

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 6, 2020 “If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.” <i>— Matthew 18:19</i>	TODAY’S READINGS First Reading — Warn the wicked and try to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9). Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95). Second Reading — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10). Gospel — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).
Mass Intention Saturday: September 5th 9:00AM Bill B, Healing 4:00PM Mabel & Raymond Sutherlin, Deceased Sunday: September 6th 7:00AM Robert Assenmacher, Deceased 9:00 AM Frances Mitchell, Deceased 11:00 AM Theresae Torres, Deceased Monday: September 7th 8:00 AM Angela Sinacori, Deceased Tuesday: September 8th 8:00 AM Communion Service Wednesday: September 9th 8:00 AM Edward Gooselaw, Deceased Thursday: September 10th 8:00AM Mass Friday: September 11th 8:00AM Mass Saturday: September 12th 9:00AM Mass 4:00PM Mary Fitzpatrick, Deceased Sunday: September 13th 7:00AM Mass 9:00AM Bernadette Heath, Deceased 11:00AM Holy Souls in Purgatory	READINGS FOR THE WEEK Monday: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Psalm 5:5-7, 12; Luke 6:6-11, Tuesday: Micah 5:1-4a or Roman 8:28-30; Psalm 13:6; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23] Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Psalm 45:11-12, 14-17; Luke 6:20-26 Thursday: 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13; Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Luke 6:27-38 Friday: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27; Psalm 84:3-6, 12; Luke 6:39-42 Saturday: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Psalm 116:12-13, 17-18; Luke 6:43-49 Sunday: Ben Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

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A MESSAGE OF LOVE In the final verses of today’s Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, “there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken with Jesus present to us. Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he “does not speak out” to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible. We live in a “do your own thing” age when moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is one of love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As St. Paul writes, “Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law” (Romans 13:10).	SAINT PETER CLAVER (1581-1654) September 9 Nearly two hundred years before the Declaration of Independence proclaimed “that all men are created equal,” two hundred fifty years before the Emancipation Proclamation mandated an end to slavery, three hundred fifty years before Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream,” and four hundred years before the election of an American president boasting African heritage, Peter Claver left his native Spain behind to volunteer for the Jesuit missions in Colombia. There, he was horrified both by slavery as an institution and by the inhuman brutality inflicted upon the slaves. He solemnly vowed to become “the slave of the slaves,” and lived that vow heroically for close to forty years. Not knowing their language, Peter began his ministry among the slaves by using the universal language of practical charity, providing medical care and a tangible though wordless assertion of their human dignity: “We spoke to them not with words but with our hands, kneeling beside them, bathing their faces and bodies, encouraging them with friendly gestures” (see <i>Liturgy of the Hours, Volume 4</i> , p. 2018). Then came evangelization and baptism. Holiness as human wholeness: Peter Claver’s enduring witness. <i>—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.</i>
St. Vincent de Paul Stuff the Truck event was a huge success, thank you to all our parishioners. Total pounds of food: 2,517 Total money raised: \$759.00	Mystical Rose Sodality Will be having their next meeting on Wednesday, September 23rd @1:00PM in the Parish Hall. All women are welcome to become members. Come join us at our meeting or call Sharon Appodaca @ 602-363-6952. Masks are mandatory.
Peter Pence 2nd collection September 13th, 2020 It is thanks to you, Christians throughout the whole world, who give so generously, that we will be able to continue taking care of the Holy Places of Christianity.	SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES Monday: Labor Day Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Wednesday: St. Peter Claver Friday: Patriot Day Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary; Blessed Virgin Mary
Parish Offertory \$7,454.90 Last Weekend Thank you for your generosity—Fr. Ricky	NEIGHBORLY LOVE We can never love our neighbor too much. <i>—St. Francis de Sales</i>