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*Jesus said,*

*“Where two or three are gathered  
together in my name,  
there am I in the midst of them.”*

Matthew 18:20



*September 6, 2020*

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**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). *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

**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).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or,

for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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 Liturgy of the Hours, Volume 4, p. 2018). Then came evangelization and baptism. Holiness as human wholeness: Peter Claver's enduring witness. — *Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

**LABOR**

A truly American sentiment recognizes the dignity of labor and the fact that honor lies in honest toil. — *Grover Cleveland*

## Santa Cruz Catholic Church Weekend Schedule

**Saturday, 3:30—5:00 pm** (English/Español)  
Confession in Church and Courtyard. You must wear a mask. Confesión en el patio de la iglesia. Debes usar una mascara.

**Saturday, 5:30 pm** (English) Rosary followed by Mass in the school field. Park N' Pray transmitted on radio station 96.9 FM on your radio.

**Sunday, 9 am** (English) Mass outside in school courtyard. You must wear a mask. Bring your own lawn chair, umbrella and hand-sanitizer. Follow social distance guidelines.

**Sunday, 11 am** (English) Mass live streamed on parish Facebook. No attendance is permitted at this Mass. It can be viewed later on the Santa Cruz Parish Tucson channel on YouTube.

**Domingo, 5:30 pm** (Español) Rosario seguido de Misa en el campo escolar. Park N' Pray transmitido por el canal 96.9 FM en su radio.

**The parish office will be closed  
on Monday, September 7th  
in observance of Labor Day.**

**La oficina parroquial estará  
cerrada el lunes, 7 de  
septiembre en observación del  
día de trabajo.**

**Labor Day**

## Mass Intentions

Aurora & Benjamin Reyes/R.I.P.

Eduardo & Socorro Castro/R.I.P.

Santa Cruz Parishioners

Carlos & Ester Gonzales/R.I.P.

Special Int./Pueblo High School, Pueblo College

Prep. Academy & Community

Mother Rose of the Sacred Heart, O.C.D./R.I.P.

Special Int./Sister Teresa of the

Eternal Father/Silver Jubilee

Regino & Guadalupe Ramirez/R.I.P.

Special Int./Sister Teresa of the

Eternal Father/Silver Jubilee

Edmond Seijo, Sr./R.I.P.

John Christ/R.I.P.

Fr. Michael James O'Shes/R.I.P.

Gail Lonergan/Happy Birthday

Barbara Physician/Happy Birthday

Fr. Michael James O'Shes/R.I.P.

Deacon Richard Ornelas & Deceased Members of the  
Ornelas & Pedroza Families/R.I.P.

Fr. Ken Westray/R.I.P.

**Parish Collection August 30th, 2020**

**Collections: \$ 1,888.25**

*Thank you and God bless your generosity!  
¡Gracias y que Dios bendiga su generosidad!*

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**Business Hours** Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

**Closed for lunch** 12:45pm - 1:45pm

Pastor: Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D.  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Godfrey Leega Chandya, O.C.D.  
In Residence: Rev. Jose Luis Ferroni, O.C.D.  
In Residence: Rev. David Costello, O.C.D.

**New Parishioners: Always welcome!**

Please register by using our forms available in our parish office.

~ Masses ~

**Sun. 6:30 am, 8 am (Spanish), 10 am, 12 noon, & 6 pm**

Mon. - Fri. 6:30 am & 8:00 am Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

**Confession:** Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

**Baptisms:** 2nd Sunday of the Month (English) / 4° Domingo del Mes (Español)

**Matrimony:** Please call at least six months in advance.

Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.

Parish Administrative Assistant: Hada Reyes (520) 623-3833

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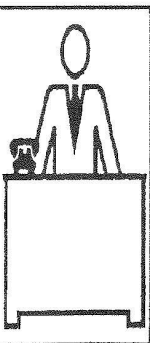
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