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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (SEPTEMBER 9TH & 10TH)

Donation	\$4,559.00
Donation Online	\$2,085.00
Maintenance Fund	\$35.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$6,679.00

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023 GOAL \$36,577

As of 9.07.23, Gifts Received \$25,311

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Annual Catholic Appeal

"Give and it will be given to you." — Luke 6:38

Please make your 2023 ACA gift today!



SPECIAL COLLECTION: September 16-17, 2023.

Our special collection today supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. CCHD supports those living in poverty by funding programs that empower local communities to address the challenges they face. It identifies and addresses the unique obstacles people face as they work to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a handout.

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**WORKING
ON THE MARGINS**

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Our Lady of Lourdes of Seattle parish will host 2 listening sessions about Partners in the Gospel on Saturday 9/23 and 9/30 from 1 PM - 3 PM at the parish hall (school's lower level). After the 2 listening sessions, the parish will send a report back to the archdiocese. We invite you to spare your valuable time to come to one of the listening sessions and share with us your ideas. Your contributions are helpful in building our parish's better and brighter future. God bless you and your loved ones.

FORGIVE

"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."

MATTHEW 18:21-22

Excerpts from the Dictionary for Mass 2000s 1990s 1970s 1950s 1930s 1910s 1890s 1870s 1850s 1830s 1810s 1790s 1770s 1750s 1730s 1710s 1690s 1670s 1650s 1630s 1610s 1590s 1570s 1550s 1530s 1510s 1490s 1470s 1450s 1430s 1410s 1390s 1370s 1350s 1330s 1310s 1290s 1270s 1250s 1230s 1210s 1190s 1170s 1150s 1130s 1110s 1090s 1070s 1050s 1030s 1010s 990s 970s 950s 930s 910s 890s 870s 850s 830s 810s 790s 770s 750s 730s 710s 690s 670s 650s 630s 610s 590s 570s 550s 530s 510s 490s 470s 450s 430s 410s 390s 370s 350s 330s 310s 290s 270s 250s 230s 210s 190s 170s 150s 130s 110s 90s 70s 50s 30s 10s

Twenty-four Sunday Of Ordinary Time, Year A Homily by Father Dominic Quyen Bui

From the desk of Fr. Njoky Canice, I would like to share a few words of his sermon.

1: Today is the twenty fourth Sunday of ordinary time. the Catholic Church invites us to reflect on forgiveness. It is a very important element of reconciliation. It is the central message of today's first and gospel readings.

2: There is a popular saying that to err is human, while to forgive is divine. That is to say, that the one who sins acts humanly. This is because, it is part of our attributes as humans to err or to sin. On the other hand, the one who forgives acts divinely. This is because, to forgive is to participate in a very important attribute and nature / of God. That is, His divinity. It is what our God is known for. *"He is compassionate, merciful, love and He forgives"* (Ps 102).

3: The first reading of today focuses on forgiveness. **First**, it reminds us that for our prayer to be answered, we must forgive others. **Second**, it presupposes that we are all sinners, in need of God's forgiveness. Therefore, Sirac, in the first reading, urges us: *"Forgive your neighbor the hurt he does to you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven."*

4: In the second reading, Paul reminds us of something very important. *"The life and death of each of us has its influence on the other."* Also, our ability to forgive has a great influence on the other, as well as, on ourselves. Hence, it is important to note that, forgiveness has a double effect. It is a single dose medicine that cures one or many persons at the same time. It liberates the one who is forgiven, as well as, heals the one who forgives.

5: In the gospel, Christ takes forgiveness to a different and practical level. This unfolds in the dialogue between Peter and Christ. Peter asked a theoretical question: *"How many times must I forgive my brother?"* Jesus answered him / in the most practical way: *"seventy-seven times."* Christ's response, simply reminds us that Christian forgiveness does not have limits. So, we must forgive all, always and forever.

6: Hence, to demonstrate this, Jesus tells a parable about the kingdom of heaven. Let us reflect on how many times we have acted like the wicked servant. He was forgiven a great debt, but he could not forgive his neighbor a little debt. He was set free, but he jailed his neighbor. The message of this parable is that we must treat others mercifully. We must forgive, because God forgives us every day. We must **not** always hold our neighbors to contempt. Rather, we must consider their situations as God considers our situation always.

7: Jesus tells us to forgive all, and forever. **What does it mean to forgive all and forever?** First, it does not mean: "I forgive you, but we must go our separate ways," or "I forgive you, but I do not want to see you again in my life," or "I forgive you, but I will not forget." But, it means something much deeper. **It means to restore unity, to believe that it is possible to walk together towards a common goal. It means to heal a wound, without leaving a scar.**

8: Finally, he who forgives act like Christ. So, as we pray today at this Eucharistic celebration: *"Forgive us our offences, as we forgive those who offend us,"* let us ask God to help us to be true to these words, by living them practically.

Peace be with you all! Amen.

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Hateful Things We Hug Tight

At the end of “Lord of the Rings: Return of the King,” Gollum fights with Frodo for possession of the One Ring. He wins the fight, but in doing so topples over the edge of the mountain ledge, falling into the cavernous fires of Mount Doom. As he falls, we see him smile, and clutch the ring to his chest. He is happy. He has won what he spent his life pursuing.

It is only in the last millisecond before his face slips below the lava that we see his eyes widen in terror as he realizes the truth: the thing he clutches to his heart is the thing that killed him. In choosing the ring, he chooses death.

Sin, and the fallen nature of this world, makes us addicted to something that kills us.

Like any addiction, it is a vicious cycle. The less we forgive, the more hardhearted we become ... and the less we seek forgiveness ourselves.

What breaks the cycle? Reconciliation with God — or, Confession, as we call it. In fact, it does more than break the cycle. It turns it backward. Not only does it detoxify our souls of sin, it weakens our addiction to sin’s effects — anger, vengeance, unforgiveness. The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works, said St. Augustine.

Ultimately, I view our whole human life as a struggle on the ledge of a mountaintop. It is certain that we will choose sin — we always do. We will tumble over the side, toward ruin. But let us be Frodo, and not Gollum. Let us cling to the rock of the sacraments and accept the hand that would drag us away from the flames.

“Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight.” — Sirach 27:30

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Are Catholics allowed to visit psychics? Why or why not?

Answer:

It’s part of human nature to experience some sense of unease and fear about the future. This can lead some people to seek out the services of psychics or consult horoscopes or turn to other occult practices or resources (e.g. Ouija boards or tarot cards). The Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear that Catholics should avoid such practices: “Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone” (no. 2116).

Despite the uncertainties we might feel, we are called to have faith and trust in God, confident of God’s desire for what is best for us. This means that we are called to surrender, to pray and to reflect on how we can best move into the future in hope, knowing that God is with us.

