

# September 17, 2023 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "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. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

- Matthew 18: 21-35

## **Pray For Us St. Padre Pio - Feast September 23**

In reference to this week's Gospel about forgiveness Padre Pio (Italian Capuchin friar) was given a wonderful and disturbing gift from God. He was able to read souls and would routinely assist people to fully disclose their sins during confession. Irregardless of their station in life, he would send the prideful, unrepentant and self-absorbed person away until they were ready to confess completely and/or be truly sorry for their sins. He understood the precious nature of this sacrament from Christ. We can see in this saintly priest what God will do if we give him our lives. Because Pio gave God all in love and obedience of will he was given many additional gifts from God which were utilized to serve his Lord, including, bilocation, prophecy, healing and most wonderful he shared in our Lord's passion in bearing the wounds of Christ (stigmata) on his body.

Pio was born Francesco Forgione on May 25th, 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy. He was the son of pious, peasant farmers Grazio Mario Forgione and Maria Giuseppa Di Nunzio. He had three younger sisters (Felicita, Pellegina, and Grazia) and one older brother (Michele), as well as two other siblings who had passed away as infants. Padre Pio was baptized in the Church of Saint Ann in Pietrelcina. He was an altar server later on in this same chapel. By the time he was five years old, he had already made the decision to dedicate his life to God. He began taking on penances to prove his dedication and love for God.

As a child, he worked on the farm by taking care of a small flock of sheep that the family owned until the age of 10, which delayed his education greatly. When it came time to join the Capuchin order, he was told he needed to be better educated before he could become involved. He was able to receive private tutoring at the age of 15 and this allowed him to enter the novitiate with

Cont...the Capuchin Franciscan Friars in Morcone. This is where he took on the name "Friar Pio". Capuchin priests seek extreme poverty, strictness, and simpleness. They try to live as closely to St. Francis' ideals as possible. He spent most of his life at San Giovanni Rotondo.

In August of 1918, he began experiencing painful stigmata that would come and go over a period of weeks. On September 20th, the wounds of Christ Crucified appeared on the body of Padre Pio, piercing both hands, both feet, and along with his side wound, bled for the next 50 years. For a period of five months, Padre Pio was regularly examined by Drs. Romanelli, Bignami, and Festa, who ultimately determined the wounds were true stigmata of supernatural origin. Padre Pio never had a fever or drops in blood pressure, but the wounds bled day after day for 50 years. They only disappeared miraculously a few days before his death in September 1968.

In the beginning, Padre Pio felt great humiliation at the wounds on his body. The visible stigmata on his body brought him great pain and suffering. In an era when educated persons say "we must see in order to believe," Padre Pio is God's answer! Here is the humble friar whose existence exemplified Franciscan humility and yet coexisted continually in the presence of the supernatural—the priest who lived in two worlds simultaneously. He welcomed his spiritual and physical suffering for all of mankind, in order to bring souls to God

During WWII pilots on bombing missions reported seeing a monk in the Italian sky who seemed to be directing them away, so they did not drop upon their intended target, which included the friary. After the war they identified the friar as Padre Pio and went to visit him. Fr. Pio said: "So, you were the pilots who were sent to blow us up!" This was just one of many recorded cases of bilocation. Padre Pio did not leave the friary; yet he was seen and appeared to many individuals in need, at times half way around the world.

To alleviate the suffering of the poor, Padre Pio started a medical clinic "Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza" (Home for the Relief of Suffering), and the new building opened in 1956 is still in use today.

He was known for his piety, charity and the quality of his preaching. He famously advised, "Pray, hope and don't worry." He died 9/23/1968 and was canonized in 2002 by Pope John Paul II (later also canonized).

## **Readings For This Sunday**

Reading I: Sirach 27:30-28:7

Reading II: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

## **Readings For Next Sunday**

Reading I: Isaiah 55:6-9

Reading II: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

## **FINANCE**

1st Collection=\$1,983

Building & Maintenance=\$998

This week's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection is for Mission Co-Op

**Rosaries this week=148 Cumulative total= 2,977 !**

## Eureka Holy Mass Schedule:

### Saturday, September 16

3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church  
4:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. H.C. Dudley St. Joseph Church

### Sunday, September 17

7:30 am Mr. & Mrs. H.C. Dudley St. Joseph Church  
9:00 am +Gary Shouse Sacred Heart Church  
10:30 am +Zipriano & Maria Hernandez St. Bernard Church  
12:15pm Mass for the People Sacred Heart Church

### Monday, September 18

12:15 pm Int. Luis Malko-Allen St. Bernard Church

### Tuesday, September 19

7:30 am Int. Maranda Allen St. Joseph Church

### Wednesday, September 20

12:15 pm Int. Martin Fosnaugh St. Bernard Church  
1:00 pm Adoration & Confession St. Bernard Church  
6:00 pm Adoration & Confession Sacred Heart Church  
7:00 pm +Felipe de Jesus Silva Rodriguez y las  
necesidades de su familia y por ints. Santiago y Jesus  
Sacred Heart Church

### Thursday, September 21 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:30 am +Jim Brown St. Joseph Church  
11:30 am No intention St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

### Friday, September 22 Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows

12:15 pm + Bettie Albright St. Bernard Church

### Saturday, September 23

3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church  
4:00 pm Int. Mark & Deb Allen St. Joseph Church

### Sunday, September 24

7:30 am +Paul Hoffman St. Joseph Church  
9:00 am +Marie Giampaolo Sacred Heart Church  
10:30 am Mass for the People St. Bernard Church  
12:15pm No intention Sacred Heart Church

**Please Pray For:** Lily Ennis & Family, Joyce Marty, Karla Kincade, Caroline Brooks, Santos and Basil Mainus, Josephine Silva, Judy Weber & Family, Dn. Steve Justus, Biesecker Family, Hinton Family, Colleen Huddleston, Caden Naylor, Diane Kerr, Jim Mowery, Sharon P., Stormie C. Myers, Amber, Peter John A., Robert Francis, Dan, Stella, Sandra, Maureen Sullivan, Martha Fosnaugh, John Hinds, Marian Griffin, Margaret Knight, Julie Dolan, Millie Perrone, Star Salazar, Barbara, Shawn, Laurie Moralez, Anderson Family, Judy Mill, and Monika Rose Cleenewerck

### **Please Pray For Our Beloved Departed:**

+Lee Berning, Marie Giampaolo, Stella's Siblings, John Conant, Maryanne Elise Biesecker, Marilyn Zibilich, Felipe de Jesus, Manuel Machado, Bettie Albright, Deacon Frank Weber, Deborah Justus, Jon Albert Mitts, John Eyeler, Patricia Kinsella Jurkovich, Jeff Hemsted, Robert Kerr, Merle Myers Jr., Faith Reyna-Sanchez, Dave Silverbrand, Judy Williamson, Rosemary Buss, Betty Lutje, Vivian LaMont, Chet Branum, and Tom Bronchetti

### **This Sunday Italian Festival and Bocce Tournament**

On Sunday Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00-3:00PM at Redwood Ballfields at the east end of Fern St. in Cutten come for Music, Italian sausage sandwiches, gelato, raffle with many prizes, bocce, biscotti and more. Tournament begins at 10:00AM sharp, \$15 entry fee. Bocce courts open for lessons and practice at 9AM. Hosted by Sons and Daughters of Italy Eureka Lodge. More for info : <https://www.facebook.com/Order.Sons.of.Italy.Eureka/>  
Phone: Dave Olivieri 444-3407 or Joe Bonino 445-5799.

## **Reminder-Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

will be during the First Friday September 7th devotion.

**The Lee Berning Funeral** will be Thursday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at 11 am at St. Bernard Church with Holy Rosary before at 10:45am. A reception will follow in the parish hall. RIP

## **Registration for the Religious Education Program**

*for the 2023/2024 year ended on 9/12/2023 No more applications for this year will be accepted.*

## **La inscripción para el programa de educación**

**religiosa para el año 2023/2024 finalizará el 09/12/2023. Después de esta fecha no se aceptarán solicitudes**

## **2023 Religious Education Congress Brochure and Registration Forms In Churches**

Full Brochures and Registration forms are now available in the churches for the Religious Education Congress. On Saturday, September 23, 2023, the Diocese of Santa Rosa will present this day of prayer and fellowship for all adults in the Diocese. The event will be held at Cardinal Newman High School, 4320 Old Redwood Hwy., Santa Rosa. The theme is "Liturgy, Devotion, and the Most Holy Eucharist". The day will begin at 8:30a.m in the gym with Holy Mass by Bishop Robert F. Vasa. A variety of speakers will be presented throughout the day. This day is designed to bring spiritual nourishment to all Adults in the Diocese. We are happy to announce that this year's event is FREE. For information or to register, please contact Carmen Aanenson at the Diocesan Dept. of Rel. Ed. [dre@srdiocese.org](mailto:dre@srdiocese.org) 707-566-3366, ask your parish or visit the diocesan website: [www.srdiocese.org](http://www.srdiocese.org)

**WHAT IS GOD'S DREAM FOR YOU?** Explore your VOCATION with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. See what being a Sister is all about. September 29-October 1, 2023 in Los Altos Hills, CA. Stay with us \*Pray with us\* Ask questions\* Get to know us\* Become your best self.\* Live your best life. For Single Catholic Women 18-40. More information: [www.DAUGHTERS-OF-CHARITY.COM/retreats/](http://www.DAUGHTERS-OF-CHARITY.COM/retreats/)

## **Santa Rosa Diocesan Council of Catholic Women**

**News...** This year's *Woman of the Year Event* will be held on October 14, 2023 at St. Francis Solano Parish, Sonoma CA. The deadline for nominations is September 8, 2023 (forms are in the church). Registration at the event begins at 9:30am, Rosary at 10:30am, and Mass at 11:00am followed by a luncheon. We will be sending out the luncheon reservation forms on or about September 10, 2023. Depending on the number of participating parishes, the number of luncheon attendees may be limited for each parish. The mission of Santa Rosa DCCW is to support, empower and educate the women of the diocese. Please let us know if you have any suggestions of how you would like us to offer additional support for the women of your parish. Email: [SantaRosaDCCW@gmail.com](mailto:SantaRosaDCCW@gmail.com) or call Gloria Krzyzanowski, 707-763-3354

## **Help Request For Mass Attendance**

Victoria Harvey would be very grateful for a ride to the 10:30am Mass on Sundays. She lives at Silvercrest and can be ready in the lobby for pick up. She is going blind and would appreciate the comfort of our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. If you would be willing to help (even once a month) please call her at (707) 951-2226