



24th Sunday of Ordinary Time September 13, 2020

Gospel Reflection

The parable of the unmerciful servant teaches us two things about sin. First, it is beyond our capacity to repay, and second, it is greater than any offense we have suffered—or could suffer—at the hands of others. Without really seeing ourselves as impoverished sinners, we cannot appreciate God's grace and cannot truly forgive others as we should. The forgiveness of God is a prominent theme throughout Scripture, one that should invoke from us expressions of wonder and praise.

What is the bottom line of God's forgiveness? He has seen me at my worst and still loves me; because He knows everything I've ever thought or done, there are no skeletons in my closet; His love for me cannot be earned and therefore cannot be lost.

Christ not only removes my condemnation and considers me innocent, he declares me righteous. I am as acceptable, yes commendable, to the Father as Christ himself God is totally and irreversibly satisfied with me because He is totally and irreversibly satisfied with Christ's work on my behalf.

If we have admitted, confessed, and repented of our sin, we have been forgiven by God whether or not we feel like it. But there is yet another dimension and evidence of forgiveness. If we have experienced God's forgiveness, it will be shown in our forgiveness of others. In the parable of the unmerciful servant, Jesus teaches that forgiving others is part of our own forgiveness.

~ Randy Alcorn

Resources

View 9:00 AM Daily Mass: <https://bible.usccb.org/>

Readings for the Day: <https://bible.usccb.org/>

Mass Intentions: To request a Mass intention email Jessica Montgomery at jessica_montgomery@stcecilia.com or call and leave a message at 415-664-8481 to schedule a date and time.

Confessions: Call the Parish Office at 415-664-8481, leave a message, and one of our priests will call you back to arrange a date and time.

Anointing of the Sick: If someone is critically ill and in danger of death or has died, please call our emergency contact phone number anytime, day or night, at 415-722-9059, and a priest will return your call.

Buddy Phone Chain: Do you live alone or are you in a circumstance that tends to isolate you? Think... Corona Virus isolation. If so, you may want to consider joining our "Buddy Phone Chain," a lively group of parishioners who regularly receive a reassuring phone call, and then make a call to a buddy in the phone chain. This a quick, non-intrusive way to feel safer and to check-in with someone you know. Your peace of mind costs nothing and only takes a few minutes each week. If interested, please call our "Buddy Phone Chain" coordinator, Diane Wienkauf at (650) 416-4741 or Fr. Paul at (415) 664-8481 to sign up or for more information.

Spiritual Resources: As a member of the Parish you can avail yourself of www.formed.com (parish access code: RZDPQZ). This resource will provide you with access to thousands of movies, programs, and other materials that we believe will be of spiritual comfort and guidance during this time.

Family Resources During Covid-19: A wealth of resources for families, updated weekly, is available on the Archdiocesan website, sfarch.org/covid, from the Office of Marriage and Family Life. Recent updates include information on conferences for Catholic women, marriage enrichment for couples, help for couples struggling with infertility, and resources for parents concerned about social media and their children.

Men of St. Cecilia (MOSC) Update

The Men of St. Cecilia is still working through the limitations of holding our School Clean-up Day and hasn't ruled out the possibility of spending a day with the spirited painting of the yard and exterior of the school. Unfortunately, the Prime Rib dinner is postponed until further notice as we work thru what we can and can't do with city and state regulations around Covid-19. Instead, we are working on planning a Saturday evening October 3rd drive-through barbeque dinner.

The priority of the Men's Club is to get our kids back to in-person school as quickly and safely as possible. When there is a return to in-person school, the MOSC eventually anticipates the ability to run limited and modified MOSC events.

In other news, the MOSC is seeking a new head of the Crab Feed. Please email mosc.president1917@gmail.com if you are interested. Traditionally, the mandatory dues are \$100 but this year, MOSC is bringing it down to \$60 to help all of our community as we work our way through this pandemic. If you haven't already, please pay the 2020-2021 MOSC dues online here <http://scssfjoinme.org/mosc>.

Our MOSC will keep you updated as close to real-time as possible on the latest developments.



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Online Course on Immigration Thursday, September 22 at 7:00 pm

The school of Pastoral Leadership, in collaboration with the Office of Human Life & Dignity, is pleased to announce a six-week online course called "Immigration: The In-Between Life Issues". This course will explain immigration through the lens of Catholic social teaching in response to World Day of Migrants and Refugees <https://migrants-refugees.va/>. The live online course begins on Thursday, September 22 at 7:00 pm and will be conducted via Zoom.

How is immigration a life issue? Is it not simply a matter of political policy, which Catholics may certainly disagree with? The Church's position on provocative topics like abortion is well-known; however, the spiritual and intellectual sources behind the headlines, the Catholic social tradition (CST), are less known. In fact, it has been called "the Church's best-kept secret." CST provides the foundation for the Church's consistent life ethic, and an understanding of life issues that extends beyond abortion to include physician-assisted suicide and capital punishment. The Church's view on immigration and support for immigrants draws on the same CST resources. This course will examine those sources--ranging from Scripture to papal encyclicals and recent bishops' statements--to establish an appreciation of the immigration position, particularly in the American

context, as another "life issue" worthy of Catholic consideration.
To learn more or to sign up go to <https://www.sfarch.org/immigration-class>.

Mass and Healing Service for Infant Loss

Saturday, September 26, 10:00 am

The loss of a child, no matter how briefly with us, leaves an ache in our hearts. Fr. Vito Perrone, COSJ, will offer a Mass and Healing Service for all those who have experienced the loss of an infant whether by miscarriage, stillbirth, or early infant death. All are welcome to attend. The location will be determined based on the pandemic protocols and health guidelines in effect in September. To register your interest, please fill out the form on the webpage: [sfarch.org/infant-loss-mass](https://www.sfarch.org/infant-loss-mass). For more information, contact prolife@sfarch.org.

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary McSweeney** and offer our sympathy to her family and friends.

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 14

Marygrace Mihardja
Bill Kelleher

Tuesday, September 15

Andrew Moore
George O'Brien
Jeanie S. Kolchak, Living

Wednesday, September 16

Marion Kell
Dennis Aguirre
Gerald Greenfield

Thursday, September 17

Philip C. & Patricia Kwan
Patrick J. McHugh
Frank & Kathleen O'Keeffe

Friday, September 18

Teasie McEntee McGarry
Lolita De Guzman
Dr. Edward & Anthony Erigero

Saturday, September 19

John Libby
Leticia Consolacion
Fernando Mendoza Wu

Sunday, September 20

Wai Chun Lau
Pedro Aristegui

*"For everything there
is a time and season..."*

ECCLESIASTES 3:1

