

September 17, 2017

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays:

Mon.-Fri.

6:00 am & 12:15 pm

Saturday: 7:00 am

Legal Holidays: 7:00 am

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00 pm

Sunday

7:00 am, 9:00 am,
11:45 am & 6:00 pm

CONFESSION

Saturday:

10:00 am-11:00 am*
St. Joseph Church
or by appointment

*Please note: confession
schedule does not apply
during some liturgical
seasons.

PRAYER TIMES

Adoration

M-F 4-5:00 pm
Sat 3-3:30 pm
Sun 4-4:30 pm

Evening Prayer & Benediction

M-F 5:00 pm
Sat 3:30 pm
Sun 4:30 pm

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PRAY FOR US!

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 17, 2017. The 2017 theme will be "Living as Missionary Disciples." Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.



Prayer: The Faith Prayed



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

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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Weekly Reflection: **24th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A**

"When my brother wrongs me, how often must I forgive him?"

When was the last time somebody hurt you? It is part of our human reality that we go that none of us can go through life without getting hurt. People even those close to us sometimes unintentionally or intentionally let us down. One thing is sure, these hurts can either be an opportunity to grow, or they can be an enormous stumbling block to our human and spiritual development depending on how we will choose to respond to them. But one option that will always be open for us is the choice to forgive!

But forgiveness is never easy both for the one is asking for it or one who is giving it.

We know how difficult it is to admit to our wrong doings. One would rather gloss over sins or deny them or put the blame on somebody else. This we see as early as in the case of Adam and Eve.

But if asking for forgiveness is difficult, more so when we are asked to forgive. That is why Peter asked our Lord, ***"When my brother wrongs me, how often must I forgive him? Seven times?"*** To which the Lord responded :, ***"No, not seven times but seventy times seven times."*** Peter thought he was being magnanimous when he offered seven but for Jesus, one does not put a limit to forgiveness. But in the regular course of events, we set conditions for us to forgive. Well first, the erring party must admit to his wrongdoing and second ask for forgiveness. And then we even extract a promise that they are not to do it again otherwise, there will be no second chance for them.

Forgiveness is a grace for both the one who ask and the one who gives. It is an opportunity for an encounter with God us. We know what forgiveness is because we have experienced ourselves the forgiveness that comes from God. Our ability to forgive those who have sinned against us is then is a very good measure of the depth of our being a follower of Christ. If we are not eager to forgive, doesn't it tell us something?

And let us not forget, that true forgiveness always comes from the heart!

St. Joseph Church Celebrates Catechetical Sunday 2017



Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday? In 1935, the Vatican published "On the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Education", a document that asks every country to acknowledge the importance of the Church's teaching ministry and to honor those who serve the Christian community as catechists. For the first few years after Catechetical Sunday was established, national catechetical congresses were held in conjunction with the celebration. Beginning in 1971, the USCCB's Department of Education began producing materials to help parishes celebrate the event at the local level. When the Committee on Catechesis, now named the Committee of Evangelization and Catechesis, was named by the Conference as a standing Committee, it continued to publish Catechetical Sunday materials each year. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated the third Sunday in September as Catechetical Sunday. **What Does the Word "Catechetical" Mean?** The word might be more familiar than you think. Many Catholics have used the word "catechism" for years, and they know it has something to do with the compendium of the Church's teachings. The root word, "catechesis," is from a Greek word meaning "to echo, or resound." Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church's teachings to the world. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church. **Why do we have a special day set aside to commission catechists?** Catechesis is a distinct and special ministry in the Church. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church makes clear, "Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the Church's life . . . her inner growth and correspondence with God's plan depend essentially on catechesis" (no. 7). This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church. It is only fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others.

How are parents, the primary catechists of their children, recognized on Catechetical Sunday? Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation. This is why the rite of blessing of catechists used on Catechetical Sunday includes an optional blessing of parents and guardians.

Sunday, Sept. 17

Sir 27:30—28:7

Ps 103:1-4, 9-12

Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21-35

Monday, Sept. 18

1 Tm 2:1-8

Ps 28:2, 7-9

Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday, Sept. 19

1 Tm 3:1-13

Ps 101:1, 3, 5-6

Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday, Sept. 20

1 Tm 3:14-16

Ps 111:1-6

Lk 7:31-35

Thursday, Sept. 21

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13

Ps 19:2-5

Mt 9:9-13

Friday, Sept. 22

1 Tm 6:2c-12

Ps 49:6, 10, 17-20

Lk 8:1-3

Saturday, Sept. 23

1 Tm 6:13-16

Ps 100:1-5

Lk 8:4-15

Sunday, Sept. 24

Is 55:6-9

Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a

Mt 20:1-16a

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Calendar

Monday, Sept. 18

6:00 pm RCIA (aka Adult Faith Formation)/Library
 6:00 pm Faith Formation/Church & Mtg. Room
 7:00 pm Liturgy Committee/Conf. Room

Tuesday, Sept. 19

7:00 pm Mother of Perpetual Help Novena (Rosary-
 6:30 pm)/Church

Wednesday, Sept. 20

6:30 pm Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Church

Thursday, Sept. 21

6:30 pm St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal/Church

Friday, Sept. 22

8:00 am Viewing (+Elizabeth Veriato)/Church
 10:00 am Memorial Mass (+Elizabeth Veriato)/Church
 6:00 pm San Lorenzo Choir Rehearsal/Church

Saturday, Sept. 23

8:15 am Church Cleaner's #6 (C. Lantano)/Church
 10:00 am Reconciliation/Church
 9:30 am Bible Sharing/Library
 5:00 pm High School Youth Ministry/Library

Sunday, Sept. 24

10:15 am Religious Education Classes/SJHS

Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

	Week (9/6 to 9/11)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Collections	7,295.25	91,316.68	96,540.24
All Other Income	17,729.07	74,740.57	68,427.33
Deposited to Bank	25,024.32	166,057.25	164,967.57
Parish Hall	371.25	Parish Savings	
		Loan to school	180,000.00
		Designated Funds	337,009.58
		Restricted Funds	418,470.08
			935,479.66

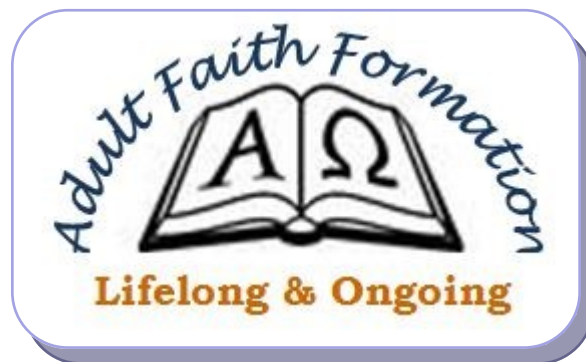
Invitation to our Faith Formation Series

Who: Everybody is invited

What: Faith Formation on "Catholic Catechism Revisited"

When: September 18, 2017 (Monday) -
 6:00-7:00 pm

Where: St. Joseph Church



Let us pray for
 the souls of our
 dearly departed.
 May they find
 peace.

+Agnes Hunter



**Emergency
 Numbers: (part 3)
 Direct line to God through
 His Word.**

*Brought to you by the
 Adult Bible Sharing Ministry*

*(Meets Saturdays at 9:30am in the rectory
 Library)*

When you are lonely & fearful	Call	Psalm 23
When you grow bitter & critical	Call	1 Corinthians 13
For Paul's secret to happiness,	Call	Colossians 3:12-17
For understanding of Christianity	Call	11 Corinthians 5:15-19
When you feel down & out	Call	Romans 8:31
When you want peace & rest	Call	Matthew 11:25-30
When the world seems bigger than God	Call	Psalm 90
When you want Christian assurance	Call	Romans 8:1-30

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“40 Days for Life Campaign”

Endorsed by Pope Francis and observed by 44 nations worldwide, this initiative strives to
end abortion through prayer and fasting, community education and prayerful vigils outside
abortion facilities.

So what can you do? Add this pro-life prayer to your grace before meals.

Offer daily acts of self-denial during the 40 days such as forgoing a favorite snack or
beverage, a TV program, a football game or an internet activity as signs of your ear-
nest intent.

For more information about the local prayer vigil, please call 808-938-0616

“All that is necessary for evil to prevail is for good people to do nothing.”

May God bless you for your support and prayers! Mahalo!

A Prayer for Life

Teach us to respect the life of all your children,

Especially the defenseless baby

Sheltered in the sanctuary of its mother's womb.

May the warmth of your love console and forgive those who have faltered

As we pray for an end of abortion

And the conversion of those who support it.

This we ask through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

