

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11 September 2016

Dear Parishioners,

This man welcomes sinners. (Luke 15:2)

Fifteen years ago today, we saw the twin towers at the World Trade Center fall, the Pentagon burst into flames, and an airliner crash into a field in Pennsylvania. The scenes were both heartbreaking and horrifying. And yet as terrible, sinful, and evil as this attack was (or any attack like it), it is important that we keep in mind Paul's words in today's second reading: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners," and because of his sacrificial act, everyone who repents will be "mercifully treated" (1 Timothy 1:15, 16).

Sometimes, it's next to impossible to forgive someone, especially in those situations in which a horrible sin has been committed. But one look at the Gospel tells us that God's entire relationship with us is based on love and mercy and forgiveness, whether it is forgiveness for the "big sins" of the prodigal son or the "minor sins" committed by his brother.

All of the parables in today's Gospel illustrate just how far God will go to seek and save the lost. It's safe to say that people who can execute something as horrendous as a massive terror attack have lost their way. Yet God loves them; he longs to bring them into his kingdom. He yearns for them to turn away from their sins and find the mercy that is open to everyone.

Closer to home, we may be struggling to forgive someone who has hurt us. It could be a devastating wound or a minor snub. But no matter how much or how little it hurts, God asks us to try our best to forgive.

So try to imitate your heavenly Father today. Make a list of the relationships in your life that may be wounded or broken, and ask him for the grace to forgive. If you can't forgive all at once, ask him for the grace to take one step closer to mercy. Every step counts!

"Father, help me to let go of my hurts and my resentments.

Help me to bring peace and reconciliation where there is hurt and division."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Pray for our sick...

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Jeannie Chapron, Harry Charles, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Benjie Delille, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Nigel Dunn, Betty Eason, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vydred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, and Peggy Wright.

Did you Know?

Teach kids how to identify bullying

Bullying is an unfortunate problem in schools across the country, and no matter how nice or friendly your children are, they are going to run across bullies. Whether your children are victimized by a bully or not, they should be aware of the classic signs of bullying—teasing, pushing, shoving, violence or threats of any kind, and more. While bullying does not always escalate to physical touching or violence, your children should be able to identify touches that they are uncomfortable with, and should know where to go to report issues.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.faithandsafety.org/bullying>.

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY!



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	September 10
5:15 PM	Intention of Jacqueline Holman
Sunday	September 11
8:00 AM	Soul of Barbara Boguille
10:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
12:15 PM	Soul of Henry Marine, Sr.
Thursday	September 15
8:00 AM	Souls of Rosa, Preston, and Dante Thompson
Saturday	September 17
5:15 PM	Soul of Milton Keys
Sunday	September 18
8:00 AM	Soul of Henry Marine, Sr.
10:00 AM	Intention of Briana Katz
12:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Ex 32:7-14, Ps 51:3-19, Lk 15:1-32
Monday	1 Cor 11:17-33, Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday	1 Cor 12:12-31a, Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday	Nm 21:4b-9, Jn 3:13-17
Thursday	1 Cor 15:1-11, Jn 19:25-27
Friday	1 Cor 15:12-20, Lk 8:1-3
Saturday	1 Cor 15:35-37, Lk 8:4-15
Sunday	Am 8:4-7, Ps 113:1-8, Lk 16:1-13

WEEKLY OFFERING

September 4, 2016

\$6,325.40 Tithe and Offering
 26.00 Building Fund
 66.00 We Care"



TRANSFIGURATION LINE DANCING
 Join us Every Wednesday Evening at 6PM
 in the Parish Hall.



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

September 18, 2016

10AM SCHOOL FAMILY MASS
 & FUNDRAISER IN HALL
 AFTER ALL MASSES.

All are invited!

RCIA

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** Inquiry Period begins on next Sunday, September 11th. Anyone seeking to know Jesus more or have a closer relationship with Him; expressed an interest in becoming a Catholic and receiving the Sacraments; or wish to receive a refresher course on the Catholic teachings are invited. You may see a RCIA team member in the patio after mass for more details or call Anita Thomas at 323.732.0985.

Stewardship Thought

"Everything I have is yours." LUKE 15:31

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

Baptism Class

For anyone seeking to have their infant or young child (7 or younger) baptized the next class for parents and godparents will be on **Saturday, October 8, 2016 at 4:00 PM** in the St. Peter Claver Room. Please contact Kenrik Duru at 310.794.8138 with any questions.

Colorado Belle Hotel & Casino

October 24, 25, 26, 2016 (Monday – Wednesday)

Enjoy 3 day 2 night accommodations; deluxe motorcoach transportation; baggage service; and breakfast buffet in Laughlin, Nevada. For more information, call 213.369.4889 to reserve a space.

Thank you

The beautiful flowers on the altar this week were donated by **Gloria McClaurin** in loving memory of her mother **ROSA**, her father **PRESTON**, and her nephew **DANTE THOMPSON**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.