

SEPTEMBER 16 & 17, 2023
XXIV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Today's Gospel Reading directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear parishioners,

I want to acknowledge a number of anonymous donors who have contributed to make the church sanctuary more orderly and beautiful. The improvements began over a year ago with the skilled workmanship of one of our parishioners who lovingly sewed various cloth frontals for the altar, adding color and dignity to the center of our church. As an interesting aside, it is important to consider that the entire church building exists for the altar: a church is constructed in order to cover and protect the place on which the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered.

Additionally, other parishioners have contributed new crystal cruets for the water and wine, and most recently a new linen altar cloth. Following the sacristy bells that were put up a couple months ago, a complimentary sanctuary lamp will be arriving soon and it will be placed back in the original location on the south wall of the sanctuary, thanks to several generous donors. I want to thank many of you who in quiet and humble ways are making the interior of the church more orderly and beautiful. The love and care that we show for the House of God reflects our understanding and appreciation of this sacred space and the sacraments we receive herein.

Blessings,

Fr. Pacheco



JOIN US IN PRAYING THE ROSARY
FROM SUNDAY – FRIDAY AT 5PM IN THE CHURCH.

“The Holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you'll be amazed at the results.”

– St. Josemaria Escrivá



ATTENTION

BESIDES HAVING CONFESSIONS EVERY **SATURDAY AT 4PM**, THERE WILL BE CONFESSIONS THIS **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH FROM 6:30PM – 7:30PM** BEFORE PRAYER GROUP. FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 707-964-0229.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

When a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized and would like Father Pacheco to pay them a visit to receive Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 707-964-0229 and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188.

CHICKEN BBQ



FOLLOW-UP BBQ MEETING

We will be holding a follow-up BBQ meeting on Sunday, September 24th at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

Come to help us celebrate our tremendous success! Everyone is welcomed to attend. Please bring your notes, ideas and suggestions to further help on next year's event.

Dave, Angeleno and Father Pacheco hope to see you all there!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SEMI ANNUAL TRI-TIP ROAST SALE

ROASTS ARE MARINATED, BBQ'D, AND READY TO EAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023
FROM NOON – 4PM
ORDER BEFORE OCTOBER 2, 2023
PRE-SALE ONLY
EACH ROAST \$35.00

YOU CAN PLACE ORDERS BY CALLING STEVE BEEMAN AT 707-480-4614, DAVE SWENSEN AT 707-489-3028 OR THE PARISH OFFICE AT 707-964-0229 OR BY EMAIL AT olgcinfb@gmail.com

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS TREAT!



UNITED CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S POTLUCK SALAD LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023
12:00 NOON

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CORNER OF PINE AND FRANKLIN STS.
BRING A SALAD TO SHARE
DESSERTS AND DRINKS PROVIDED BY BAPTIST LADIES
OUR THEME THIS YEAR WILL BE

"OLD TIME RELIGION"

PLEASE, BRING A SONG OR STORY FROM YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL DAYS OR OLD HYMNS FROM CHURCH THAT YOU CAN SHARE AND SING.

LOTS OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP. BRING A FRIEND!!!
CALL KAREN LYNN AT 707-961-0376 WITH YOUR RESERVATIONS.
WEAR HATS IF YOU WANT!!!



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul District Council of Sonoma County is hosting a Retreat:

"Journey Together Towards Holiness".

All are welcome.

Tuesday, September 26th.

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Holy Spirit Church,

1244 St. Francis Rd. Santa Rosa, CA

For more information please contact:

jimandchrisnanman@gmail.com or call 650-274-9941.

**MASS INTENTIONS
SEPTEMBER 16 - 22, 2023**

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| Saturday (16) | 5:00pm | Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba † Bernardo Martínez † |
| | 6:30pm | Mauricio Escobedo † José María Jara † Joaquín Sánchez † Otilio Espinoza † Victor Martín & Raquel Dzul † Oscar Tamayo † Delfina Flores † Araceli Gaona (b-day) Gerardo Escobedo (healing) |
| Sunday (17) | 8:00am | Ignacio, Angeles & Francisco Sr. Rentería † |
| | 10:00am | Missa pro populo |
| Monday (18) | — | NO MASS |
| Tuesday (19) | 12:05pm | David Lotten (healing) |
| Wednesday (20) | 12:05pm | José María Jara † |
| Thursday (21) | 12:05pm | Mat Yager (healing) |
| Friday (22) | 12:05pm | Nery Sel † |

WEEKLY COLLECTION

SEPTEMBER 9 & 10, 2023...\$2,409.00
MAINTENANCE FUND...\$910.00

**THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
DIOCESAN SEMINARIANS**

**NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
MAINTENANCE FUND**

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!

**LET'S PRAY FOR ALL OUR FAMILY MEMBERS
AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY**

Jovany Baez, Justin Mertle, María de la Luz Ramírez, Rebeca Sánchez, José Araiza, Jr., Marina González, Alondra Jara, Sonia Jara, Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Carole Shoptaw, Gina Pivrotto, Antonia Rentería, Angie Gómez, Judy Halren, Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Felix Sanfillán, Martha Sánchez, Gerardo Escobedo, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater, Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Gina Pivrotto, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra.



IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH, ON THE SOUTHERN WALL IS A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL TREE.

ITS BRIGHT LEAVES REPRESENT PERMANENT MEMORIALS TO THE DEPARTED OF OUR PARISH. FOR THE SUM OF \$200.00, YOU CAN GIVE TO THE PARISH SECRETARY, THE CORRECT SPELLING AND DATES OF THE DEPARTED AND IN DUE TIME THE LEAF IS PRINTED AND ATTACHED TO THE TREE, AS A PERMANENT REMINDER OF A LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 707-964-0229.



EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:00AM, WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 12:05PM.



We need your generous financial help so Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish now provides “ParishSOFT Giving,” an online giving software! *This is a convenient and secure way to make your one-time or recurring donations.*

Thanking and blessing you for your kindness.

To get started, you can visit our Parish’s new giving page at olgcinfb.org.

From this link you will be allowed to manage your own account online, set up gifts on a schedule that you choose, and can be set up with a credit card, debit card, checking or savings account!

If you have any questions, please, contact the Parish Office at 964-0229.