

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020



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# 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



# Welcome



## UPDATED SCHEDULE

September 6, 2020

PLEASE USE MAIN ENTRANCE ONLY

### SATURDAYS

**CONFESSIONS** 3:00 - 3:45 PM  
ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH  
**VIGIL MASS** 4:00 - 5:00 PM  
ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH

### SUNDAYS

**SUNDAY MASS**  
9:00 & 11:00 AM ST. MONICA CHURCH  
10:00 AM ST. LUCY CHURCH

### MONDAY/TUESDAY

**DAILY MASS**  
9:00 AM ST. LUCY CHURCH

### THURSDAY/FRIDAY

**DAILY MASS**  
9:00 AM ST. MONICA CHURCH

### FRIDAY

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
12:00 - 3:00 PM GETHSEMANE CHAPEL  
**CONFESSIONS** 2:00 - 3:00 PM  
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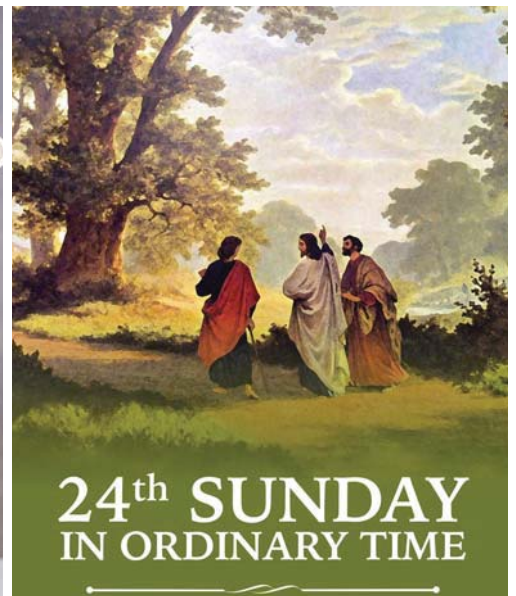
**7 PM** at St. Monica Church

- exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- praying of the Rosary
- the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary
- readings from scripture and others sources concerning the Blessed Virgin Mary
- a meditation/reflection
- the Novena prayers
- Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

As distribution of novena booklets is not permitted due to pandemic restrictions, a PDF copy will be available on the parish website to download onto a phone or for personal printing.

## SCHEDULE CHANGE

The 12:00 pm Sunday Mass at St. Monica's has been changed to 11:00 am.



## 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## This Sunday's Readings



### First Reading:

*Forgive your neighbor's injustice;  
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.*  
(Sir 28:2)

### Psalm:

*The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and  
rich in compassion. (Ps 103)*

### Second Reading:

*For if we live, we live for the Lord,  
and if we die, we die for the Lord;  
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.*  
(Rom 14:8)

### Gospel:

*Peter approached Jesus and asked him,  
"Lord, if my brother sins against me,  
how often must I forgive?  
As many as seven times?"  
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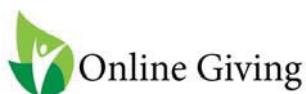
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## Prayer Group

Every Wednesday at 10:00 am on  
Zoom. Contact Bonnie Doherty for  
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## Monthly Prayer for Priests, Seminarians, Deacons, & Vocations

Every second Thursday  
of the month from 6:30 - 7:30 pm on Zoom.  
Quiet Adoration from 6:30 - 7:10 and Rosary  
from 7:10 - 7:30 pm. Meeting ID: 814 4476 7292  
Password if needed: 200581



MASS INTENTIONS

**ST. MONICA PARISH**

**Saturday, September 12**  
4:00pm Albert & Connie Zampelli

**Sunday, September 13**  
9:00am *Multiple Intentions*  
Chouinard Family  
Krystyna Szablowska  
Norman Lavoie & Deceased  
Members of the Lavoie Family  
11:00am Leo Jewitt

**Thursday, September 17**  
9:00am Frank Doherty

**Friday, September 18**  
9:00am Michael Messineo

**ST. LUCY PARISH**

**Saturday, September 12**  
4:00pm Deceased Members of Cortese & Rizzo Families

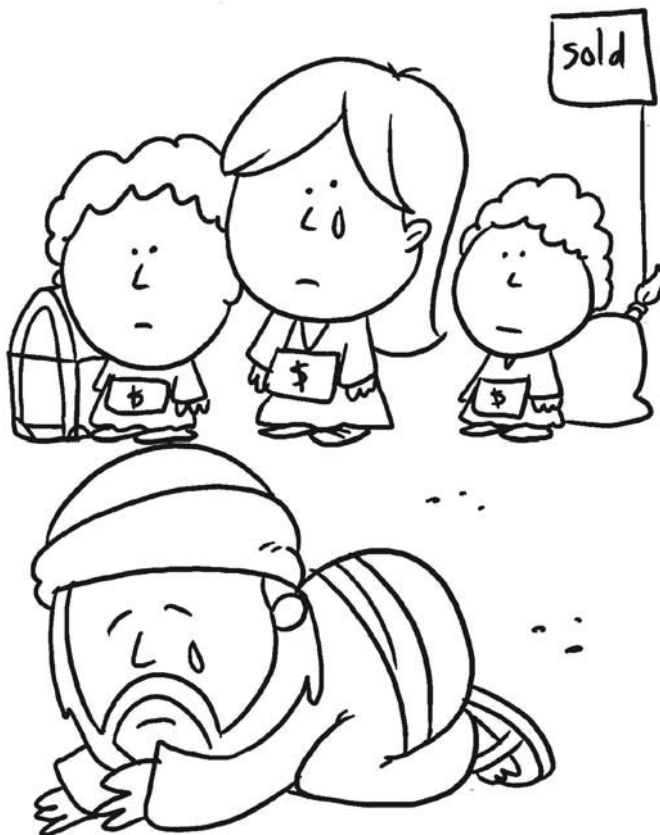
**Sunday, September 13**  
10:00am *Multiple Intentions*  
Dominick "Rex" Campone  
Margaret J. Covey  
Antonio DiFruscia  
Henry & Elizabeth Bruno  
Giovanni & Caterina Privitera

**Monday, September 14**  
9:00am Gregory Debrocke

**Tuesday, September 15**  
9:00 am Tex Johnston

 **COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



 **GOSPEL**

Jesus says to forgive each other seventy times seven or 490 times. That's forgiving once each day for more than a year. Put 490 jelly beans in a gallon "Forgiveness Jug." Each time you forgive someone, eat a jelly bean. When you realize that God has forgiven you, it is easier to forgive others from your heart. God fills you with his love, which is even better than jelly beans. Then you can forgive without holding a grudge.

 **PRAYER**

Lord, help me forgive other people completely and quickly.

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

- SUN 9/13** Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/  
Mt 18:21-25
- MON 9/14** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/  
Jn 3:13-17
- TUE 9/15** 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
- WED 9/16** 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35
- THR 9/17** 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50
- FRI 9/18** 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3
- SAT 9/19** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15
- SUN 9/20** Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/  
Mt 20:1-16a

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

- Sunday:** 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day
- Monday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Tuesday:** Our Lady of Sorrows
- Wednesday:** Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
- Thursday:** St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

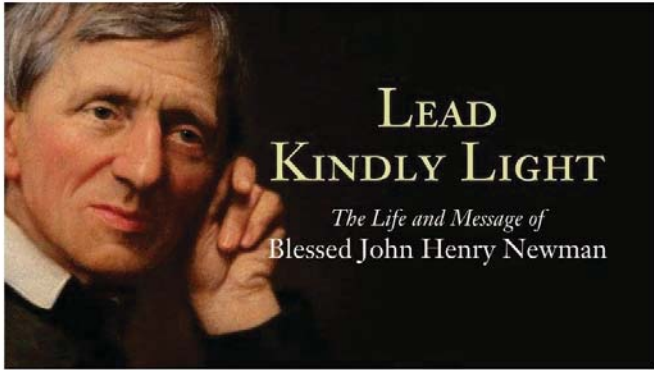
Deciding to travel the challenging road of forgiveness is choosing a journey toward greater freedom. Resentment, anger, and clinging to past hurts not only keep open wounds that long for healing but bring us down paths that are eventually self-destructive. Harboring grudges and withholding forgiveness not only shut down relationships with others, but with God and myself as well. To choose to forgive another person, regardless of how grave the wrong, is a choice to be released from bondage to past wounds and scars and to pursue the gift of life and love again. Who among us has not wrong or sinned against another? We certainly would want God to understand, forgive, and show mercy upon us. It is hypocritical of us to not extend that same grace to our neighbor.



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— 1 SM 3:10 —





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## PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for **Josephine Amato** and **Sarah Wilkens**.

Please pray for **Theresa DiCenzo** and **Nancy Steed** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

Please pray for our priests/seminarians/vocations daily. Pick up a Pray for Our Priests calendar and a seminarian prayer card at the back of the church or just use this list each day. Our priests and seminarians need our prayers!

Date	Priest	Seminarian
09/13/2020	Fr. Albert Faretra	Giovanni Argote
09/14/2020	Fr. Robert Kennedy	David Campo
09/15/2020	Fr. William Kremmell	Gabriel Hanley
09/16/2020	Fr. Rodney Copp	Robert LeBlanc
09/17/2020	Fr. Robert Monagle	Leonardo Moreira
09/18/2020	Fr. Richard Uftring	Kevin Pleitez
09/19/2020	Fr. C. Paul Rouse	Nicholas Terranova

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<b>Isabela Peixoto</b>	Communications Associate
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<b>Karl Jackson</b>	Director of Faith Formation
<b>Eric Berthiaume</b>	Music Director - St. Monica
<b>Sharon Waning</b>	Choir Director/Lead Cantor - St. Lucy
<b>Dan Bolster</b>	Weekend Organist - St. Lucy
<b>Kevin Fitzgerald</b>	Facilities Manager (St. Lucy)/RCIA Coordinator

**BAPTISMS** Please call the parish office. **St. Monica:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. of the month @ 1pm | **St. Lucy:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. of the Month @ 1pm

**MARRIAGES** Please call the Parish Offices at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date and before booking a reception hall.

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