.50

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce the union of Andrew Moore and Sarah Sledgeski who will receive the sacrament of marriage here at 3:00 pm on Friday, September 29, 2017. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their married life together.

The Gifts of Bread and Wine and Lamp for this week are offered for all Victims of 9-11 requested by the Murphy Family.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10

8:00am +Thomas V, Linehan req. by Murphy Family

9:30am +Theresa Neubauer req. by Donna & Tony Macerino

11:00am +Nicholas Chicuk req. by Kayla & Paul Andrews

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11

8:45a +Linehan Family req. by Claire and Frank Elleo

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12

8:45am +Mary McCellan req. by Gail and Brian Morton

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 13

8:45am To Thank God for our Salvation req. by Ted Dugas

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14

8:45am +Mary Ruth McCune req. by Bob and Marybeth Mabey and Family

7:00pm Exaltation of the Holy Cross

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15

8:45am +Kathy Ann Cohan req. by Family

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16

8:45am +Richard McCrum req. by Catherine Canavan

5:00pm +Ruth Muller req. by Annmarie and Mike Sweeney

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17

8:00am +Cathy Dignan and Margaret & Richard Murphy Req. by Family

9:30am +Helen Koczwara req. by Rosary Society

11:00am +Kristopher Kwiecien req. by Kathy Muchka

This Week's Events

- Sun. 4:00pm - Confirmation I Meeting - Church Candidates and Parents**
6:00pm - Confirmation II Meeting - Church Candidates and Parents
- Tue. 6:30pm - Community Rosary**
7:00pm - Holy Hour
- Wed. 7:00pm - Celebrate Fatima - Church**
8:00pm Baptism Meeting - hall
- Thur. 10:00am - Legion of Mary - hall**
6:30pm - Legion of Mary - chapel
6:30pm - Youth Group - hall
7:30pm - Teen Antioch - hall
- Sat. 6:00pm - Choir Dinner - Church Hall**

PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

*Aidan Alvarez, Scott Anderson, Baby Grace Andrews
John Apgar, Artie, Ray Bonomini, Maddy Brancato, Tina Brightly, Janet Brunke, Rose Bruno, Roberta Busch, Jerry Calcagno, Carolina Chmarney, Louis Cimaglia, Teresa Contento, Aibhlinn Coyle, Elizabeth Copeland, Patricia and Paul Corbutt, Doug Crum, Joan Dahl, Nathanael Davenport, Jean Marie Day, Alice DeLorenzo, Courtney Dignan, Eileen Donahue, Katie Drago, Bonnie Dubovich, Roseann Dundon, Jim Ecker, Barbara Etzel, Eva Ferlauto, Debbie Fuentes, Kay Gallo, John Gonzalez, Florence Guilfoyle, Barbara Hellwig, Christopher Hoehl, Jean Jones, Julianna Klinger, Carly Kosen, Emily Lewis, Brian Linke, Henry Mancuso, Rose Martis, Fran and Larry Marsh, James McAlary, Pat McDermott, Kathy Nestico, Jennifer Oldham, Janis O'Neill, Theresa and John Orso, Joan Quest, Maura Reagan, Mary Reynolds, Linda Ross, Ron Shelly, Lou Pra Sisto, Father Patrick Sullivan, Alexander Truong, Mary VanDyke, Pat and Jim Van Gorder, Vincent and Debbie Ventriglia, Russy Wright, Nick Zayatz*

FROM BISHOP SERRATELLI

The Bishops of the United States and all U.S. territories recognize the devastation caused in the Texas/Louisiana region by Hurricane Harvey. As always, our people want to help where their donations will do the most good.

I ask every parish to take up a second collection the weekend of September 30/October 1 to help the hundreds of thousands suffering from Hurricane Harvey. The diocese will send these funds directly to Catholic Charities USA, who have set up a network of all the Catholic Charities agencies in Texas/Louisiana and any other affected areas.

WARNING

All parishes in the diocese have been alerted to a recent rash of robberies in churches throughout the state. We are considering closing our church an hour earlier, 6:00pm, during the winter hours to secure visibility for safety.