



September 17, 2017 • Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to forgive "seventy-seven" times. In other words, stop keeping track when forgiving others. But when we are hurt, this is really hard to do. In fact, to protect ourselves from further hurt, we might be inclined to do the opposite, and lash out. Jesus teaches the futility of this approach.

Jesus' parable of the unforgiving servant reminds us that in the course of our lives we have harmed others, and so distanced ourselves from God. We have also been harmed by others. Like the servant, we sometimes owe a debt, and sometimes others owe a debt to us. Here we are invited to stop the cycle of pain with the grace of mercy. We are called to imitate our God, who forgives wholeheartedly.

PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE

It is also tempting to view this teaching on forgiveness in isolation. This would suggest that the burden is placed entirely upon the offended person to go on forgiving, without mentioning any accountability on the part of the offending person. This interpretation can often be dangerous. The call to forgive

should never be used as a cover for bullying or for oppressive relationships of any kind.

It is helpful to consider all of chapter 18 in Matthew's Gospel, which teaches about forgiveness and reconciliation, and the exercise of authority in the Christian community. Last week's Gospel (Matthew 18:15-18) provides guidance on how Christians can call to accountability someone who has hurt others, to protect the weak, and to seek reconciliation as a community. The parable we hear today reminds us that, like the master who protected the second servant from the cruelty of the unforgiving servant, God seeks to guard the most vulnerable from harm.

The Gospel of Matthew presented an alternative to the violence-based order of his day. Matthew described Jesus' vision of community, in which power is used at the service of all and the vulnerable are protected and cherished.

Today's Readings: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

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SACRAMENTAL OPPORTUNITIES & OTHER HAPPENINGS

Sacrament of the Sick: Contact parish office to advise of need
The Rosary: Each weekday morning at 8:30 am. All are welcome!
This is Our Faith: (RCIA) Interested in learning more about your faith?

Reconciliation: Saturday 5:30pm- 5:45pm, after Mass or by appt.
Marriage: Contact parish office SIX months prior to planned date.
Baptism: Classes required - contact parish office.

Considering becoming a Catholic?
Contact the Parish Office

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



Please remember in prayer Katherine Marconi who passed away on September 2nd. Katherine is the mother of Joseph "Pete" Marconi. May she rest in peace and her family be consoled.

**September 9-10, 2017
(214, 399)**

Contributions	5,363.53
August E Offering	2,191.20
Bldg Maintenance & Repair	95.00
Extension Society	372.71
Father John E. Young SCJ Center	800.00
Resurrection Garden	6,300.00

ONLINE GIVING is now available in association with myEoffering. Signing up is as simple as going to myeoffering.com, or scan the code with your mobile device, or complete the form located in the Commons and return to the office.



OUR SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is for the Hurricane Harvey Relief. Please be generous.



ARE YOU REGISTERED IN THE PARISH? Please pick up a registration form located in the Commons. Please indicate if you would like to receive offering envelopes.

THE WOMEN'S CLUB will be selling religious goods on the 2nd weekend of each month in the Commons.



THE NURSERY is open on Sunday during the 10AM Mass for children ages 3 and under. **WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF ADULT VOLUNTEERS** to serve once every 6 weeks. Please consider serving in this Ministry. Please contact Michelle Perry at 901-378-2786

FUNDING FACTORY AND ALUMINUM CANS-Queen of Peace is recycling empty inkjet and laser printer cartridges and old cell phones. Please place them in the box located in the Commons. We are also collecting aluminum cans. Please place your bagged cans in the trailer beside the playground.

OLIVE BRANCH FOOD BANK-Please drop off nonperishable food items anytime in the baskets located in the Commons.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN--For the safety of our children during PREP on Sunday and Wednesday night, **please drive slowly** in the parking lot and be aware of your surroundings.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER-Queen of Peace is collecting gently used baby gear, diapers, formula and clothing for infants/toddlers for the Pregnancy Care Center in Southaven. Please place items in the crib located in the Commons.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 16th

Chris Harper+
Req. Mike and Karen Bobbitt

Sunday, September 17th

All Parishioners

Monday, September 18th

Betty Bradley+
Req. Francis Bradley

Tuesday, September 19th

Don Hobart+
Req. Carl and Emma Hood

Wednesday, September 20th

Angela Feathers
Req. Rose Marie Lasky

Thursday, September 21st

Diane Bruch+
Req. Francis Bradley

Saturday, September 23rd

Mary Jane Bach+

Sunday, September 24th

Req. Mary and Ed Bach
All Parishioners



The Altar Flowers this weekend are in honor of Gretchen McAlexander at the request of the Women's Club.

Pray for Our Military: Captain Andrew Arbogast Army, Cpl Joseph Arbogast USMC, LCpl. Jeff Bailey, FA Davis Durden, USCG, Air National Guard, Cpl Emily Gean, USMC, PFC Matthew J. Harrill, Lt. Cmdr. Kathryn McMahon Hermsdorfer, USA, Steven Kaste, USAF, Spec. 4 Bill Lane, USA, AB Sean M. Lafferty, Col. C. Scott Leith, USA, Mario Martinez (Marine Corps recruit training), E-4 Benjamin Menger, USNR, Sgt. Wesley Patrick, LCpl. Edward Phair, USMC, SSgt. Joseph Phair, USAF – 1st Lt Ryan Rausch, USA, Capt. David Simons, USAF Reserve, Cpl. Jimmy Suggs, USA, Pvt. Jacob Waldrop, Army, WO Nathan Waltman, USA, SSgt. Andrew Wilder, Cpl. Austin Wilkie, USMC

Our Parish Prayer List: Linda Anderson, Ashley Arnold, Shelly Bailey, Lisa Schingle Bell, Beverly Berryman, Genoveva Boerschmann, Sonny Bogle, George Bonner, Betty Brotherton, Jeannine Bryant, Betty Cail, Edna Capps, Elizabeth Chiasson, Becky Cloud, Alison Cooper, Vic Crain, Louis DeGruy, Ron Delaney, Karen and Doug Dickey, Taylor Dorning, Drew Eidt, Larry Etter, Will Farris, Mary Margaret Dignowity Fletcher, Pervis and Nelma Fontenot, Teresa Forbis, Bill Forney, Mary Ann Gervell, Mary Ann Giannini, Rose Gill, Edna Giraud, Erling Hammarstrom, Marian Hanes, H. John Hardebeck Jr., Jacob Harrill, Chelsey Hensley, Pat Herberich, Don Herin, Pat Hoven, Dorothy Holtz, Karen Turner Hope, Willene Hunter, Mike Johnson, Brandi Johnston, Ray Keller, Antonietta Kennedy, Kathleen Lunamand, Bill King, Mark King, Jeanette Kirk, Samuel Marley, June Martin, Charles McGinnis, Cathy Meggs, Amory Moore, Jim Nicholson, Larry Ohrberg, Jim O'Brien, Nikki O'Brien, Lawton O'Brien, Roberta Cloud Padgett, Jim Pendleton, Lori Peterson, Larry Peyton, JoAnne Rains, Pete Reyes, Pam Rossley, Georgia Sage, Donna Searles, Louis and Lucy Schingle, Reed Scruggs, Lee Siegfried, Jimmy Sharp, Olivia Springer, Dorothy Sitton, Raines Sojourner, Marie Souder, Janet Stracener, Sr. Julene Stromberg, Daniel Terry, Doris Thompson, Larry Tortorella, Doyle Venson, Joe Voss, Ann Wall, Victoria Walker, Susan Walker, Marasia Walton, Maureen White, Monta and Wallace Whittington, Douglas Wright and Marilyn Youd

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP



Fr. Greg will be giving a workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. This is for all current Ministers and for anyone who is interested in volunteering in this enriching ministry. We look forward to

seeing as many of you there as possible. Saturday, September 23rd 10AM – NOON St. Joseph, 305 E Van Dorn, Holly Springs ALL PARISHES.

PREP classes have begun. All children and teens are expected to be attending PREP classes throughout their grade school and high school years. Please see Vickie to register.

PREP SCHEDULE 2017-2018

K-5: Sunday 8:30 – 9:45 AM
6-12: Wednesday 7:00 – 8:30 PM

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETINGS

Queen of Peace Social Hall

Year 2, Sunday, September 17th at 8:30 AM
Year 1, Sunday, September 24th at 8:30 AM

REFLECTION GROUP meets each Wednesday at 2:30 PM at Good Shepherd, Robinsonville beginning with the Rosary and the Divine Mercy followed by reflecting on the upcoming Sunday scripture from 3:00 to 4:00 PM

An invitation to join the group is extended to all... Please come join us!!



FR. JOHN E. YOUNG, SCJ CENTER

The Center will provide classrooms for our PREP program and space for retreats and other activities throughout the year. If you would like to donate to the Fr. John E. Young, SCJ Center, please use the offering envelopes located in the Commons next to the display. Please be generous.



FR JOHN E. YOUNG, SCJ CENTER

BASKETBALL GOAL SPONSOR

Thank you to the Men's Club for sponsoring the Basketball Goals at the Fr. John E. Young, SCJ Center. The Men's Club meets the second Monday of each month in the social hall at 6:30 PM. All men 18 and over are encouraged to attend.



RESURRECTION

GARDEN: Thank you to all who sponsored items in the Resurrection Garden and Father John E. Young,

SCJ Center. All of our statues are being made by Art Studio Demetz in Italy. We are very excited about the future expansion of this wonderful parish.

Item	Nameplate
Welcoming Jesus	Fr. John E. Young, SCJ
Risen Christ	The Whittington Family
Good Shepherd	In Loving Memory Carlos M. Seijo
Station 1	In Loving Memory Ann J. Brocato
Station 2	Gerald & Bridget Jackson
Station 3	The Solomito Family
Station 4	In Loving Memory Amanda Leigh "Mandy" Courts
Station 5	The Men's Club
Station 6	In Loving Memory Curtis "Buddy" Newton
Station 7	In Loving Memory George & Jack Bailey
Station 8	The Women's Club
Station 9	Fred & Diana O'Rourke
Station 10	Taylor, Melton & Swope Family
Station 11	Weirich & Alfonso Family
Station 12	The Szymanski Family
Station 13	Knights of Columbus
Station 14	The Youd Family



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 14051**
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6:15 PM

YOUNG AT HEART will meet at Hazel's 6888 Goodman Rd., Olive Branch on Tuesday, September 19th at 11AM. Sign up in the Commons if you plan to attend. All are welcome!!



YOUTH CHOIR!

It's that time again! If you are 8 to 18 years old and would like to be part of this ministry – **sign-up today!**
1st Practice - Wednesday, Sept. 20th, 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Only one practice before we sing at 10:00am Mass, Sunday, Sept. 24. Christmas Practices will begin Wednesday, Sept. 27th 6:00 – 7:00 PM. Share your voice as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

7UP CLUB --- for all 6th-8th graders ---
Join us at Queen of Peace on Friday, September 22 from 6:30-8:00pm for a night of fun around the bonfire as we **IGNITE THE LIGHT** to Share Christ's Love. Everyone is asked to bring a 2 liter drink. **SIGN UP IN THE COMMONS!!**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PUMPKIN PATCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!
Saturday, September 23rd to set up the pumpkin patch AND Saturday, September 30th to unload the pumpkins. Volunteers are also needed to sell the pumpkins. Please sign up in the Commons.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH.
Please join us Sunday, October 1st after the 10:00 AM Mass on the front lawn for our annual Floating Rosary.
All are Welcome!!

BLESSING OF THE PETS
Thursday, October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. We will have a Blessing of the Pets at 7:00 PM on the Patio. All pets should be on a leash or in a cage. All are Welcome!!



MEN'S CLUB FELLOWSHIP CARD NIGHT Friday October 6th 6:00 to 10:00 PM. Please pick up an information sheet in the Commons. Contact Tracey Lindsey at 901-828-4848 or Lindseyroofing1@gmail.com with any questions. Please make sure to sign up so we will have enough food and drinks available!



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
QUEEN OF PEACE

If you are interested in helping with our annual Fall Fun Fest (FFF) to be held on October 14th, please contact Raymond Joe at 901-692-3357 or qopccob.fallfest@gmail.com Vendors contact Carolyn Pendleton at 901-246-5847 **Booths are \$25 for early birds!! \$35 after September 18th.**

Planning Meeting – Tuesday, September 26th at 7:00 pm.
Anyone wishing to help with the planning of FFF are welcome to attend. More help and new ideas are always welcome!!



Help needed: Where and when can you donate your time and talents to the FFF? Volunteer workers will be needed in all areas for two hour shifts. Other needed items will be **SMALL PRIZES** for the games and cakes for the cakewalk. **Please place the prizes in the basket in the Commons.**

Basket Raffle -- We are in need of themed baskets to raffle at the FFF. We invite individuals or groups to collect items and arrange them in a basket for raffling off at the FFF.

PARISHIONERS - Would you please post this on your Facebook page? *"Vendors and Crafters: Rent a booth at the Queen of Peace Catholic Church Fall Fun Fest – October 14th 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. \$25 before September 18th. After September 18th \$35. Call Carolyn Pendleton at 901-246-5847 or the office at 662-895-5007*

**Fall Bazaar at
Holy Spirit, Hernando**
Saturday, September 30th 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
All Are Welcome!!!

Fall Fest at Christ the King, Southaven
Saturday, October 7th
10:00 am to 7:00 pm

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DEDICATION OF THE FR. JOHN E. YOUNG, SCJ CENTER By Bishop Joseph Kopacz Saturday, October 21, 2017 after the 6:00 PM Mass. All are welcome!!

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