

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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Office Hours: The parish office is currently open by appointment only.
Horarios de la Oficina: En este momento la oficina parroquial está abierta solo con cita previa.



Congratulations to Hayden, daughter of Jose and Darion, who was baptized on August 29!
¡Felicidades a Hayden, hija de Jose y Darion, quien estuvo bautizada el 29 de Agosto!

Mass Times

In Person (We request that you RSVP so that we have a list of attendees):

Saturdays at 4pm (English)
Sundays at 8am and 10:30am (English)
Sundays at 12:30pm (Spanish)

Online (via Facebook and parish website):

Saturdays at 6pm (English)
Sundays at 10:30am (English)
Sundays at 3pm (Spanish)

Horarios de Misa

En persona (Le pedimos que confirme su asistencia para que tengamos una lista de asistentes):

Sábados a las 4pm (inglés)
Domingos a las 8am y 10:30am (inglés)
Domingos a las 12:30pm (español)

En línea (a través de Facebook y el sitio web de la parroquia):

Sábados a las 6pm (inglés)
Domingos a las 10:30am (inglés)
Domingos a las 3pm (español)

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Mass Intentions for the Week Peticiones de la Semana

Intentions for September 15-18, 2020

Tues.	11am	Intentions of Jerry and Joan Nowak
Wed.	8am	†Cecilia Imming
		†Darrell Littler
Thurs.	8am	Open
Fri.	8am	Open

Saturday, September 19, 2020

4:00pm Open

Sunday, September 20, 2020

8:00am	†Darrell Littler
10:30am	Intentions of Our Parish Family
12:30pm Spanish	†Pablo y Rosa Torres
	†Jesús Felix

We also remember the special intentions requested in our virtual prayer book on Facebook and our family and friends on the sick list.

Recordamos tambien, las intenciones especiales en nuestro libro virtual de peticiones por Facebook, y nuestros amigos y familiares de nuestra lista de enfermos.

From Death to New Life De la Muerte a la Nueva Vida

†**Sherry Incorvia**, wife of Sam Incorvia, mother of Nick Incorvia

†**Miguel Angel Muñoz Velasquez**, hermano de Victoria Martinez, tío de Janeth Martinez

†**Donovan Rivas Ramirez**, hijo de Albino Rivas y Ana Ramirez, hermano de Cristian, Jonathan y Evelin

†**Kristine McMaster**, Foxwood Springs

†**Gary Jones**, husband of Edith Jones

†**Mary Ann Fellner**, Foxwood Springs

†**Bill Meyers**, father of Lisa Kelch

†**Mike Tierney Jr.**, son of Mike Tierney Sr.



Parish Information—Información Parroquial

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Christina Alvarez	Martha Healy	Jerry Nowak
Margaret Bannerman	Ted Henry	Joan Nowak
Juanita Becerra	Rhonda Henke	Laura Oresteen
Dennis Berg	Alex Henningsen	Zenaida Ortiz
John Bidondo	Bob Henningsen	Thelma Putnam
Mary Pat Biondo	Marilyn Henningsen	Diane Quinn
Maxine Bremer	Ann Heinzler	Abigail Resendiz
Veronica Burks	Jeff Hemmen	Larry Rhodes
Joyce Callahan	Estela Huerta	Alfonso Rivera
Angel Cedillo	Jennifer Huffman	Fran Rosenhan
Javier Cedillo	Richard Huffman	Anna Ryan
Jackie Chiappetta	Lisa Jonas	Lou Scaccia
John Cikan	Rick Johnson	Ron Schock
Steve Circo	Kenneth Jones	Mary Schwartz
Harrison Cummings	John Jongenelen	Peter Shea
Mark DeLuca	Michael Kempster	Jaxton Shipley
Mark Deterding	John Key	Shellie Smoot
Paula Dull	Jack King	Don Standley
Denise English	Dorothy Knoll	Rachael Smith
Terry Eppert	Don Kueck	Marie Stinger
Rosa Escobedo	Susan Lager	Lois Stogsill
Joe Evans	Arlene Lally	Rita Stout
Maria Luisa Flores	Dale Lammer	Jessica Svoda
Larry Foster	Ellen Lilek	Jean Tate
Jean Frank	Emmy Long	Joel Taylor
Jim Frezza	Alyson Lopez	Priscilla Tristani
Miquel Angel Salinas Gonzalez	Angelika Mackey	Amanda Votava
Ginny Hailey	Ray Malisos	Bob Watts
Jackie Hamilton	Bienvenido Martinez	Dorothea West
Rita Ann Hand	Leslie McDowell	Mary Westfall
Jeanette Hart	Leonard Meiron	Sarah Wheeler
Bonnie Haskins	Melba Mercier	Marie Wilburn
Cherie Hatfield	Karen Muelbach	Carmitia Yust

happy birthday

Maria Arroyo	José Hernandez	Crystal Perez
Julio Arroyo	Daina Hinojos	Megan Radcliffe
Nancy Ballenger	Rafael Hinojos, Jr.	Fatima Ramirez
Debbie Barker	Catherine Indzers	Aaron Ratigan
Juan Basurto	Caleb Jergensen	Brian Ratigan
Christopher Benavides	Madison Knight	Hannah Ratigan
Alex Berkovich	Cooper Krezek	Kivan Rivera
Sophia Biondo	Jose Lagunes	Antonio Rivera
Sandra Carrera	Ellen Lilek	Angel Rocha
Maria Cartagena	Juan Lopez Jr.	Gloria Romero
Daisy Cervantes	Megan Loveless	Dayton Rule
Carlos Contreras	Joseph Malena	Denisse Salazar
Claudio Cruz	Jose Marquez	Ana Sanchez
Sara Del Valle	Mercy Marquez	Avery Schaeffer
Joshua Durham	Arleen Martinez	Gail Schmidt
Salustia Enriquez	Miranda McClish	Lucy Shopper
Ana Flores	Stephanie Medina	Mackenzey Spiller
Jayden Flores	Alex Michiels	Charles Stewart
Glenda Foster	Melany Moreno	Patty Swiatek
Kathleen Gebauer	Bob Morris	Bridget Tapia
Everly Goulding	Emily Mosman	Elvia Torres
Garrett Griggs	Karen Muehlbach	Perla Torres
Sergio Guillermo	Juliana Munoz	Sixto Varela
Aiden Haberstroh	Natividad Nava	Ricardo Vega
Connie Hagemann	Erica O'Hanlon	Marcy Washam
Emily Harshner	Jasmine Orozco	Arthur Zeitelhack
Mary Henkhaus	Juan Osorio Jr	
Kyle Henkhaus	Jesus Pantoja	

Child Safety

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

All volunteers with youth and children must attend one Protecting God's Children workshop, submit to a background check and sign the policy on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry, (EIM). More info at <https://kcsj catholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

Happy Anniversary

Robert and Darlene Henderson	64 Years!	9/14/1956
Tom and Carol Lacy	41 Years!	9/15/1979
James and Kathleen Wilson	38 Years!	9/18/1982
Dan and Tammy Barnes	24 Years!	9/14/1996
Richard and Julie McGurn	24 Years!	9/14/1996
Michel and Kristie Michiels	21 Years!	9/19/1999
Rodney and Sharon Stoverink	20 Years!	9/16/2000
Todd and Stacy Kudron	19 Years!	9/15/2001
Michael and Amy Laughlin	19 Years!	9/15/2001
John and Nicole Strickland	12 Years!	9/20/2008
Michael Walter and Tara Wedemeyer	11 Years!	9/16/2009
John and Genoveva Driscoll	11 Years!	9/17/2009
Derek and Mallory Harshner	7 Years!	9/14/2013

Green Team Tip of the Week

The average American is responsible for 33 times more planet-warming carbon dioxide than the average Bangladeshi. "Those who are least responsible for polluting Earth's atmosphere are among those most hurt by its consequences," NY Times 7/31/2020.



This Week's Do You Know Video:

On September 14 every year we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. While not well known in the United States, it is festively celebrated throughout the world, especially in Europe and Latin America. Veneration of the cross was a late development in church devotion, usually associated with the discovery of the true cross by Helena, Constantine's mother. Under the auspices of her son the Roman Emperor turned Christian in 312, Helena toured the Holy Land, building churches on the sacred sites there, while searching out the location of the true cross on which Jesus was crucified. With help from the locals, she discovered the true cross and built a church on the spot, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which is still the most visited church in the Holy Land. Devotion to the cross grew greatly from that time on, and was and still is enshrined in the Good Friday liturgical ritual. The cross is a symbol of Christ's love, and willingness to give of himself completely for others. Imitating Jesus, the cross continues to be the sign of what discipleship entails, namely, to love and be willing to give of oneself completely for others. Make time to view this week's DYK video to reflect more on the meaning and significance of the cross for Christian living.

Wednesday Night Rosary

Please join us every Wednesday evening in the church at 6:30pm to pray the rosary. All are welcomed to attend. Just a reminder, that like when attending Mass, you'll need to wear your mask when you are entering, leaving, and moving about in the church.

Flu Shot Clinic - September 14 - 10am

We will have a flu shot clinic at St. Sabina on Monday, September 14th from 10am - 11am in the gym. The CDC is recommending that individuals get vaccinated for the flu this fall to diminish the possibility of an overlap of the flu and the coronavirus. This will give health officials the opportunity to focus on the coronavirus versus the flu if medical attention is needed. Please bring your insurance card to your appointment. The cost of the vaccine for those without insurance is \$30; \$60 for the Senior vaccine. You should sign up online at <https://equeuemeup.azurewebsites.net/?tenant=healthysolutions&busid=6&code=DKCSJ>.

Blue Mass September 27

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception invites those in law enforcement, firefighters, and emergency responders throughout the diocese to a Blue Mass at 9am on Sunday, September 27, close to the traditional feast of their patron, St. Michael.

Green Mass October 4

A diocesan Green Mass will take place at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 4, a date associated with the feast of St. Francis. Several parish Green Teams are preparing the celebration. All are welcome.

En Nuestro Video ¿Sabes...? de Esta Semana:

El 14 de septiembre de cada año celebramos la fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz. Aunque no es muy conocido en los Estados Unidos, se celebra festivamente en todo el mundo, especialmente en Europa y Latinoamérica. La veneración de la cruz fue un desarrollo tardío en la devoción de la iglesia, generalmente asociada con el descubrimiento de la verdadera cruz por Helena, la madre de Constantino. Bajo los auspicios de su hijo, el emperador romano convertido en cristiano en el año 312, Helena recorrió Tierra Santa, construyendo iglesias en los lugares sagrados allí, mientras buscaba la ubicación de la verdadera cruz en la que Jesús fue crucificado. Con la ayuda de los lugareños, descubrió la verdadera cruz y construyó una iglesia en el lugar, la Iglesia del Santo Sepulcro, que sigue siendo la iglesia más visitada de Tierra Santa. La devoción a la cruz creció mucho a partir de ese momento, y fue y sigue estando consagrada en el ritual litúrgico del Viernes Santo. La cruz es un símbolo del amor de Cristo y la voluntad de entregarse completamente por los demás. Imitando a Jesús, la cruz sigue siendo el signo de lo que implica el discipulado, es decir, amar y estar dispuesto a entregarse completamente por los demás. Tómese un momento para ver el video ¿Sabes? de esta semana para reflexionar más sobre el significado y la importancia de la cruz para la vida cristiana.

Rosario los Miércoles por la Noche

Acompáñenos todos los miércoles por la noche en la iglesia a las 6:30pm para rezar el rosario. Todos son bienvenidos a asistir. Solo un recordatorio, que al igual que cuando asiste a misa, deberá usar su cubrebocas cuando entre, salga y se mueva por la iglesia.

Clínica de Vacunación Contra la Influenza - 14 de Septiembre - 10 am

Tendremos una clínica de vacunación contra la influenza el lunes 14 de septiembre de 10-11am en el gimnasio. Los CDC recomiendan que las personas se vacunen contra la influenza este otoño para disminuir la posibilidad de una superposición de la influenza y el coronavirus. Esto les dará a los funcionarios de salud la oportunidad de concentrarse en el coronavirus si se necesita atención médica. Tendremos un sitio de programación en línea disponible pronto. Traiga su tarjeta de seguro a su cita. El costo de la vacuna para quienes no tienen seguro es de \$30; \$60 por la vacuna para personas de la tercera edad. Debe registrarse en línea en <https://equeuemeup.azurewebsites.net/?tenant=healthysolutions&busid=6&code=DKCSJ>.

Felicidades Por Su Bautismo

Brayan Antonio Menjivar Cantú, el hijo de José y Keila Menjivar

Pastoral Care

Rachel's Vineyard Are you or a loved one suffering from abortion? Find hope and allow God to heal your heart by attending a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat. The next retreat that will take place in Kansas City will be on October 23-25, 2020. For more information or to register, please call Teresa O'Donnell at (816) 679-4973 or email rvkcmo@gmail.com (please note: you might have to check your Spam folder for the guaranteed email reply) or visit www.rachelsvineyardkc.org.

Send Some Sunshine! Would you like to brighten someone's day? Could you send someone a card or message of encouragement? Our area nursing homes and assisted living facilities have been closed to visitors since March. It's hard on families, but harder on the residents to be cut off from their loved ones and the volunteers that brighten their days. If you would like to participate, please contact Marta Roper in the parish office at 816-979-3154 or marta@stsabinaparish.org.

Mental Health Resource Numbers

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-TALK (8255) Available 24/7

ACI Mental Health Crisis Hotline

1-888-279-8188 Available 24/7, Multilingual

Cuidado Pastoral

¡Envíe un Rayito de Sol!

¿Le gustaría alegrarle el día a alguien? ¿Podría enviarle a alguien una tarjeta o un mensaje de aliento? Nuestras residencias de ancianos e instalaciones de vida asistida del área han estado cerradas a los visitantes desde marzo. Es difícil para las familias, pero más difícil para el residente estar aislado de sus seres queridos y los voluntarios que alegran sus días. Si desea participar, comuníquese con Marta Roper en la oficina parroquial al 816-979-3154 o marta@stsabinaparish.org.



Números de Recursos de Salud Mental

Línea de Vida Nacional para la Prevención del Suicidio

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Disponible 24/7

Línea de Crisis de Salud Mental de ACI

1-888-279-8188 Disponible 24/7, multilingüe



Wellness Center

Here are a few tips to keep your household going for this school year. The trick is to plan ahead and identify strategies you think will help you and your family stay organized and on top of things for the school year.

1. Set a bedtime routine and stick to it!
2. Plan meals and food preparation as a family activity to make dinner enjoyable for everyone.
3. Together with your children, review the schedule they'll use to manage their school work.
4. Let kids choose a planner or scheduling tool they're excited to use.
5. Set up weekly meetings to review your kids' schedules for the week(s) ahead.
6. Create a family calendar that tracks everyone's activities and commitments.

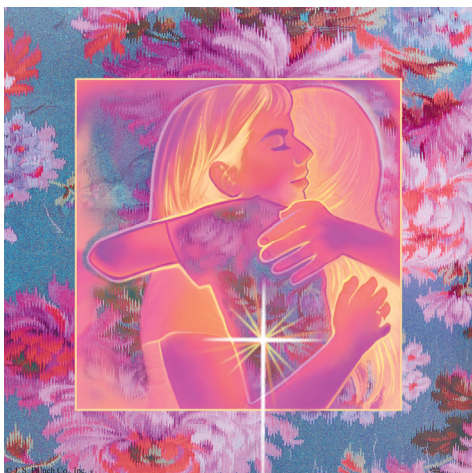
Happy New School Year!



Reflection on the Readings

This Sunday's refrain from Responsorial Psalm 103 is a Jewish creedal formula that recurs time and again throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. We are invited to affirm that "The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion." **The refrain succinctly delineates God's essential qualities that Jews experienced in their covenant relationship with God.** God creates us out of love and freely gifts us with that love from the very moment of our existence. **When we fail to respond to God's covenant love, God is always "kind", the biblical way of referencing the Hebrew word, *hesed*, meaning "God's faithful, enduring, never-giving-up-on-the-other form of love."**

Such covenant love always moves God to be merciful with unbounded mercy, a love that never stops being merciful and forgiving. **The only thing that is asked of anyone in covenant relationship with God is to love and forgive as God does.** We are to be slow to anger and rich in compassion with one another in the same measure that God is slow to anger and rich in compassion with us. **This Sunday's readings all touch on this core, essential quality of God, and call us to imitate God in our dealings with all we encounter.**



The first reading from Sirach, a book found in Catholic bibles but not in Jewish or Protestant bibles, counsels that we are to forgive the "neighbor's injustice" so that "your own sins will be forgiven." If we refuse mercy to others, who will be merciful to us in our need? **Healing only comes when we let go of anger against the other. Overlooking faults and forgiving others is a clear indication of fidelity to God's covenant love towards us, full of kindness and mercy, slow to anger and always rich in compassion.**

Responsorial Psalm 103 calls upon us to bless the Lord always because the Lord pardons, heals, redeems and "crowns you with kindness and compassion." The Lord does not "keep his wrath forever...nor does he requite us according to our crimes." **Limitless and without measure is God's kindness, mercy and compassion, beyond anything that we could ever imagine.**

Paul, in his letter to the Romans, states boldly that "whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." As Christ's followers, we belong to Christ both in life and in death. Nothing, not even death, can separate us from our covenant love relationship with God. **Our covenant relationship to God in Christ calls us to manifest love, mercy and compassion towards all.** Only in this manner will others know that we belong to Christ. He willingly loved us to the end and in rising, he defeated death and became "Lord of both the dead and the living."

In Matthew's gospel, Peter's question regarding the extent of forgiveness of others, becomes the occasion for the parable of the forgiving master and the unforgiving servant. **The heart of the parable contrasts the vast, unbelievable amount that the master forgives the servant, with the paltry and insignificant sum that the forgiven servant refuses to forgive his fellow servant.** The master, upon hearing of the servant's refusal to forgive his fellow servant, severely punishes the servant. The parable's moral message compares the master to God, who will not forgive us unless we forgive each other "from your heart." **For Matthew's Jesus, forgiveness is at the core of the kingdom of heaven, and a key component of the Lord's Prayer that Jesus teaches his disciples: "forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors" (Matt 6:12).**

We are so divided as a church and nation that unless we show forgiveness and compassion towards one another, we might not survive as a living community. This week, think of people whom you have not forgiven or find hard to forgive. **As you reflect on the challenge of this Sunday's readings, open your heart and seek to forgive and be reconciled with at least one person.** Keep doing this each week. In this manner you manifest that you belong to the Lord as you continue to build God's reign among us.

Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate

Readings



Sunday, September 13

1st Reading: Sirach 27:30—28:7

Psalm: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)

2nd Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday, September 20

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm: Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas

El estribillo del Salmo responsorial de este Domingo es una fórmula doctrinal judía que recurre repetidamente en las Escrituras Hebreas. Estamos invitados a afirmar que "El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso lento a la ira y rico en clemencia". **El estribillo delinea sucintamente las cualidades esenciales de Dios que los judíos experimentaron en su relación de alianza con Dios.** Dios nos crea por amor y nos da libremente ese amor desde el mismo momento de nuestra existencia. **Cuando no logramos responder al amor de la alianza de Dios, Dios es siempre "compasivo", la forma bíblica de referirse a la palabra hebrea, *hesed*, que significa "el amor fiel, duradero y eterno . "**

Tal amor de alianza siempre mueve a Dios a ser misericordioso con misericordia ilimitada, un amor que nunca deja de ser misericordioso y perdonador. **Lo único que se le pide a alguien en relación de alianza con Dios es amar y perdonar como Dios lo hace.** Debemos ser lentos a la ira y ricos en clemencia unos con otros en la misma medida en que Dios es lento a la ira y rico en clemencia con nosotros. **Las lecturas de este domingo tocan esta cualidad básica y esencial de Dios, y nos llaman a imitar a Dios en nuestro trato con todos quienes encontramos.**



La primera lectura del Eclesiástico, un libro que se encuentra en las biblias católicas, pero no en las biblias judías o protestantes, aconseja que perdonemos la "ofensa al prójimo" para así "cuando pidas perdón, se te perdonarán tus pecados". Si negamos la misericordia a los demás, ¿quién será misericordioso con nosotros en nuestra necesidad? **La curación sólo llega cuando dejamos ir la ira contra el otro. Ignorar los defectos y perdonar a los demás es una indicación clara de la fidelidad al amor de alianza de Dios hacia nosotros, lleno de bondad y misericordia, lento a la ira y siempre rico en clemencia.**

El Salmo responsorial nos invita a bendecir al Señor siempre porque el Señor perdona, sana, redime y "te colma de gracia y de ternura". El Señor no "guarda rencor perpetuo... ni nos paga según nuestras culpas." **Sin límites y sin medida es la bondad,**

la misericordia y la compasión de Dios, más allá de todo lo que podríamos imaginar.

Pablo, en su carta a los Romanos, afirma audazmente que "ya sea que estemos vivos o que hayamos muerto, somos del Señor". Como seguidores de Cristo, pertenecemos a Cristo tanto en la vida como en la muerte. Nada, ni siquiera la muerte, puede separarnos de nuestra relación amorosa de pacto con Dios. **Nuestra relación de alianza con Dios en Cristo nos llama a manifestar amor, misericordia y compasión hacia todos.** Sólo de esta manera los demás sabrán que pertenecemos a Cristo. Él voluntariamente nos amó hasta el fin y al resucitarse, derrotó a la muerte y se convirtió en "Señor de vivos y muertos".

En el evangelio de Mateo, la pregunta de Pedro con respecto a la extensión del perdón de otros se convierte en la ocasión para la parábola del amo perdonador y del siervo no perdonador. **El corazón de la parábola contrasta con la inmensa e increíble cantidad que el amo perdona al siervo con la insignificante suma que el siervo perdonado se niega a perdonar a su compañero.** El amo, al enterarse de la negativa del siervo a perdonar a su compañero, castiga severamente al siervo. El mensaje moral de la parábola compara al amo con Dios, que no nos perdonará si no nos perdonamos "de corazón". **Para el Jesús de Mateo, el perdón está en el corazón del reino de los cielos y un componente clave del Padrenuestro que Jesús enseña a sus discípulos: "perdónanos nuestras deudas, como nosotros también perdonamos a nuestros deudores" (Mt 6:12).**

Estamos tan divididos como iglesia y nación que, a menos que demos perdón y compasión entre nosotros, es posible que no sobrevivamos como una comunidad viva. Esta semana, piense en personas a las que no ha perdonado o a quienes se le hace difícil de perdonar. **Al reflexionar sobre el desafío de las lecturas de este Domingo, abra su corazón y busque perdonar y reconciliarse con al menos una persona.** Sigue haciendo esto cada semana. De esta manera, manifiesta que pertenece al Señor mientras continúa construyendo el reino de Dios entre nosotros.

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 13 de Septiembre

Primera Lectura: Eclesiástico 27:30—28:7
Salmo: Salmo 103(102):1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
Segunda Lectura: Romanos 14:7-9
Evangelio: Mateo 18:21-35

Lecturas del Domingo, 20 de Septiembre

Primera Lectura: Isaías 55:6-9
Salmo: Salmo 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Segunda Lectura: Filipenses 1:20c-24, 27a
Evangelio: Mateo 20:1-16



Stewardship

"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.'"

Matthew 18: 21-22

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus reminds us of the true position we have before Him in light of all that He has done for us, comparing the kingdom of heaven to a "king who decided to settle accounts with his servants." In the parable, a debtor is brought before the king, owing such an overwhelming debt that it could not possibly be repaid. Yet, the king is filled with compassion for the servant, forgives the debt, and lets him go free. Doesn't that sound like each of us in relation to the King of Kings? The Father has given us life, and then sent His only Son to die for us to free us from our sin "debts" and make eternal life with Him possible for us. It is impossible for us to repay this debt. All we can do is thank God by giving Him our whole selves — inside and out. What joy and freedom we find in the stewardship way of life! — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/.

Corresponsabilidad

"Pedro se acercó a Jesús y le preguntó: 'Si mi hermano me ofende, ¿cuántas veces tengo que perdonarlo? ¿Hasta siete veces?' Jesús le contestó: 'No sólo hasta siete, sino hasta setenta veces siete.'"

Mateo 18:21-22

En nuestro pasaje del Evangelio según Mateo, Jesús nos recuerda la verdadera posición que tenemos ante Él a la luz de todo lo que ha hecho por nosotros, comparando el reino de los cielos con un "rey que quiso ajustar cuentas con sus servidores". En la parábola, se lleva a un deudor ante el rey debido a una deuda tan abrumadora que no es posible pagarla. Sin embargo, el rey se llena de compasión por el servidor, perdona la deuda y lo deja en libertad. ¿No suena eso a cada uno de nosotros en relación con el Rey de los Reyes? El Padre nos ha dado vida, y luego envió a Su único Hijo a morir por nosotros para liberarnos de nuestras "deudas" de pecado y hacer posible la vida eterna con Él para nosotros. Es imposible para nosotros, devolver esta deuda. Todo lo que podemos hacer es agradecer a Dios entregándole todo nuestro ser, por dentro y por fuera. ¡Qué gozo y libertad encontramos en el estilo de vida de la corresponsabilidad! — Vea mas en www.catholicsteward.com/blog/.

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Contributions for the Week of August 30

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Help Needed During Masses

Help is needed to sanitize hands during Masses. If you are coming to Masses in person and can help spray hands as people arrive before Mass and at communion time, please contact Susan Ratigan susan@stsabinaparish.org or 816-979-3158. Thank you!



Devices Needed for PSR

Do you have a smart phone or other device that you don't use anymore? Our school of religion is looking for donations of smart devices for our families that don't have enough devices to allow all of their students to participate in PSR. They only need to be able to connect to Wi-Fi and have functional

access to a browser and/or app store. We will complete a factory reset on all donated devices before they are shared.

Holy Land Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. Normally held on Good Friday, The Pontifical Collection was postponed to September 12-13 due to the COVID crisis back in the spring. The collection helps to preserve the sacred shrines, as the wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to this collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. For more information, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday. You can give on-line at stsabinaparish.org, click on online giving, and then select the fund, Vatican/Diocesan Second Collection, or by mailing in your check to the parish.

Collection for the Church in Latin America

Next weekend, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Corresponsabilidad

Se Necesita Ayuda Durante las Misas

Se necesita ayuda para desinfectar las manos durante las misas. Si viene a las misas en persona y puede ayudar a rociar las manos cuando la gente llegue antes de la misa y en el momento de la comunión, comuníquese con Susan Ratigan susan@stsabinaparish.org o al 816-979-3158. Gracias.

Se Necesitan Dispositivos para la Escuela de Religión

¿Tiene un smart phone u otro dispositivo inteligente que ya no usa? Nuestra escuela de religión está buscando donaciones de dispositivos inteligentes para nuestras familias que no tienen suficientes dispositivos para permitir que todos sus estudiantes participen en la escuela de religión. Solo necesitan poder conectarse a wi-fi y tener acceso funcional a un navegador y/o tienda de aplicaciones. Completaremos un restablecimiento de fábrica en todos los dispositivos donados antes de que se compartan.

Colecta para Tierra Santa

El Papa Francisco ha pedido a nuestra parroquia que apoye la Colecta Pontificia, que ayuda a los cristianos en Tierra Santa. Su apoyo ayuda a la iglesia a ministrar en las parroquias, proporcionar escuelas católicas y ofrecer educación religiosa. Normalmente celebrada el Viernes Santo, la Colecta Pontificia se pospuso del 12 al 13 de septiembre debido a la crisis de COVID en la primavera. La colecta ayuda a preservar los santuarios sagrados, ya que las guerras, los disturbios y la inestabilidad han sido especialmente duras para los cristianos. En estos tiempos de crisis, la Colecta Pontificia proporciona ayuda humanitaria a los refugiados. Cuando contribuye a esta colecta, se convierte en un instrumento de paz y se une a los católicos de todo el mundo en solidaridad con la Iglesia en Tierra Santa. Para obtener más información, visite www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday. Puede donar en línea en stsabinaparish.org, hacer clic en donaciones en línea y luego seleccionar el fondo, Vatican/Diocesan Second Collection, o enviando su cheque por correo a la parroquia.

Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina

La próxima semana realizaremos la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina. Para muchos en América Latina y el Caribe, el incremento de una cultura secular, la dificultad que presentan los terrenos rurales y la escasez de ministros, son unos obstáculos para practicar su fe. Su apoyo a la Colecta proporciona capacitación para el liderazgo laico, la catequesis, la formación para sacerdotes y religiosos y otros programas para compartir nuestra fe católica con aquellos que anhelan escuchar la Buena Nueva de Cristo. Para informarse más sobre cómo sus donativos hacen una diferencia, visiten www.usccb.org/latin-america.



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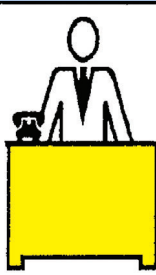
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