



| DAY | FEAST | READINGS | TIME |
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| Mon 7 | 23rd WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME Psalter Week III | 1 Cor 5, 1-8; Lk 6, 6-11. | 6:00 PM |
| Tue 8 | THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | Rom 8, 28-30; Mt 1, 1-16. | 6:00 PM |
| Wed 9 | 23rd WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME Psalter Week III St Peter Claver | 1 Cor 7, 25-31; Lk 6, 20-26. | 6:00 PM |
| Thu 10 | 23rd WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME Psalter Week III | 1 Cor 8, 1b- 7. 11-13; Lk 6, 27-38. | 6:00 PM |
| Fri 11 | 23rd WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME Psalter Week III | 1 Cor 9, 16-19; Lk 6, 39-42. | Mass: 12:15 PM Holy Hour: 7:30pm |
| Sat 12 | 24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME—Sunset Psalter Week IV | Sir 27, 33-28, 7; Rom 14,7-9. Mt 18, 21-35. | Novena: 5:30 PM Mass: 6:00 PM |
| Sun 13 | 24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Psalter Week IV | Sir 27, 33-28, 7; Rom 14,7-9. Mt 18, 21-35. | 9:00 AM |

Family Connection

Conflict and disagreements are a natural part of family life. Yet, within our family, we have an important opportunity to learn how to resolve disagreements fairly by treating people with love and respect.

As you gather as a family this week, discuss the procedures for resolving disputes in your family. What kinds of things produce disagreements in your family? Do children frequently request the assistance of the adults when a disagreement arises?

How do the adults respond? In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples the way in which they are to handle conflict within the Christian community of the Church.

Read together this Gospel, Matthew 18:15-20. Invite family members to summarize the steps that Jesus proposes for resolving conflict. How might today's Gospel inform your family's handling of disagreements? If you have time, your family might choose to role play how Jesus' teaching about conflict resolution might be applied to a disagreement that sometimes occurs in your household.

In today's Gospel, Jesus also promises that he will help those who pray to him with their needs. Pray together that each member of your family will learn to handle conflict in a Christian manner. Pray together the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis.

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23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Reading I: Ezekiel 33, 7-9

Responsorial Psalm: 62, 2. 3-4. 5-6 8-9

Reading II: Romans 13, 8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18, 15-20

Revised Roman Missal: 557 (Bahasa 1410)



REFLECTION

We often ask ourselves: What must I do to live my Christian life the way God wants me to? If we pay attention to the gospel each Sunday, we will find the answer quickly, and it will motivate us. Today Jesus reminds us of something crucial and fundamental: we are all brothers and sisters. We do not show our love for our neighbor by kind, praising words alone, but also, when necessary, with words of encouragement or even correction.

1. We are all responsible for one another. If we truly are brothers and sisters we cannot act as if we had nothing to do with one another. It is often so easy to just criticize each other instead of helping each other by good example to live like Christians. What most helps people to follow Christ is seeing others living out their faith, hope and love. We all know this through our own experience. A true Christian should share the weight of his neighbor's successes and failures, his growth or his sin. The sins of our neighbor are not just "his own problem", but they are in some way "ours". Precisely because we love our neighbor so much his sins should feel like a failure not only on his part, but on ours.

2. Jesus teaches us the importance of correcting our neighbor at the right time. In the first reading the Lord urges the prophet Ezequiel not to be silent, because his silence would make him responsible for the ruin of his people. God made him a "watchman" among his people, so that he would sound the alarm when necessary and remind them not to stray from the ways of God. What is the use of a watchman who does not sound the alarm? What is the point of a guard dog that does not bark at strangers? But no one is a stranger to a Christian: he should feel responsible for the wellbeing of all. *"If your brother sins, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother."* Since we are responsible for our brothers and sisters, we must be willing to enter into their lives, whenever we can help – but always with love.

3. We are all brothers, sons of the same Father. Today's gospel begins with these words: "If your brother..." This is the key for how we should behave with others: not indifferent, not superior, but as brothers. Yes, we should correct our brothers and sisters with love: just as a father is not always silent, but speaks to his children and encourages them and sometimes scolds them; as a teacher is with his students; as a friend is to a friend; as Christ was, who knew when to correct his disciples – especially Peter – with delicacy and vigor, and so help them mature in the right direction. With love, from love.

To end, let us not forget that when we are the ones who receive words of correction, we must react well. At the time it hurts when others must tell us that something is not right, but later we see that it helps us to improve. Others often know our defects much better than we do. With the help of God, and with our own sincere effort to help one another, we will feel more and more like brothers and sisters each day. Amen.

Announcement

Sunday School and COM classes (6th September)

There will be classes for COM 1 to 4 and Primary 4. There is no classes for Primary 3, 5 and 6 this Sunday.

Legion of Mary 99th Anniversary Mass (7th September)

The Legion of Mary will be celebrating its 99th Anniversary on 7th September with Mass at 6:00 PM. A special rosary will be said at the end of the Mass. All are invited to join the anniversary Mass.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8th September)

Please join us on Tuesday, 8th September for the 6:00 PM Mass to celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Rosary will be recited at the end of the Mass.

Holy Hour (11th September)

Beginning this Friday 11th September, the Holy Hour at 7:30 PM will no longer be broadcast to encourage everyone to join the adoration in church. Let us gather together this Friday to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation, as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live.

Infant Baptism (19th September)

The next Infant Baptism is scheduled for Saturday, 19th September 2020 @ 2 PM. Parents and godparents are requested to attend the pre-baptism instruction on Tuesday, 15th September @ 7:30 PM. Please register with the Parish Office before 15th September.

Common Prayer for Earth and for Humanity

Loving God, Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all therein contained. Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we can be part of Creation, your gift. Be present to those in need in these difficult times, especially the poorest and most vulnerable. Help us to show creative solidarity as we confront the consequences of the global pandemic. Make us courageous in embracing the changes required to seek the common good. Now more than ever, may we all feel interconnected and interdependent. Enable us to succeed in listening and responding to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. May their current sufferings become the birth-pangs of a more fraternal and sustainable world. We pray through Christ our Lord, under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians. Amen.

Good Friday Collection

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches around the world to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them from this worldwide collection. This year, since measures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus prohibit gatherings in our churches, the traditional Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land has been postponed to

September 13th.

Please be generous.

2020-2021 RCIA Classes

The world is changing, but the essential human questions remain the same. Who am I? What do I want? Is there a point to my life?

More than likely, you have a nagging feeling – a yearning – to understand your place in the cosmos. You wonder. You question. You explore. Welcome to the human story. Welcome to *The Search*. *The Search* is an innovative video series that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, Chris Stefanick and experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence. Whether you're a practiced inquirer or a jaded skeptic, *The Search* will speak to you. You may be reassured by some parts, and challenged by others. Either way, you'll find a lot here to think about. And when all is said and done, life's questions demand to be answered. Are you ready for *The Search*?

If you know someone who is searching or thinking of becoming a Catholic, please invite them to this program in the Conference Room. This Search session is on every Thursday at 7:30 PM.

REGULAR EVENTS / PARISH ACTIVITIES

CONFESSIONS

Half an hour before Mass on Sunday or by appointment.

PRAYER MEETINGS

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| Iban | Mon | 7:30pm |
| CCPC | Tue | 8:00pm |
| Bahasa | Thu | 7:30pm |
| Chinese & English | 1st Tues | 7:30pm |

LEGION OF MARY

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| English | Sat | 7:30pm |
| Bahasa | Tue | 6:00pm |
| Chinese | Wed | 7:30pm |

BIBLE STUDY/FAITH FORMATION

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| English | Thu | 7:30pm |
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DEVOTIONS

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| Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help | Sat | 5:30pm |
| Holy Hour | Fri | 7:30pm |

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VOCATION TREE

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| Prayer | 1st Sun | 10:30am |
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Please notify the Parish Office staff if there are any changes.