

Knights of Columbus



Council 15490

St. John's Golden Group

Est. 1987

"wisdom is aged men, with long life is understanding" Job 12:12

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The Blind Girl

There was a blind girl who hated herself because she was blind. She hated everyone, except her loving boyfriend. He was always there for her. She told her boyfriend, 'If I could only see the world, I will marry you.'

One day, someone donated a pair of eyes to her. When the bandages came off, she was able to see everything, including her boyfriend.

He asked her, 'Now that you can see the world, will you marry me?' The girl looked at her boyfriend and saw that he was blind. The sight of his closed eyelids shocked her. She had not expected that. The thought of looking at them the rest of her life led her to refuse to marry him.

Her boyfriend left in tears and days later wrote a note to her saying: 'Take good care of your eyes, my dear, for before they were yours, they were mine.'

This is how the human brain often works when our status changes. Only a very few remember what life was like before, and who was always by their side in the most painful situations.

Life Is a Gift

Today before you say an unkind word - Think of someone who cannot speak.

Before you complain about the taste of your food - Think of someone who has nothing to eat.

Before you complain about your husband or wife - Think of someone who is crying out for a companion.

Today before you complain about life - Think of someone who went too early to heaven.

Before whining about the distance that you drive - Think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet.

And when you are tired and complain about your job - Think of the unemployed, the disabled, and those who wish they had your job.

And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down - Put a smile on your face and think, you are alive and still around.

" We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust our sails"



St. John the Baptist Parish

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September 13, 2020: 24th Sunday Ordinary Time

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MASSES

Weekdays: Tuesday 5:30 P.M.

Wednesday 8:00 A.M.

Thursday 8:00 A.M.

Friday 8:00 A.M.

Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY MASS 10:00 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Weekdays by Appointment

Saturday 4:30 P.M.

Sunday 9:30 A.M.

BAPTISM: By Appointment

MATRIMONY: Contact the Office 6 months before the celebration

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

Anytime: Please call the Office

ROSARY & ADORATION: Every

Wednesday at 7:30 am before Mass

Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.

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**Forgive
from
your
heart**



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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings: Sirach 27:30 — 28:9; Psalm 103:1–4, 9–12; Romans 14:7–9; Matthew 18:21–35

ROLE MODELS

The "average" Christian has two role models in today's Gospel: Peter and the indebted servant. Peter thinks he's going to get the jump on Jesus and express his offer to be even more generous in forgiveness than he is expected to be. In a culture that was based on parity in revenge (an eye for an eye), to forgive somebody once or even twice was a generous gesture. So Peter was probably a bit self-righteously smug when he offered the biblically perfect number of seven as the amount of forgiveness he is willing to extend to another. But Jesus tells him that, no matter how good and forgiving we think we are, we need to be at least ten times more. The indebted servant hits what people in recovery programs refer to as "rock bottom" when his wife, family, and possessions are threatened. He has no choice but to fling himself on the king's mercy. It is this act of pleading, of self-recognition of his extreme indebtedness to the king, that causes the compassionate release of regal mercy to flow freely. This is how the divine throne of grace interacts with us, Jesus illustrates.



Jimmy Summerlin, Ethel Graham, Becky Thompson, Betty Cauley, Clara Davis, Wesley Dixon, Carey Olsen, Anita Wright, Lynda Jones, Doug Jones, Kathleen Borne, Aaron Poiroux, Michelle Waite, Jeff Waite, Callie Waite, Martha Delmas, Heather Cotton, Maribeth Thompson, Becky Latner, Laurie Rel, Leigh Taylor, Robert Dixon, Amy Lacy, Ava Smith, Chip Conklin, Isabel Rel, Pat Potter, Marie Murray, Toby Robison, Linda Graham, Larry Robertson, Margaret Hampton, Frank Pigorsch, Stephanie Ray, Jerry Wigfield, Mike Knowles, Steve Sevier, Penny Dupont, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, Joe Gable, Ann Gable, Lenny Motykiewicz, Ali Stringfellow Ray, Lisa Kloechner, Valeria Wallace, Donnie Wilson, Joe Watts, Sean Guillotte, Michelle Cook, Reggie Stewart, Nonie Reed, Betty Gunter, Tiffany Fontenot, Jimmy Marchand, Glenn Boney, Wayne Seymour, Frances Walley, H. Sanders,, Patricia Davis, Maurine Habley, Ray Thornton, Joe Whitson, Cory Moncrief, Carolyn Collier, Vicenta Obsenares, Edgar Gunter, Victoria Porter, Jonathan Cruz, Gennie Garret, Bob Echement, Lilly Breaux, James Wink, Mike Wilson, Leyah White.

Pray for the eternal repose of the souls of the most recently deceased members of the parish: Bob Heurion, Ida Clark, Theresa Wakeman, Jack Forbes,

Pray for the Special Intentions of those serving in the Armed Forces: Brent Smith, Travis Wilson, SPC Jackson Triston, Jr., Captain Will Hurd, Bryant Bailey & Zachery Bailey.

Known Birthdays for September 2020

3 rd : Joseph Schilling	14 th : Ray Coby
4 th : Bankston McPhillips	18 th : Carole Roberts
6 th : Quenten Smith	19 th : Tianna McBride
8 th : James Medders	19 th : Rhonda Cauley
9 th : Autumn Bowden	20 th : Daniel Bridges
10 th : Theresa DeAngelo	20 th : Donald Riley
11 th : Linda Graham	23 rd : Hayden Swinney
13 th : Elsa McBride	27 th : Susie Smeriglio
13 th : Mollee Stringfellow	28 th : Hayden Jackson
14 th : Adam Jackson	

Known Anniversaries for September 2020

6th: Becky & Willie Thompson
 8th: Barbara & Stan Heine
 25th: Andrea & Jay Graham

Upcoming Parish Events

Sunday October 4th: Pet Blessing (St. Francis Assisi)
Wednesday October 21st: Faith Formation Retreat
Wednesday November 11th: Veterans Day Mass
Wednesday November 25th: Thanksgiving Vigil Mass
Thursday November 26th: Thanksgiving Day Mass
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday December 1, 2 & 3: Advent Retreat & Penance Service

Mass Intentions:

Saturday & Sunday Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm – For all the sick, infirmed, and homebound of the parish
 Sunday 10:00 am – For all deceased parishioners

Daily Mass intentions

Week of Sept 15 thru 18

Sept. 15, 16, 17 & 18 – For the eternal repose of the souls of relatives/friends of Betty Pierce & Rita Sullivan

Week of Sept 22 thru 25

Sept. 22, 23, 24 & 25 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Betty Pierce and Rita Sullivan

Week of Sept 29 thru Oct 2

Sept 29 & 30 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Edith Tomas and Carol & Terry Roberts
 Oct 1 & 2 – For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/friends of Becky & Willie Thompson and Elsa & John McBride

Capital Campaign

Campaign Goal is \$195,000.00
 Pledged to date **\$473,266.00**
 Because of your support we are at 243% of our campaign goal.

Catholic Charities

Our Parish Catholic Charities Campaign pledge for 2020 was \$21,670.00 which is 124.5% of our goal of \$17,400.00

Lectors for next weekend, September 19 & 20:

5.00 pm on Saturday, **Sept. 19, Kathie Sema.**
 10:00 am on Sunday, **Sept 20, Marcie McPhillips**
 Please remember that if you cannot lector at the time assigned it is your responsibility to find a replacement.
 Anyone that is interested in lecturing during Mass at St. John's, please contact Carol Voss at cavoss99@gmail.ocm.

HOMEBOUND MASS FILMING:

The next Homebound Mass Filming will take place at the Chapel of the Archbishop and will be filmed at 9:00 am. on Tuesday, September 15th.

NURSING HOME OUTREACH:

Every First Friday of the Month there is a Mass celebrated at the Grand Bay Convalescent Home at 10:00 A.M. **Join US!**

HOUSE BLESSINGS

We highly encourage **House Blessings**. Please call Father Sherwin to schedule the blessing of your home.

Indulgences

What is your understanding of indulgences? According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church beginning with paragraph 1471, "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins who guilt has already been forgiven." An indulgence is partial or plenary according to the fact that it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin.

To understand this doctrine and practice of the Church, it is necessary to understand that sin has a double consequence. Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life, the privation of which is called the "eternal punishment" of sin. On the other hand, every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This purification frees one from what is called the "temporal punishment" of sin.

The forgiveness of sin and restoration of communion with God entail the remission of the eternal punishment of sin, but temporal punishment of sin remains. While patiently bearing sufferings and trials of all kinds and, when the day comes, serenely facing death, the Christian must strive to accept this temporal punishment of sin as a grace. He should strive by works of mercy and charity, as well as by prayer and the various practices of penance, to put off completely the "old man" and to put on the "new man."

Announcements for Week of September 13, 2020

- 1) Special Collection for the Hurricane Victims** – The Archbishop has asked for a special collection to help the Hurricane Victims from two weeks ago. We are taking up that collection today. We also have second collections today for the Holy Land and the Burse Club.
- 2) Second Collection** next week, September 20th is for the Catholic University of America.
- 3) "Rooted" Guys Night** – Father Victor Ingalls is inviting all Junior High thru age 25 guys of the Archdiocese to a "Guys Night Out" at the Frassati Center at St. Ignatius Parish 3704 SpringHill Ave, Mobile on October 27th from 7:00 until 8:30 PM. Dinner will be provided and there will be yard games and a good time for all.
- 4) Known Birthdays:** 13th: Elsa McBride, Mollee Stringfellow, 14th: Adam Jackson, Ray Coby, 18th: Carole Roberts, **No Known Anniversaries:**

Stewardship and Capital Campaign

General Contributions

Week of September 5th: General Fund: \$4,226.00

Online Contributions – General Fund

September 2020: \$255.45

Capital Campaign to date:

Contributions to date: \$85,631.10 (43.9% of pledge)
Parish Distributions to date: \$17,126.22 (20%)

ROLE REVERSAL

But once the indebted servant's plea for patience has been answered compassionately, he misses the opportunity to go forth and imitate the graciousness he has just received. When faced with his own smaller situation of being the creditor rather than the debtor, he develops the sort of amnesia that afflicts so many of us when we feel we have been wronged, slighted, or not paid in full. The indebted servant evidently did not know or did not heed the wisdom from Jesus ben Sirach in today's first reading. He could not call to mind that a sinner is characterized by hugging wrath and anger tightly. When we hug wrath and anger this tightly, our arms are completely incapable of reaching out in the loving embrace of forgiveness. Peter, and all of us, must learn to keep the wisdom of Sirach and this parable in our hearts and close at hand each time we are called upon to forgive as we have been forgiven. In that way, we can truly live our prayer for God's will for boundless mercy, forgiveness, and compassion to be done on earth as it is in heaven.