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**24th SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

Office Hours
 Monday — Thursday
 8:30am to 12:00pm
 1:00pm to 3:30pm
 Friday 9:00am to 12:00pm

Holy Mass Schedule
 Saturday (Vigil)...4:00pm
 Sunday...7:30 & 10:30am
 Tuesday, Wednesday,
 Thursday, & Friday
 12:10 pm

Reconciliation
 Sat...3:00 - 3:45pm
 Sun....20 min. before Mass

Adoration Chapel
 DAILY 24/7



This week's quote on the Holy Eucharist

"From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others. It is the secret of my day, giving strength and meaning to all my activities of service." ~ St. Pope John Paul II



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**"Come to Me,
all you who labor
and are burdened."
MATTHEW 11:28**

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

We thank our volunteer Catechists & classroom helpers!!

Gospel Weeklies Pflaum FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

About the Gospel
 It is not always easy to forgive someone who hurts you. Jesus tells us that we must forgive, just as God the Father forgives us. When we hurt someone, we should ask for forgiveness right away. When someone asks for our forgiveness, we should not answer, "It's okay," but rather say, "I forgive you."

In Church
 Listen for the prayer that asks us to forgive as we are forgiven by God.

Question of the Week
 Why is it better to say "I forgive you," than, "It's okay," when someone asks for forgiveness?

Family Prayer
 Help us Lord, to offer and ask for forgiveness when we have hurt each other. Amen.

Family Corner

Tuesday, September 19th

12:10 pm

†Danny Peterson †John Ourso
†Ryan Bowman †Peggy & Albert Hebert.

Wednesday, September 20th

12:10 pm

†Danny Peterson †John Ourso.

Thursday, September 21st

12:10 pm

†Vocations to the Religious Life.

Friday, September 22nd

†Souls in Purgatory.



Our Love & Prayers GO OUT TO:
Brenda Nelson, Betty Hebert, Don Campos, Alice Waguespack, Susan Legendre, Darryl Dimaggio, Alice Boudreaux, Michael Silva, Ryan Arcemont, Shawn DeRouen, Karen Duhon, Maddi Duhon, Mynette Zimmer, Jane Mayo, Dalton Dupree, Lisa Morel, Mary Ann Lambert Adams, Elma Braus, Cherie Schlatve, Matt Braus, Nelwyn LaHoste, Jamie Huffman, Maria McGinnis, Sonya Meranta, Wilson Acosta, Sr., Christie Mayea, Sylvia Guillory, Daisy Roberts & Family, Bessie Crochet & Family, Isaac Darbonne, James Bergeron, Logan Fromenthal, Noah Lorenzo, Carlo Strega, Sr., Lonnie Landry, Steve Meranta, Kenny Meranta, JY and Elaine Mula, Benny Castalano, Audie Pete, Blaine St. Romaine.



Saturday, September 23rd

Vigil 4:00 pm

†NJ Hebert †Trey Smith †Jerri Guillot †Yvonne Adams
†Gene Bosworth †Raymond LaHoste, Sr.
†Murphy L. LeBlanc †Miranda L. Pennison
†Kimberly L. Ordogne †Curtis & Althea Verret
†Russel Verret †Tracey Peterson & John Ourso Families
†Peggy & Albert Hebert †Holy Souls in Purgatory
†Hepler & Ratcliff Families - Living & Deceased.

Sunday, September 24th

7:30 am

†Kim & Lynette Meranta †Patricia & Donald Torres
†Lydia Guidry Michel †Audry & Roger Plaisance
†Tammy Plaisance †Floyd & Mel Verret
†Metrejean & Robicheaux Families -Living & Deceased.

10:30 am

†Rose Lipari †Ray & Nanette Landry †Tom McGinnis
†Terry Wiggins †Elise Vicknair †Barrett Cart
†Thomas Rivet, Jr. †Thomas Rivet III †Thomas Rivet IV
†Etienne, Edith, & Merlin Gros †Rodney Frederick
†Mary Siracusa †Mitch Saucier †Frank & Anaise Rachel.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY
Orry Arcemont, Jonathan Delatte, Chris Hardy, Nick Gardemal, Matt Bosworth, Cameron Campos, Matthew S. Landry, Luke Zweigle, Kadin Dinger, Caleb Von Buelow, Bart Von Buelow, Rebecca Rotolo, Jennifer Hebert, Jonathan Jenson, Logan Gros, Camron Case, Liam Guillotte.

St. Bernadette Offerings
September 9-10, 2023
Offering\$3339.00
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Pray for Vocations
Thank you Cindy & Sammy for praying for vocations this week.
Kathy Shilling will be praying for vocations Sept. 17—23.



Liturgical Ministries

Date	Time	Sacristans	Lector	Min of Communion
Saturday Sept. 23	4:00 pm	Julia Hepler	Kathy Shilling	Julia Hepler
Sunday Sept. 24	7:30 am	John Trevino	Pete Lipari	-----
	10:30 am	Patty Hotard	Kenny Alfred	Judy Alfred



NURTURE A HEALTHY HEART

A certain married couple had many sharp disagreements. Yet somehow the wife always stayed calm and collected. One day her husband commented on his wife's restraint. "When I get mad at you," he said, "you never fight back. How do you control your anger?" The wife said: "I work it off by cleaning the toilet." The husband asked: "How does that help?" She said: "I use your toothbrush!"



Our liturgical readings for this 24th Sunday concern forgiving and being reconciled with those who wound us. All three readings today remind us of the path to forgiveness, mercy, and reconciliation and challenge us to walk this path with Jesus, the only Way to Life. Peter thought forgiving a wrong doer seven times was already too much. But Jesus shocks Peter when he demands forgiving seventy-times. Who could possibly do that? But that's the point. Forgiveness isn't something that is tracked on a scoreboard, with a certain number of boxes to fill in. The goal of forgiveness is reconciliation. Until that is reached, we need to keep trying.

Forgiveness begins in the heart. Unfortunately, so do wrath and anger, which the book of Sirach (first reading) urges us to avoid. When we are wronged, especially when it hurts, especially when it has long-term consequences or even changes our lives completely, it is difficult for the heart to make a complete turn from anger to mercy. But as doctors will say, we need to nurture a healthy heart. When we hug



tightly to wrath and anger, allowing them to fester into resentment or bitterness, we are unconsciously choosing to have an unhealthy heart.



John Huffman once said, "The world's most miserable person is one who won't forgive." The truth is that nurtured resentment mostly hurts the one who nurtures it. Forgiveness allows us to reconcile with the consequences of the action that hurt us as well as with the cause of that hurt. It allows us to heal the broken relationship with that person. Today, God's word would take us "below decks" to look inside ourselves concerning the whole matter of forgiveness. When Jesus commands us to love our enemies, he gives us the grace we will need to forgive them.



Forgiveness is an art of letting go. It is letting go of the past, looking forward to the future, and enjoying the emotional freedom you deserve. Forgiveness multiplies when freely given to the offender. Whether we like it or not, something good may come out from the experience and will probably change the person for the better. And that is the good news that the Gospel offers us this Sunday.

When was the last time it was very difficult to forgive? If you did forgive, how did you feel?

In the Service of the Lord,

Fr. Thainese Alphonse



FAITH FORMATION

Wednesday, September 13th, was our first day of Faith Formation classes. Students and volunteers participated in a beautiful blessing service with Fr. Thainese.



Kindergarten - 5th graders



6th graders - Confirmation



Volunteers: Renee Garris, Frances Bullard, Judy Brannon, Maria Landry, Kamry Landry, Mona Thibodeaux, Melinda Frederick



Volunteers: Paul Tholen, Jenny Guillot, Roland Brannon, Kathy Shilling, Kim Meranta, Michelle Tholen, John Cart

STAND UP FOR LIFE!

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Bible quiz # 30

Acts of the Apostles

(Chapters 22 to 28)

1. Who was the teacher of Paul in Jewish laws?
2. Was Paul a Roman citizen by birth?
3. Who reported to the commander about Jews' conspiracy to kill Paul?
4. To whom the commander sent Paul to Caesarea?
5. Why did the governor summon Paul quite often?
6. Who was king Agrippa?
7. How many times did Paul defend himself before the authorities?
8. Who sent Paul to Rome?
9. Who did Paul heal in Malta?
10. What did Paul do in Rome?

Weekly Reflections



God's mercy is abundant. We must pass that mercy on to others through heartfelt forgiveness that goes beyond mere words and actions. Just as we are forgiven by God, we are called to extend that same grace to others. We must be mindful of how we treat others and recognize that our actions reflect our true relationship with God.

Questions to Ponder

- ◆ How do you practice empathy and compassion in your daily life?
- ◆ How does your own forgiveness (or lack thereof) towards others reflect your relationship with God? What might you change in your approach to others?

Challenge:

What steps can you take to align your life with the principles of forgiveness and empathy as you strive to reflect God's boundless forgiveness in your daily life?

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