# 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 17, 2017

# Gospel

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.

Mt 18:21-22

# **Mission Statement**

The Church of St. Luke is a joyful, welcoming, caring, active family of believers striving to grow in knowledge of and love for God and each other. Challenged by the Word, nurtured by the Eucharist, and enlivened by the Spirit, we seek to live the message of Jesus in serving the needs of others both within our Parish and in the larger community.

### Masses

Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 7:30 am Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:30 am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

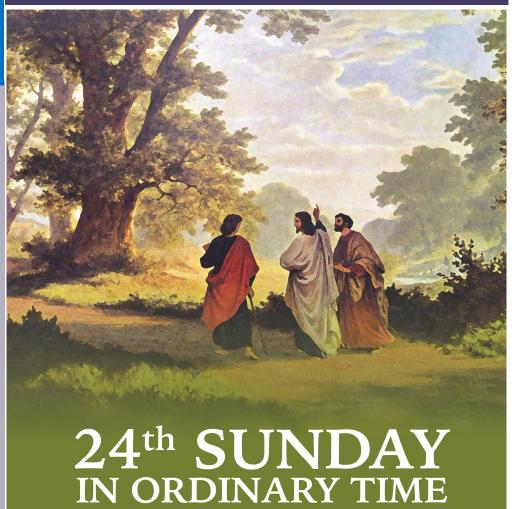
Saturday 3:30 pm (Also by appointment)

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 9:00 am—5:00 pm Fax: (619) 442-2293





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First Reading : Sirach 27:30-28:7 Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9 GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

**Reflection:** Reflect upon/Share about a time when you had difficulty forgiving someone? (Be careful not to share something that may harm the reputation of someone else.) What was the process that eventually helped you forgive? If you still haven't forgiven, what will it take to free you so that you can forgive the other?

Alternate: Reflect upon/Share about a time when someone apologized to you for something they did. How did you feel? What did you say to them? Did you forgive them? Why, or why not? Would Jesus have done the same thing?

# Parish Council, Finance Council & From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

# From the Pastor

Reprint from July, 21, 2013

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Parish Pastoral Council normally meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Visitors/observers welcome. If you wish to have an item placed on the agenda, contact a Council member to present it for you or contact the Parish Office.

### Parish Council Members:

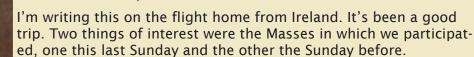
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#### PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

The Parish Finance Council meets every other 3rd Wednesday of the month.

> Parish Finance Council Members: Fr. Ron Cochran James Chitkowski Jim Crockett George Heidenreich Jeanne Houghtby John Krueger

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This Sunday's Mass was quicker than last Sunday. It only lasted about a half hour. (Don't get any ideas.) Neither had music. Both

had more than one collection. Last Sunday only had two while the prior Sunday had three. (Don't worry. I won't get any ideas.) The homily for last Sunday was shorter but was complete with a challenge; how can we listen to the Lord's voice in the midst of our hectic lives? The first Sunday's homily went in a direction, a good direction, for that particular Gospel which I had never heard or thought of. I may use it someday but the homilist missed the challenge of that Gospel completely.

It was the Gospel about the Great Commandment to love our neighbor wherein the scribe, "because he wished to justify himself" asked Jesus "who is my neighbor?" Well, as you know, Jesus' answer was... the one you hate, the one who hates you, the one who has done evil to you, the one to whom you have done evil, the Samaritan of your life, in your day and time! He ignored the obvious message on the Sunday after two days of violence in Belfast between the Protestant and Catholics which required reinforcement by police from Britain, left at least 40 people injured.

Orangeman's Day, celebrated on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July celebrates the victory of William of Orange in the Battle of the Boyne in 1690. It has become a symbol of struggles between Protestants and Catholics in Northern Ireland. It is not really a religious struggle although it's roots do have a connection to the establishment of the Church of England by Henry the VIII. The struggle is between those who want Northern Ireland to be part of the Irish Republic rather than the province of Britain that it is today. During the period of consolidating the power of the King, land in Northern Ireland was taken away from Irish Catholics and given to British Protestants who supported the King.

This loss of land and the violence connected to it created much hatred between the Catholics and Protestants that carried over into the struggle for freedom which resulted in the creation of the independent Republic of Ireland in 1922. Northern Ireland was populated by many Protestants who had been given Irish land and exercised it's option to remain a part of the United Kingdom and unrest has followed ever since. Modern unrest can be said to be between those who want a unified Ireland, the Nationalists, and those who want Northern Ireland to remain part of the United Kingdom, or Loyalists. The Nationalists are primarily Catholic with the Loyalists primarily Protestant so the struggle seems to have a religious divide. Not until 1998 was a peace agreement reached but the hatred and violence still remains.

So I don't get why the problem isn't discussed in the Churches. Both sides are Christian, both use the same Gospel, both are told by that Gospel to love their neighbor and both are told that their neighbor is the one they hate. Oh, maybe I do get it; if we dialogue with the Gospel we will have to dialogue with our neighbor, if we don't want to dialogue with our neighbor, why would we dialogue with the Gospel.

In His service,

Fr. Ron

### **Remember in your Prayers, Weekly Readings, Mass Intentions**



### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Brian Hill, P.Michael Winkler, Gary Corwin, Roberto Lopez, Lorraine Flint, Bill Phillips, Isaac Armas, Mary Botte, Lara Pasi, Nancy Usrey, Ryan Cochran, Emmanuel Hallak, Dylan Coughlin, Frank Alfano, Selena Chum, Jimmie Davis, Dr. Barbie Taylor, Rachel Chavez,

Michele Chavez, Joy Darrah, Gray Draper, Linda Rogers, Helen Chu, Al Bowen, Margaret Dennison, Jacob Seilheimer, Joyce Kammer, Theresa Warcholik, Cheryl Berry, Natalie Enriquez, Candace Dayton, Harriet, Ladel, Michael Ward, Nina Murphy, Noel Fisher, Jason Zdunich, Karen Bennett, Connie Elba, Blanche Duncan, Charles Brown, Jim Leachman, Christine Banuelos, Jose Orrantia, Dave Johnson, Mina Scannicchio, Jan Lindgren, Carol Petrich, Carey Moore, Jose Azarza, Parker Landis, Joan Smith, Anthony Potito, Kaylee Mikulsky, Jackie, Jeff Rogers, Michelle Tello, Katherine Boomer, Chase Laird, Vera Navetta, Miriam Kaskorkis, Adelaide Fitzwater, Ed Solorzano, Alice Zizzo, Luis Orrantia, Maggie Matthews, Sophia Christensen, Steven, Cindy Russell, Karen Walker, Mike Murphy, Ann Mussomeli, Jeanine DeSanti, Joe James Sowards, Vie Liddell, Olivia Dunn, Jennifer Soares, Dorothea Wall, Martina Chiappara Cahill, Antoinette Daquisto-Guidi, Bob Weisham, Teri Harrison, Danielle P. Joe Scannicchio, Maria Warcholik, Ruthie Condon, Marin Mejia, Mike Marcon, Theresa & Vito Siragusa, Tracy Weaver, Rick Gores, Corrine Meierbachtol, Sue Sullivan, Rose Camacho, Tommy Collet Sr., John Lawton, Justin Hughes, Clara Morrison, Travis Butler, Jordan Garcia, Winston Quitiquit, Gregory S., Joan Hall, Joni Marco, Vern Hubka, Ricky Latorre, Camryn Mayer, Dolores Morrison, Aimee Gatus, Tommy Collet Jr., Thomas Baca, Chuck Moore, Gui Mei Guo, Audrianna Lococo, Karl Viederstein, Carey Moore, John Morrison, Maria Teresa Valquez, Nancy Samayoa, Tyler Parr, Karin Oravetz, Terry McMullin, Mary Morrison, Laura Allen & Family, Ryan Waters, Sam Attisha, Debra Burke, Andrew Mearm, Richard Perricone, John Agostini, Clara Morrison, Austin Gatus, Rosemary Lowe, The Hill Family, Russell Morrison, Frances Colombo, Christina Morrison, Megan Kruer Jones, Zaim Attisha, Laura Lee, Teresa Russo, Lillian Peregud; and all our relatives and friends who are sick. A NOTE ABOUT OUR PRAYER LIST: If you would like to add a name to our prayer list please contact Nancy Adema. Also please notify Nancy when a name can be removed. We appreciate the prompt notification & your cooperation.

### G PARISH FINANCES №

In order to fulfill our budget, we need to collect an average of \$12,722 in the collection basket each week. Some weeks may be higher and some lower but we need to maintain that average. Additionally, we have budgeted for an average of \$12,802 to be contributed monthly through our Online Giving contribution program.

The total amount budgeted through these sources is \$660,095 this year. Our budget includes another \$106,384 expected income from other sources; (Annual Catholic Appeal rebates, Christmas & Easter collections, Sacramental Donations, Interest, One-time gifts & bequests, etc.).

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LAST WEEK: Totals for		9/10/2017
Plate:	\$	793.00
Envelope:	\$	9,405.00
Total Collection Basket:	\$	10,198.00
Online Giving May 2017 =	\$20.604	.78 (114 users)

SUPPORTING THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH: Once you've made a decision on how much you should be giving, decide how to give. WAYS TO GIVE: You can use envelopes, as many people do, you can set up automatic donations through your Bank, (forms available in the parish office), you can go to Online Giving on the St. Luke website and set up an online giving plan which you can personally manage or call the parish office to arrange an online giving plan administered by the parish Business Manger. Online Giving Link: www.thechurchofstluke.org Click on: Online Giving in the center of subject bar. For more information please call the parish office at 442-1697.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Robert & Annabelle Kroeger	67 yrs
Joseph F. & Christy Klock	60 yrs
John & Teddie DeLaurentis	58-yrs
Phil & Fran Gelber M.D.	56-yrs
George & Dianne Heidenreich	48-yrs
John & Kay Krueger	47-yrs
Tom & Ellie Collet Sr.	44-yrs
Sal & Shirley Flor	41-yrs
Tony & Julie Gonzales	38-yrs
Joe & Mina Scannicchio	30 -yrs
Andrew & Michele Curl	27-yrs
Marty & Carol Banks	20-yrs
Dale & Kathy Harrington	18-yrs

Would you like to have your Wedding Anniversary placed in the bulletin? please call 442-1697.

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: Sir 27:30--28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/ Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35 Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7-9/Lk 7:1-10 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6/Lk 7:11-17 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6 /Lk 7:31-35 Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5 /Mt 9:9-13 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-10, 17-20 /Lk 8:1-3 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-5 /Lk 8:4-15 Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 /Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS Saturday: 5:00pm Lucia Dora Lee RIP Sunday: 9:00am Mike Vencincio RIP 11:30am Parishioners of St. Luke Wednesday: 7:30am Meredith Madden RIP Thursday: 7:30am Catherine Toy RIP Friday: 7:30am James George RIP Saturday: 5:00pm Edward Ray Collins RIP Sunday: 9:00am Parishioners of St. Luke 11:30am Louise J Bertsche RIP SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday Monday: Weekday Tuesday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr Wednesday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Ch?ng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs Thursday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Friday: Weekday Saturday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest; First full day of autumn

# Gospel Meditation, Live the Liturgy & Why Do We Do That

### OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at The Church of Saint Luke

Morning and Afternoon Shifts (or occasional substitute) are available.

# Experience is required in the following tasks:

- Fundamental computer skills
  - Phone skills
  - Data Entry *Please Call Business Manager: Jim Crockett at* 619-442-1697, ext. 110





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We've Gone Social!



### Donate a Altar Flower Arrangement in celebration of or in remembrance of a loved one.

To schedule a donation, call the church office at least two weeks in advance of your chosen Sunday. Intentions will be posted in bulletin. The cost per arrangement is \$116.00. For more information call the office at 442-1697.

Did you know...

In addition to your generous donations, the loose coins you place in the collection basket



go to help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at the Church of St. Luke to provide assistance to those in need? Meetings: 1st Thurs at 11am and the 3rd Wed at 6:30pm in the hall. For more info please contact Mike Wasyliw

### **GOSPEL MEDITATION: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?" The parable Jesus tells today is the story of a king, but in truth it is about Jesus himself. He is the "king" who has forgiven our debts. We are the "servants" whose sins have earned us chastisement. But when we repent and ask for Christ's mercy, he grants it to us without hesitation.

The point of the parable, then, is that we too should extend this mercy to others. We should not be like that "wicked servant" who begged for mercy but would not show it to others. Elsewhere, Jesus teaches us to pray, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" (Mt. 6:12). We use different words, but a similar meaning when we pray the Our Father asking God to "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." But are we sure that we mean what we say?

It's important to pause and evaluate how we are doing in this regard. Are we harboring any grudges? Are there people we refuse to forgive? Is there a situation where we are seeking revenge instead of extending mercy? Jesus asks us to do otherwise. He reminds us that we have already been forgiven. We are right now enjoying the benefits of his forgiveness. So we are called to bear in mind our own sins, failings, weaknesses, and "debts" when we deal with others instead of thinking that we are perfectly innocent and acting as if we've never been the beneficiary of mercy. So let us do our best to forgive as we have been forgiven. This doesn't mean approving of wrong behavior; God doesn't ask us to do that. But he does ask us to let go of bitterness and foster mercy instead.

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Relationships are the focus of our reflection again this week, calling us to practice forgiveness unconditionally. This is a difficult thing for us to do. Forgiving someone does not mean that we necessarily tolerate or condone their behavior. Rather, it has to do with letting go of the anger and the hurt that really is more self-destructive than productive. We are called to recognize the brokenness and sinfulness of each other. We may, at times, have to walk away from an abusive or destructive relationship. However, keeping in mind the lessons it taught, we can free ourselves from its hurtful grasp by learning how to forgive as God forgives. It's a tall order.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED **Question:** Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?

**Answer:** The mission of the church reflects the mission of Jesus to teach, preach, heal, and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus shares the good news of salvation and invites all people to share in the life and love of God. The church continues this mission in all its ministries, but especially, and perhaps most importantly, through catechesis.

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of September. The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community, who by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel. Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction, and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers, and for the ongoing spiritual formation of the whole community. It reminds the church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer. On this Sunday, we recognize those who are called to be teachers and ask for God's blessing and grace.

# **Contacts & Calendar Information**

# GS VISIT OUR WEBSITE № For additional calendar and event information. www.thechurchofstluke.org

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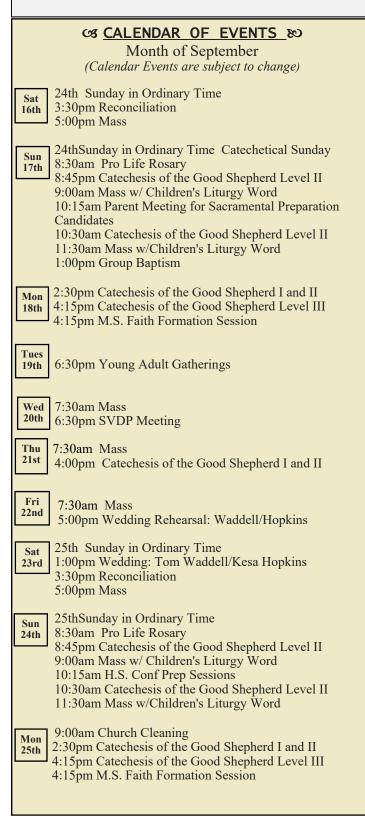
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 THE DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS IS

MONDAY AT 12 NOON.



### **Parish Events**

### It's time for Church Cleaning

Monday September 25th from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon



For more information please call **Peggy Nelson** 

# **Don't Forget to Pick-up Scrip!**

September 23/24 & October 1/2 Gift cards are available the last weekend of the month and the first weekend of the month.



Church of St. Luke Knights of Columbus Council 10512 Parishioners and families can participate in Knights Activities. Sept 30: St Vincent del Paul Walk /Run for the Poor Deputy Grand Knight, Mike Wasyliw Sept 30<sup>th</sup> and Oct.1, 2017<sup>,</sup> Baby Bottle Drive after masses (Culture of Life) Oct. 8: Blood Drive (signup www.sandiegobloodbank.org click on appointments, enter code LUKE

### Father Joe's Villages 💱

IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS We are scheduled to serve dinner on September 22, from 4-7 p.m. at Father Joe's Village and need your help. We need 14 volunteers every month. If you can help let Dan Goulding know. We would like to have our volunteers show up at Fr. Joe's Village by 3:45p.m. A carpool will be leaving St. Luke parking lot around 3:15pm for anyone interested.

Your help is truly appreciated. Thank you.

This is a monthly event and occurs on the 4th Friday of each month.

10/27/17, 11/24/17 and 12/22/17.



# **Parish Events**



# Society of St. Vincent de Paul--Church of St. Luke

# INVITATION TO SERVE

Our calling is to the Gospel message: "I was hungry, I was thirsty, I was a stranger, I was naked, I was sick, I was in prison...and you cared for Me"

Our Mission is to serve the poor and needy within our parish and community of El Cajon & East County with material aid, encouragement and spiritual support.

Our Inspiration is Christ's message: "Whatever you do for the least of my brethren you do for Me."

How do we find those in need? Calls are received directly through our church office or Outreach Ministry by referrals from friends, parishioners, and Social Service Agencies. The names and circumstances are kept in strictest confidence.

How do we help those in need? By person to person contact through "Home Visits". By providing emergency financial assistance for rent, utilities, food, clothing and other necessities. By collaborating with the Santa Sophia Food Pantry that provides food donations to the needy. By providing information of available private and government support services. By listening and comforting the needy through prayer and encouragement.

What Membership involves? Attending our 2x per month meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 11 am & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 6:30 pm in the church hall by the fireplace area. Short prayers are said during the meeting to remind members that the motive for their work is the love of God. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites you to join us in spiritual growth, fellowship and silent works of charity.

For info contact: Mike Wasyliw

# **Living As Missionary Disciples**

We come together as both a parish and Church community to acknowledge the dedication of those who serve as catechists in our parish family. These catechists play a vital role in the Church's pastoral activity. Enlightened by God's Word and the Church teachings, and inspired by their own life of prayer and witness, catechists lead others to know the living Jesus Christ through word and deed. Through their ministry, they provide a process of initiation and formation of those in their care, introducing them to the truths of faith, which they themselves have learned, lived, and celebrated.

Jane Cruz Alfano ~Adults Evelyn Beale ~Youth & Young Adults Debbie Stenovec ~PreK-5

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