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Twenty Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time

Announcements

Sept 24 Potluck for Fr. Tom who will be leaving Sept 25 to Fairbanks.

Parish Finances: We are struggling to meet our monthly budget.

We budget \$5,000 a month for expenses that is \$1250.00 Weekly.

Relig Ed begins **Sept 10**. We have classes every **Sunday from 11:30 – 1:00 PM**. Please enroll your students and bring them to Church so we can keep our Catholic Faith Alive!

Oct 1 Fr Ross will be here with a Nigerian priest for that weekend. Please welcome them.

Jesus taught us how to forgive out of love; how to forget out of humility.

So let us examine our hearts and see if there is any unforgiving hurt Any unforgotten bitterness!

It is easy to love those who are far away. It is not easy to love those who are right next to us.

It is easier to offer food to the hungry than to answer the lonely sufferings of someone who lacks love especially in one's own family.

The world today is upside down because there is so very little love in the home and in family life!
(Mother Teresa)

Lack of forgiveness and acceptance is the most prevalent sin among Christians!

Do you Forgive? Or Do you stay bitter?

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One of the most courageous decisions you will ever make Is to finally let go Of what is hurting your Heart and Soul!



Stewardship!

Correct the wrong thing Do the right thing.

Being a faithful steward is more than giving 10% to charity. It is doing the right thing, even when the world is doing the wrong thing.

Being a faithful steward is correcting our mistakes by doing the right thing – always!

So often when we make a mistake, especially a financial mistake we hide it, we ignore it; and many times we try to correct it with another mistake.

Good Stewardship is not about not making mistakes, or hiding them; but learning how to deal with mistakes.

Buying a product that is too expensive means we made a mistake. It does not mean we are worthless. It mean we need a budget

Staying away from our faith because someone made a mistake means we are hurting our self only, we are not doing anything to the person who made the mistake.

Don't let someone's mistake, especially your own, stop you from doing the right thing. Good stewards correct themselves; they don't stay stuck in the past and allow the mistake to fester. They do what is right.

We would never allow a person to steal our money knowingly, don't let yourself steal your peace of mind when you know you need to correct a mistake:

Be a Good Steward.

Why Be Catholic? Confession!

Confession is powerful. It changes the guilt, shame, and woundedness that a person feels after their sinfulness into integrity, respect, and dignity.

So many people hide behind their sinfulness because they are too embarrassed to confess it. They fear the rejection, reproach, and rebuke that they know is coming.

Yet, Jesus did not come to condemn but to save. He did not come to blame but correct. He did not come to expose our sinfulness but heal us of our brokenness.

Confession is really reconciliation. It reconciles us back into full communion. It stitches the rift we caused back together.

Receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation is powerful for it cleanses us of the toxic accusations that are associated with sin.

Of course, Satan tempts us to hide our sins. Satan wants us to run from God, Our Father, for we feel naked and ashamed as did Adam and Eve.

Yet, God asked them why they did this. He did not condemn them. And instead of taking responsibility for their choices to sin; they blamed each other and Satan.

God let them suffer the consequences of their sin; but then He offered them salvation. The Son of the Woman will bear a Savior God's Son, Jesus Who heals and forgives us; Who restores dignity:!

Weekly Schedule:

Date	Mass Time	Place	Feast Day	Lector/Minister	Intention	Activity
Mon Sept 18	5:30 PM	Nome			Sarah Korpan	
Tues Sept 19	5:30 PM	Nome	St. Januarius +		Sarah Korpan	
Wed Sept 20	5:30 PM	Nome	Andrew Kim+		Sr. Ruth Penske	
Thu Sept 21	5:30 PM	Nome	St. Matthew		Rose Toles	
Fri Sept 22	8:00 AM	Nome	Fall Equinox		Kaleb Richter	
Sat Sept 23	5:30 PM	Nome	25 th Sunday		Jess Tennery	
Sun Sept 24	10:30 AM	Nome	25 th Sunday		St. Joseph	Religious Ed

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight.

The revengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail.

Learning to Forgive

Learning to forgive is essential for discipleship. Paul is absolutely clear when he tells us not to let the sun go down upon your anger (Eph 4:25). He tells us to live soberly; that is we are not to live by our emotions and feelings – drama – but to live by virtue – sobriety.

Virtues balance between being stoic that is suppressing our emotions and feelings; of course until they explode; and being an addict, that is giving into any and every emotion and feeling: Never let a pleasure or displeasure to pass without over indulging in it.

Virtue is the balance in which we embrace the strength of God's grace to face the challenges with wisdom and courage. The hardships, challenges, and difficulties we face (whatever life throws at us) are opportunities to become better, stronger, and healthier people.

Virtue takes the drama out of life and puts in the power of God, knowing that this challenge is for my growth and perfection – not my anger and revenge because something went wrong.

The four basic virtues of life are Justice, Temperance, Prudence, and Fortitude. They are the tools for us to respond to life's challenges so that I may grow and that good may come out of the situation.

Virtues empower us to face the hardships of life knowing that failure is not an option; that giving up is not reality; that I must find a solution and it is God Who will inspire and reveal the solution to me.

Forgiveness is rarely talked about and rarely taught; but it is the primary virtue; it is a part of justice. It is so needed today. People, especially Christians do not forgive. Society on the other hand, is always demanding an apology from offenders, especially if they are Christian and often society crucifies an offender. So

How do I not let my anger, passions, and emotions to control me?

How do I not become a drama queen or king?

First I must identify my emotions. I need to define what I am feeling and then ask, Why am I feeling this? If we want to break the cycle of unforgiveness, I need to know: What I am feeling; Why I am feeling this way; Who caused me to become angry; and What happened exactly.

Connected to identifying the hurt, which caused me to become angry, I need to know who taught me to be controlled by my emotions. Our society teaches us to live by our emotions, especially social media. That is why Jesus teaches us to forgive – not hate!

Hate is a powerful word. But we know God hates – He hates sin. So too in the second step to freeing ourselves from unforgiveness which usually leads to hate and hate if unconfessed becomes an infection – a poison – that creates a bitter and toxic attitude, I need to learn to hate the sin and love; that is forgive, the sinner. I need to separate the sin from the sinner. I cannot dehumanize the person because they sinned; but step above and see and restore the dignity of who hurt me.

More importantly I cannot let the person who hurt or offended me to dehumanize myself. I need to embrace and accept my divine dignity.

Anger is Satan's greatest deception. Refusing to forgive and stay in our anger gives us a false sense of power, a false sense of healing for it places a band aid over the hurt and woundedness. That is why Jesus tells us to forgive so we embrace the pain; ask for healing from God and allow God to be the judge – not me.

Forgiving a person, ultimately, is not a human act. It is a grace that God gives to us for we realize that just as I have been offended and need to forgive, we come to realize that God forgave me for I have offended Him and others. That is why we pray "forgive us as we forgive those who trespass against us."

For us to be forgiven, we need to know the depth and power it takes to forgive. That is why Jesus commands us to forgive 7 x 70 times! As He does us!

Forgiveness is not for the weak. Being able to forgive those who have wronged you is a mark of spiritual strength and confidence. When you forgive, you grow, your heart begins to heal, your back straightens up, your eyes clear so that you can see the road ahead. Anger is a spiritual sickness; but when you forgive you live.

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And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses

Mark 11:25

THE MOMENT YOU ASKED FOR FORGIVENESS, GOD FORGAVE YOU. NOW DO YOUR PART AND LEAVE THE GUILT BEHIND.

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