

# Saint Paul The Apostle

Catholic Church

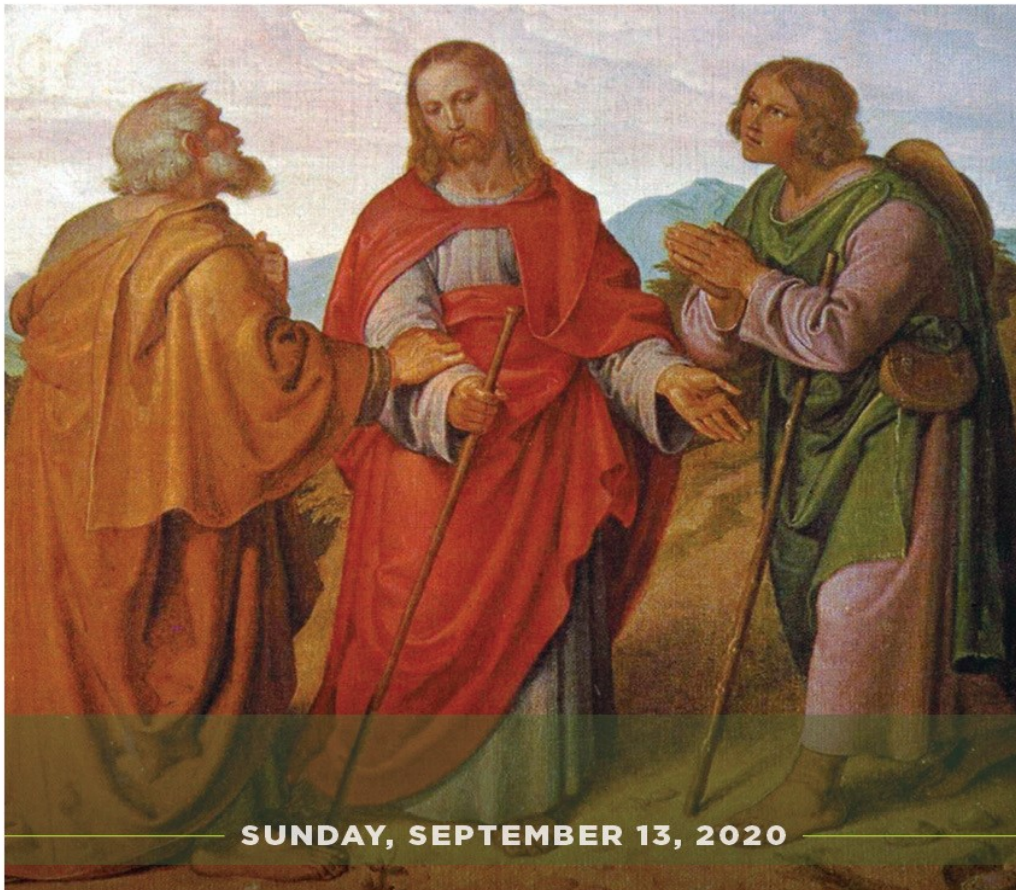
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Parish Office Hours:  
Tuesday - Thursday:  
9:30am to 1:00pm  
Sunday:  
8:30am to 12:00pm

Sept 13th 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

## 24<sup>TH</sup> 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." - Mt 18:21-22

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Please support Saint Paul the Apostle by attending Bingo nights, at 7pm, at the Bingo Casino on the third and fourth Fridays of the month. St Paul's is also hosting Bingo every Wednesday beginning at Noon. Also, don't forget the Knights sponsor bingo every Friday from Noon to 4pm. Hope to see you there!

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

4:00 PM MASS (ANTICIPATORY)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:30 AM MASS

10:30 AM MASS

† Janice Manzanares (Al Manzanares)  
† Jennifer Maglia (Tammy Sarti)  
Dan & Rosemary Martinez 60th Wedding Anniversary (Dan & Pat Laintz)

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:00 AM MASS

† Eufemia Castro (Al Manzanares)

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:00 AM MASS

4:00 PM ADORATION

5:30 PM ROSARY

† Juan Trujillo (Al Manzanares)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:00 AM MASS

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

6PM PATRIOT MASS

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

4:00 PM MASS (ANTICIPATORY)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:30 AM MASS

10:30 AM MASS

† Carlos & Theresa Manzanares (Al Manzanares)

**\* CONFESSIONS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY\***

### Readings for the week of September 13, 2020

**Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35**

**Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17**

**Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35**

**Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35**

**Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50**

**Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3**

**Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15**

**Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a**

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 13, 2020  
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is hypocritical to want one thing for ourselves and something else for another. Yet, many act in precisely this way.

Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free.

For the one who wants to be forgiven and the one who needs offer forgiveness, the journey can be an adventure in learning what brought us to this place and what is needed to move forward. This is exactly how God treats us. Why would we not want to do the same for others?

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Please remember our Sick and Homebound.

Conni Billinger	Kirsten Pachek
John Buglewicz	Kai Pedersen
Patrisia Cordova	Shirley Palacio
Cortese Family	Marietta Kahl
Janet Cruz	Holly McPhearson
Olga Dick	Christine Dickson
Keith Emert	Chris Pettigrew
Char Finch	Peter Sorensen
Butch Goddard	Tony Torres Jr.
Robert Hayman	Judy Howard
Lloyd Jacquez	Martha Archuleta
Pat Laintz	Steve Olson
Jeremy Laintz	Kathy Krueger
Mary Lontine	Angela Vigil
Isaiah Maez	Frank Bittenbinder
Cameron Martin	Mary Jo McDermott
MaryAnn	Klara Silipo
McCloskey	Renee Hadad Cichon
Kevin McCloskey	James Hiner
Fr. Mike (friend of the McCloskey's)	Carol Edgeworth
Dorothy Orr	

**Religious Education News!**  
In order to address your concerns, a parent questionnaire will be handed out in the Narthex after each Mass on September 12 and 13th. The questionnaires will also be available in the office during the week.

### Financial Information for August 2020

General Donations:	<b>\$32,770</b>
Less General Expenses:	<b>\$22,885</b>
Monthly Operating Balance:	<b>\$9,885</b>
Building (Mortgage) Fund Donations:	<b>\$8,695</b>
Monthly Mortgage Payment:	<b>\$15,000</b>
Monthly Building (Mortgage) Fund Balance:	<b>-\$6,305</b>
Net Monthly Balance:	<b>\$3,580</b>

*Please note the above information does not include extraordinary expenditures made in August, and that \$1,750 included in the General Donations was from fund-raising. It does not include Bingo proceeds or expenses.*

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