SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1) Sirach 27:30-28:7
2) Romans 14:7-9
3) Matthew 18:21-35

FOCUS: As God has forgiven our sins, so we must forgive others.

Today’s Gospel reminds us that God freely and generously pours out his love and forgiveness upon us through our faith in Jesus and the sacraments of the Church. These gifts are given to us, not only for our salvation, but so we may share them with others, and so peace may be built up more fully in the world.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, we are reminded that we will be forgiven as we have forgiven others. In the second reading, Saint Paul tells us that we belong to God in both life and death. In the Gospel, Jesus uses a parable to illustrate that our generosity in forgiving those who have wronged us must be lavish if we are to hope for the same consideration from our heavenly Father.

Sunday Reading for the following Sunday

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1) Isaiah 55:6-9
2) Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
3) Matthew 20:1-16a

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

100th Anniversary

On October 13, 2017 we will also have a celebration of the finally appearance of Our Lady of Fatima at which time we will pray the prayer of total consecration to Jesus through Mary. We encourage everyone to do a personal preparation for this consecration either following St. Louis de Monfort’s or St. Maximilian Kolbe’s examples. For a 33 day consecration on line preparation go to www.totalconsecration.newevangelizers.com and begin on this Sunday, Sept. 10.

St. Mary’s Altar Society invites you and your family to the Activity Center after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sun. Sept. 17 for coffee, donuts, fruit, juice and fellowship.

The Nazareth Academy Fall Festival and Turkey Dinner, scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 1, is postponed due to Hurricane Harvey. We appreciate your support and look forward to continuing this tradition at a later date. Thank you!
Saturday, September 16
7:00 †Richard & Bernice Corney
5:00 †Terry & August Hermes

Sunday, September 17, TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 People of the Parish
10:30 †Thomas M. O’Connor

Monday, September 18
6:30 †Mary Covarrubias
12:05 †Barbara Miller

Tuesday, September 19
6:30 †Anthony Innocenti
12:05 †Gary Lee & Gary Lee, Jr. Engelmoehr

Wednesday, September 20, Saint Andrew Kim Tae
6:30 †Jerry Patton
12:05 †Benito & Irene Menchaca

Thursday, September 21, Saint Matthew
6:30 Sue Cotton
9:00 †Mary Otto - Nazareth Acadmey Children’s Mass
12:05 †Daniel Innocenti

Friday, September 22
6:30 †Clara Garcia
12:05 †Barbara Szabelshi

Saturday, September 23
7:00 †May Moscatelli
5:00 †Earl Schmeltzer

Sunday, September 24, TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 †Harold M. Johnston, Sr.
10:30 People of the Parish

LECTORS
Saturday, September 23
5:00 p.m. Jim Wearden
Sunday, September 24
8:00 a.m. Diana Pagel
10:30 a.m. Olivia Basaldua

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Saturday, September 23
5:00 p.m. Mary Ann Innocenti, Deacon Koenig, Becky Coleman, Henry Schramek
Sunday, September 24
8:00 a.m. Deacon Koenig, Loyd & Georgia West, Adolph Hernandez
10:30 a.m. Deacon Koenig, Brandon Basaldua, Lucinda Cavazos, Corinne Copeland

MASS SERVERS
Saturday, September 23
5:00 p.m. Tanner Coleman, Ethan Elliott
Sunday, September 24
8:00 a.m. Luke Hernandez Zackry Kinnison
10:30 a.m. Thomas Copeland, Eduardo Rodriguez, Sofia Verastegui

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY
Saturday, September 23
5:00 p.m. Frieda Stubbs, Mike McCauley, Steve & Lorraine Hebert
Sunday, September 24
8:00 a.m. Roy Jurica, Paul Janacek, David Johnson, Stella Silva
10:30 a.m. Joe Baugh, Greg & Pam Fanelli, John Cavazos

The Adoration Chapel is closed until further notice and 6:30 a.m. Mass will be in the church,
St. Mary’s 2018 Family Festival-
Sunday February 11, 2018
At this time we are asking for Raffle donations, and jewelry for the jewelry booth.
We also have a chairperson position for the "Plates to Go" if anyone might be interested in supporting this position.
We welcome all parishioners as we prepare to have our BEST festival yet. If you have questions, please call Kevin or Joan Pfister - 576-9638.

St. Mary’s Parish, Nada has rescheduled their Festival & Homecoming to Sun., Oct. 8, 2017

The St. Joseph’s 144th Annual Church Picnic in Inez has been cancelled due to the effects of Hurricane Harvey. The general raffle will be drawn on September 24th and winners will be notified.
Knights of Columbus
Council #1329
Bingo Night.
Every Wednesday evening; Hall opens 6:00 pm; Bingo Games 7:30 pm until 10:00 pm.
$10.00 per Bingo sheet pack for 10 games. Food and drinks available. Location is Airline at Ben Wilson. Proceeds benefit various council charity projects. For info, call the hall Wednesday evening at 575-9214. Come out, stay cool, have fun and meet friends!

Incarnate Word Prayer Group invites you to join us for a Life in the Spirit Seminar which will be held during the REGULAR MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETINGS, from 7:00 pm—9:00 pm, starting on September 18, 25, — October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2017 at Incarnate Word Convent Auditorium 1101 N.E. Water Street, Victoria, Tx

Please register before August 28th by calling 361-575-7111 or email at amormeus@yahoo.com

The Life in the Spirit Seminar graces Christians to experience a fuller measure of the Fruits and Gifts of the Holy Spirit

RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
1) Tuesday, September 19, 2017 RCIA will begin. 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the AV room of St. Mary’s

Sponsor of the Week
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Knights of Columbus Council #1329 Chicken BBQ will be held September 17th from 8:30 am until sold out. NOTE: selling will not start until 8:30. Prices are $8 per chicken or 3 for $22. Spanish rice and beans are available for $1.50 per pint. Proceeds benefit various council charity projects. Location is Airline at Ben Wilson. For info, call the hall Sunday morning at 575-9214.

To St. Joseph Catholic Church, Moulton KC Hall Sun. Sept. 17, serving fried chicken & stew dinner $9.00 per plate begins 10:30 A.M.
To St. Peter and Paul Church, Annual Festival, Meyersville, on Sun. Sept. 24, BBQ Beef dinner serving from 11 pm to 1 am, plates $10.00
Holy Cross Catholic Church, Bay City, Fall Festival & Turkey Dinner, Knights of Columbus Hall, Sun. Oct. 1, Turkey and dressing, $10.00 per plate.
To St. John’s Catholic Church, Hungerford, Annual Bazaar on Sun, Oct. 1 at Hungerford Hall, BBQ Beef, chicken & Sausage Dinner serving starts at 10:30 A.M.

A SPONSOR COUPLE TRAINING

in English and in Spanish will be held simultaneously at St. Philip’s in El Campo on Saturday, September 23. The sponsor couple marriage formation is an effective way to minister to two couples at once and enables newlyweds to be connected and accountable to other members in the parish. This marriage formation also assists pastors who have difficulties speaking other languages, such as Spanish or Vietnamese. All pastors who are interested in using sponsor couples as part of their marriage preparation should seek out couples in their parish who can assist in this ministry. Once a list of couples has been gathered, please contact Fr. Philip Brune at philip.l.brune@gmail.com If you would like to know more about the program, please visit https://marriagepreparation.com or call Fr. Rob Ruhnke at (210) 534-1129. Couples can register for the workshop by visiting https://forbetterandforever.formstack.com/forms/register_2 Materials are available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese and couples will receive the required material before the September 23 meeting.

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