

**September 17, 2017**

*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Catechetical Sunday*

**“So will my heavenly Father do to you,  
unless each of you forgives your brother  
from your heart.”**

**Matthew 18:21-35**

In the gospel, Peter asks Jesus how many times must he forgive someone. Jesus gives a figure that implies an infinite amount of times. We cannot measure forgiveness quantitatively. We must forgive from the heart without measuring or analyzing.

As Catholics we experience God's forgiveness first hand in the sacrament of Reconciliation. Often, we equate this sacrament only with confession. Confession entails only part of the sacrament. The sacrament mimics the process we go through as humans in reconciling ourselves with others.

The word Reconciliation means 'seeing eye to eye with someone again.' The term 'eye to eye' implies that two people identify wholly with each other. Nothing stands in the way of uniting them in a special bond. As Catholics the process for the sacrament of Reconciliation begins with realizing that certain actions in our lives do not reflect behavior expected of any Christian. In other words, we recognize our sinfulness. We seek God's forgiveness.

But the process remains incomplete for two reasons. First God gave to the apostles the power to 'bind and loose' all things on earth. God gives to the Church the power to absolve sins. Second our sinful actions affect not only our relationship with God but with the Church community.

Confession provides a multi faceted opportunity to experience the full gamut of healing and forgiveness. In confession we verbally acknowledge our sinfulness. Confession to a priest enables the sinner to verbally acknowledge his sins before another sinner; but not just any sinner. The priest represents the power of the Church to forgive on behalf of God. In addition, he reconciles us with the Church community whom we have harmed by our actions.

Christ's sacrifice on the Cross reconciled us with God and offered the great example of forgiveness. As Jesus hung on the Cross He forgave His executioners. Jesus shows that if He can forgive wrongs against Him so we must follow that same example. All God asks of us is that we show true sorrow and a desire to avoid sin in the future. At the same time God tells us if He can forgive an unlimited amount of times our sins so we must forgive others who wrong us.

*Fr. Walter Austin*

**PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL**



**Are you still praying  
about your  
commitment to Jesus?**



**Don't wait until it is too late!**

**Partners are needed.**

**PLEASE CALL 652-2615**

Adorers of the Perpetual Adoration wish to thank Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for the following favors:

- Thank you, Heavenly Father, for the opportunity to bring others closer to you.
- Thank you, Holy Spirit, for using me to bring Christ's love to those around me.
- Thank you, Heavenly Father, for the increase in the virtue of humility.

## **Prayer for Catechists**

O God, our Heavenly Father, you have given us the gift of these catechists to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family.

We lift them up to you in thanksgiving and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs.

May we be attentive to the presence of your Word in them, a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls forth and challenges, is compassionate and consoles.

We pray that our parish family will always be blessed with those who have responded to the call to share in Christ's prophetic mission as catechists. May we too be open to the universal call to service that Christ addresses to all of his disciples, contributing our gifts to the communion of faith, the Church.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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## **PRO-LIFE BABY DIAPER AND WIPES DRIVE SEPTEMBER 23 & 24**

The KCs will conduct the annual Baby Diaper & Wipes donation drive at all Masses Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> to benefit ACCESS Pregnancy and Referral Centers and the Woman's New Life Center. Donations can be placed in the baskets in the back of Church.



## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

<b>Monday, September 18</b>	
8:30 am	Philip & Deacon Paul Dupuy
<b>Tuesday, September 19</b> <i>St. Januarius</i>	
8:30 am	Special Intention
<b>Wednesday, September 20</b> <i>Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Paul Chông Ha-sang, and Companions</i>	
4:30pm	NO MASS
6:00 pm	NO MASS
<b>Thursday, September 21</b> <i>St. Matthew</i>	
8:30 am	NO MASS
<b>Friday, September 22</b>	
8:30 am	Betty Hymel
<b>Saturday, September 23</b> <i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</i>	
4:00 pm	Stuart Torres, John Paul Loupe, Grady Duff, Jr., Melvin & Nellie Powell, Rita Zeringue, Lawrence & Rodney Acosta, Tom & Teresa Bautsch, Josephine Marino McKenzie, Gloria Maurin, Elzey Martin, Jr., David Revolta, Barbara Mondello, Frank & Angelina Purpera, Sr., Cody Lucia, Special Intention
<b>Sunday, September 24</b> <i>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
8:30 am	Gwen Booth, Rebecca Labat Tassara, Kimberly Clement, Gregory Bivin, II, Elzey Martin, Jr., Joyce Caraway, Ronald Fremin, Winnie Biggio, Dr. A.J. St. Angelo, George Williams
10:30 am	Jo Gendron
5:00 pm	(en espanol) Our Parishioners
7:00 pm	In Thanksgiving

### VIGIL LIGHT for September

- In memory of Norman & Verna Millet, Deborah Acosta, and Jessica Fournet

### CHAPEL CANDLES THIS WEEK BURN FOR:

- In memory of Bruce Simoneaux, Evan Simoneaux, and the Waguespack & Simoneaux Families

**There will be no daily Masses on Wednesday and Thursday of this week due to the Priests' Convocation.**

## “The Blue Vase” Book Signing September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00am – 12:00noon

Join local author Andree Ory for a meet and greet at The Catholic Bookstore, 3003 S. Carrollton Ave. Andree's first book, "The Blue Vase," draws on her experience as a counselor and her spiritual beliefs in order to motivate readers to overcome obstacles and discover their true potential. Andree believes very deeply in giving back to the local community. Ten percent of all book sales at this event will be donated to One Book One New Orleans, a city-wide literacy initiative!



## PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

<b>Monday, September 18</b>	
6:00-7:30pm	PSR
6:30-8:00pm	The Prophets Bible Study – Library
<b>Tuesday, September 19</b>	
1:00-2:30pm	The Prophets Bible Study – PPH
6:00pm	Dynamic Catholic Prayer Group – Church
6:30pm	Bereavement Team Meeting – PPH
<b>Wednesday, September 20</b>	
1:00pm	Silver Crusaders Lunch/Meeting – PPH
7:00pm	RCIA – Parish Office
7:00pm	KC General Meeting – KCH
<b>Thursday, September 21</b>	
12:30-3:00pm	Hearty Meal – DBH
7:00pm	Spanish Bible Study – PPH
<b>Friday, September 22</b>	
6:00pm	Family Game Night (Stu. Co.) – DBH
<b>Saturday, September 23</b> <b>Team 4</b>	
At all Masses	Mini Ministry Fair
At all Masses	Pro-Life Baby Diaper & Wipes Drive
10:00pm	KC District Soccer Challenge – school
<b>Sunday, September 24</b> <b>Team 4</b>	
At all Masses	Mini Ministry Fair
At all Masses	Pro-Life Baby Diaper & Wipes Drive
10:30am Mass	Confirmation 1 <sup>st</sup> Scrutiny
5:15-6:45pm	High School CYO – PPH

## YOUTH NEWS

### Confirmation Important Dates

- September 17: Confirmation Class – PPH
- September 24: First Scrutiny – 10:30am Mass
- October 1: Second Scrutiny – 10:30am Mass
- October 1: Confirmation Class – PPH
- October 8: Third Scrutiny – 10:30am Mass
- October 23: Confirmation Rehearsal – 6:30pm
- October 25: Confirmation – 7:00pm

### March for Life

All high school students are invited to attend March for Life with Ascension of Our Lord! **Registration is due by the end of September.** If you are interested, contact Ms. Emily at [aolcyo@gmail.com](mailto:aolcyo@gmail.com).

## Church Debt Collection Progress

