

Weekend of September 13, 2020

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This new Mass schedule will stay in effect until the Covid-19 crisis is over. Thanks for your patience.

Barona:

Mass: Tuesday through Friday. Rosary at 7:45 AM, Mass at 8:00 AM. @ Shrine

Sunday: Sunday 8:00 AM. @ Shrine

Confessions: By appointment only

Adoration: 1st Fri. of the month (8:00 AM).

Viejas:

Sunday: Sunday, 10:30 AM. @ Church

Confessions: By appointment only.

Sycuan:

Sunday: Sunday Mass 12:00 noon @ the Church

Confessions: By appointment only



Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angelo Samot, Donna Berardi, Daniel Vicaldo, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Anthony and Diana Pico, Dolly Albano, Ray Mayor, Mike Montes, Bobbie Turner, Helen Cadiente, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Agnes Ruiz, Deacon Bill Clarke, Rosario Ravasco, Minerva Mayor, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Alicia Castro, Debbie Gonzalez, Barbara Reeves, Nancy Rourke, Anthony Harut Haurutuynian, Bobby Curo, Abraham Pascual, Eugene "Gino" Vicaldo, Skylar Rosas, Richard Padua, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Joyce Martinez, Crispin Echeverri, Elvira Hapin, Elaine Necochea

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

ATTENTION!

You are now able to donate online to St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish on our website, bktparish.com. You are able to donate by debit, credit card or paypal. You can also continue to send your tithes and offerings to:

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish
1054 Barona Road, Lakeside, CA 92040

Thank you so much for your continued support.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PARTICIPATE IN MASS

by livestreaming with Fr. Herman

Please note weekday Mass time change

Weekdays, Tues-Friday at 8:00 AM,

Sunday Mass is livestreamed @ 8:00 AM

Just go on Facebook under Herman Manuel

New Mass Schedule due to the covid-19 guidelines

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 AM Barona @ the Church

Sunday 8:00AM Barona @ the Shrine

Sunday 10:30 AM Viejas @ the Church

Sycuan- 12:00 PM noon in the Church

Good Friday Collection

The Pope has asked us to support the Pontifical Collection for the Support of the Holy Land. This collection is usually held on Good Friday but has been moved to September 13, due to the pandemic. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic Schools and offer religious education. It also helps preserve sacred shrines and humanitarian aid to refugees. To contribute please visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday or drop off donation at parish. Thank you in advance for your support.

MEAL PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord God, king of the universe:
You raised your beloved Son from the dead, and made him Lord of all. We ask you to bless us and the food you have given us. May the love which gathers us here brings us to your table in heaven, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Edward Nolan is moving to:
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beginning September 28, 2020



The Grace of Forgiving Someone **A reflection on the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In today's Gospel passage, Peter asked Jesus "“Lord, how often must I forgive my brother (or sister) who sins against me? As many as seven times?” We ought not to be too quick to judge Peter for what he asked Jesus. How easily would any of us grant forgiveness to someone who had offended us repeatedly? I'm not sure that any one of us might not reach our limit long before seven times. Just how sorry can someone be who sins in the same way over and over again? This is “common sense”. Jesus is coming from a different place. He is speaking about the Kingdom of God. There, things are different. There, the mercy and love of God knows no bounds. “No,” Jesus responds to Peter, “Not seven times, but seventy times seven times” Jesus tells a story – a parable – to illustrate the point.

Let us examine the parable. A King's servant owes his master “a huge amount”. How huge? So huge that he has absolutely no way of paying it back. This unimaginably huge debt gives us a clue that the king is a figure of God. We owe God everything, and there is nothing that we can offer that could ever repay God for all he has done for each one of us. Similarly, when we sin against God, our offense is beyond our ability to make it up for it. The servant's insistence that he will pay everything back is nothing but a desperate attempt to gain time. He knows he can never repay the debt.

It is at this point that the parable illustrates the unlimited mercy of God. “All is forgiven” God says to us. No matter how big the sin – no matter how often we commit sin, God's response to our plea for mercy is, “All is forgiven.” God knows well that there is nothing that we can offer that could pay the price of his mercy. It is free – and, at the same time,

costly – because the forgiveness of our sins was purchased by the blood of Christ.

The parable could have ended right there. What a magnificent picture of God's unending mercy is. But the story continues. While still enjoying the good news of the cancellation of his huge debt by the King, the servant comes upon a fellow servant who owes the forgiven man a smaller amount of debt. We can almost see the faces of Jesus' audience. They were anticipating that the servant would do the same to his fellow servant. But to their dismay, it was just the opposite. The servant who was just forgiven his debt by the king showed no mercy to his fellow servant.

What should have been a very happy ending to the parable now quickly turns miserable. The king, upon hearing of the servant's refusal to forgive, immediately reverses his own forgiveness and sentences the wretched servant to be tortured until the debt is repaid. We remember that the debt he owed the King is so huge that it cannot be repaid, therefore the torture will be unending.

The message of the parable is clear. God forgives all our sins. This was accomplished by Jesus' death on the cross. He forgives not because we deserve forgiveness, but because he is God, who is Love and Mercy. However, if we, having been the beneficiaries of so great a mercy, do not forgive one another from the heart, neither will God extend his mercy and forgiveness to us. Like all of God's gifts, his mercy and forgiveness must be shared with one another.

During Mass, we always pray in the words that our Lord Himself taught us: “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” Those are beautiful words that we need to take seriously. It is in the measure of how we forgive others that God forgives us. Hence, we are to forgive as God forgives. Not because my neighbor is “worthy” or “deserving”. Not because I happen to be in a particularly “good mood”. I forgive my neighbor seven times seventy times (or 77 times) because I treasure the unmerited mercy that God has shown me. This is enough to share that forgiveness with others.

So whenever we receive the Body of Christ, how true are we to say, “Lord, I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed?” Remember, it is only God who makes us worthy by forgiving our neighbor from our heart.

