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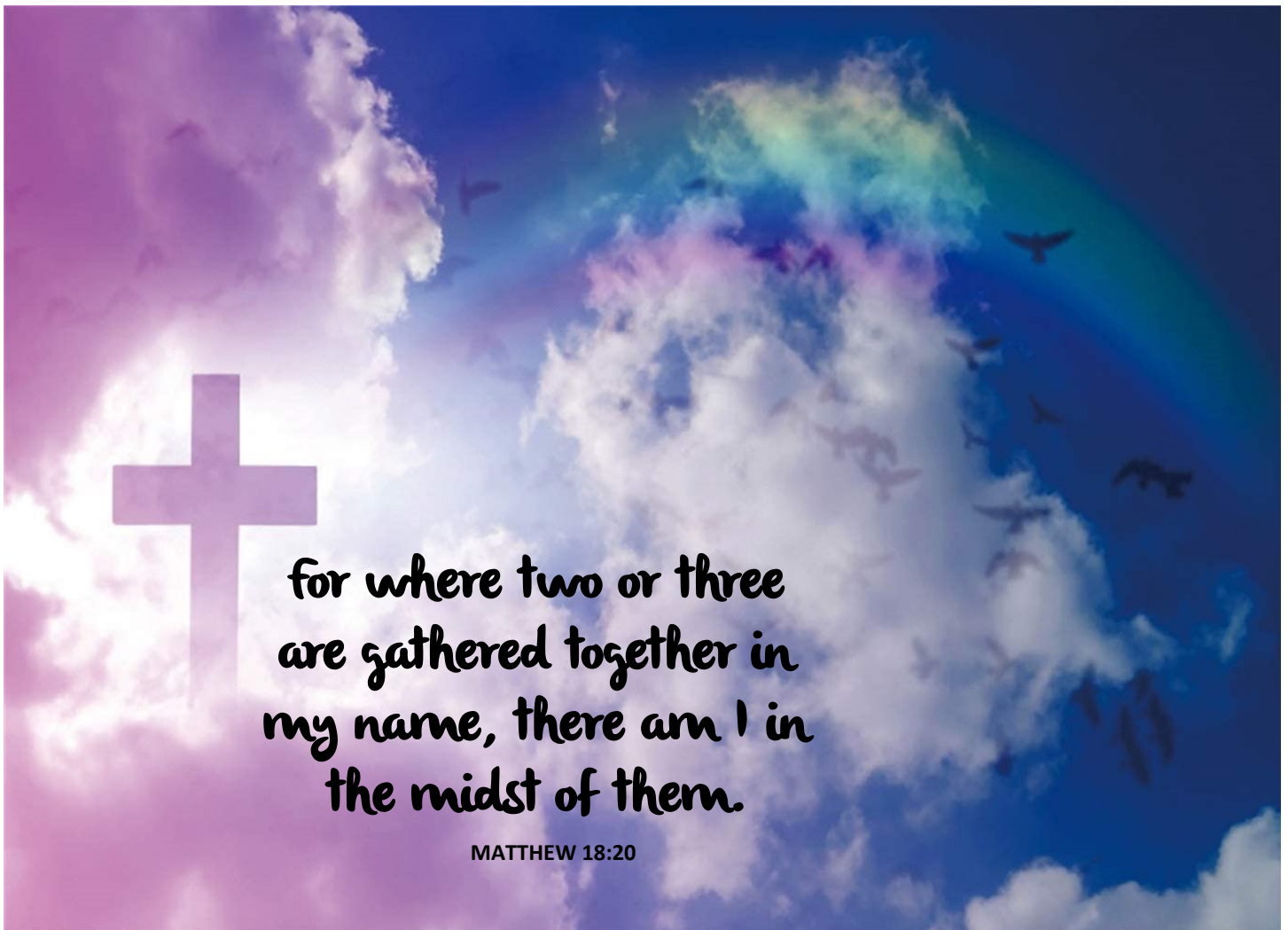
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May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ To The World!

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2020



for where two or three
are gathered together in
my name, there am I in
the midst of them.

MATTHEW 18:20

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Mass registration is currently required

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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection – Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

What's the best way to repair a damaged relationship (Mt.18:15-20)? If we feel we have been wronged by someone, Jesus says the first step is to speak directly but privately, to the individual who has done the damage. If we truly want to settle a difference with someone, we need to do it face to face. If this fails in its purpose, then the second step is to bring another person or persons, someone who is wise and gracious. The goal is not so much to put the offender on trial, but to persuade the offender to see the wrong and to be reconciled. And if this fails, then we must still not give up, but seek the help of the Christian community. Lastly, if even the Christian community fails to bring about reconciliation, what must we do? Jesus seems to say that we have the right to abandon such stubborn and obstinate offenders and treat them like social outcasts.

In Jesus' time, the tax-collectors and gentiles were regarded as outcasts. However, we know from the Gospel accounts that Jesus often had fellowship with tax-collectors and other public sinners, and ate with them, and even praised them at times! So, Jesus refuses no one who is open to receive pardon, healing, and restoration. Let us pray: Lord Jesus, make me an instrument of your healing love and peace. Give me wisdom and courage to bring your healing love and saving truth to those in need of healing and restoration.

Readings for Next Sunday,

September 13, 2020

Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35



St. Peter Claver

A native of Spain, young Jesuit Peter Claver left his homeland forever in 1610 to be a missionary in the colonies of the New World. He sailed into Cartagena, a rich port city washed by the Caribbean. He was ordained there in 1615.

By this time the slave trade had been established in the Americas for nearly 100 years, and Cartagena was a chief center for it. Ten thousand slaves poured into the port each year after crossing the Atlantic from West Africa under conditions so foul and inhuman that an estimated one-third of the passengers died in transit. Although the practice of slave-trading was condemned by Pope Paul III and later labeled "supreme villainy" by Pope Pius IX, it continued to flourish.

As soon as a slave ship entered the port, Peter Claver moved into its infested hold to minister to the ill-treated and exhausted passengers. After the slaves were herded out of the ship like chained animals and shut up in nearby yards to be gazed at by the crowds, Claver plunged in among them with medicines, food, bread, brandy, lemons, and tobacco. With the help of interpreters he gave basic instructions and assured his brothers and sisters of their human dignity and God's love. During the 40 years of his ministry, Claver instructed and baptized an estimated 300,000 slaves.

Fr. Claver's apostolate extended beyond his care for slaves. He became a moral force, indeed, the apostle of Cartagena. He preached in the city square, gave missions to sailors and traders as well as country missions, during which he avoided, when possible, the hospitality of the planters and owners and lodged in the slave quarters instead.

After four years of sickness, which forced the saint to remain inactive and largely neglected, Peter Claver died on September 8, 1654. He was canonized in 1888, and Pope Leo XIII declared him the worldwide patron of missionary work among black slaves.



Feast Day: September 9

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, September 5

4:00 p.m. - Herman Wise †

Sunday, September 6

8:30 a.m. - Ginny Newlin †

Monday, September 7 (Labor Day)

9:00 a.m. - Our Assumption Parish Family

Tuesday, September 8

No Mass

Wednesday, September 9

6:00 p.m. - James DeMasi †

Thursday, September 10

12 noon - Harry Barrick †

Friday, September 11

9:00 a.m. - Tom Harman †

Saturday, September 12

4:00 p.m. - Deceased Members of the
Harber Family

Sunday, September 13

8:30 a.m. - Marsh, Roach & Cessna Families

Collections & Attendance:

Week Ending August 30, 2020

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,400
Loose Donations	\$822
Repairs & Maintenance	\$55
Poor Box.....	\$957
Votive Candles	\$194
Total	\$4,428

Diocesan Collections \$60

Saturday Attendance.....47

Sunday Attendance.....20

Total 67



Mass in celebration of Labor Day will be held Monday, September 7, at 9 a.m. at St. Thomas Cemetery (in case of rain, Mass will be held at the church.)

Note that face masks, social distancing, and hand sanitization will all still be required. Please bring your own lawn chair.

Upcoming Lector/Cantor Schedule

Saturday, September 12.... Doug Minnich (L)
Linda Marsh (C)

Sunday, September 13..... Kelley Kuhn (L)
Anita Tetreault (C)

Saturday, September 19.... Karen Yowler (L)
Anita Tetreault (C)

Sunday, September 20..... Pam Williams (L)
Nancy Starcher (C)

Saturday, September 26.... Sue Harber (L)
Linda Marsh (C)

Sunday, September 27..... Paul Bogdan (L)
Julie Alt (C)

If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled date, please arrange for a replacement.





*If today you hear his voice
harden not your hearts*

Psalm 95



Prayer for Students

*Lord our God, in your wisdom and
love you surround us with the
mysteries of the universe.*

*Send your Spirit upon our students
and fill them with your wisdom and
blessings.*

*Grant that they may devote
themselves to their studies
and draw ever closer to you,
the source of all knowledge.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*



Fun Facts About September

- The name "September" comes from the old Roman word "septem", meaning seven, because in the Roman calendar it was the seventh month.
- Out of all 12 months of the year, September is spelled with the most letters. It contains nine letters, and it happens to be the ninth month of the year. No other months have the same amount of letters as their number in the calendar year.
- September has 30 days, which starts on the same day of the week as December each year but does not end on the same day of the week as any other month in the year.
- The Romans believed that the month of September was looked after by the god of the fire and forge – Vulcan. Therefore, they expected fires, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions in this month.
- People born in September fall under the zodiac signs Virgo and Libra.
- The birthstone for September is the sapphire, which is found in many different colors but is most well known for being a bright, vivid blue color. The sapphire is known for representing wisdom, good fortune, truth, and power.
- There are three traditional flowers for September: the aster, symbolizing love; the forget-me-not, representing memories and love; and the morning glory, symbolizing unrequited love.
- Special days in September include Labor Day (9/7), Patriot Day (9/11), National Grandparents' Day (9/13), Constitution Day (9/17), first day of fall (9/22).