

Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 6, 2026
Love is the fulfillment
of our works!

Hoy escuchamos la primera de una serie de exhortaciones que hizo Jesús acerca de la vida en las comunidades cristianas. El Señor nos pide que no dejemos que alguno de nuestros hermanos haga el mal sin reprimirlo y sin ayudarlo a que vuelva a andar por el buen camino (EVANGELIO). Ese mismo consejo es el que Dios le da al profeta Ezequiel (PRIMERA LECTURA). Todo esto es, como dice san Pablo (SEGUNDA LECTURA), una manifestación del amor mutuo entre los cristianos,

 **Masses For The Week**

sab 05 04:30 pm	Vigilia del XXIII Domingo Ordinario Missa Pro Populo
Sun 06 11:30 am	XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time +Oscar R. Noriega (Family)
Mon 07	NO MASS
Tue 08	NO MASS
Wed 09 08:00 am	St. Peter Claver, Priest Joshua Soto, Jr. – In Thanksgiving for his Birthday (Grandpa Soto)
Thr 10 08:00 am	Weekday +Hilda H. Hinojosa (Fr. Nolasco Hinojosa)
Fri 11 08:00 am	Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus +For All Deceased Diocesan Priests
Sat 12 08:00 am	Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary +Zulema & Luis Collazo (Collazo Family)

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning in Memory of
+John Albert Martinez (His Wife)

Good News!
September 6, 2026
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Ezekiel 33:7-9 / Romans 13:8-10 / Matthew 18:15-20
ANN M. GARRIDO

As someone who works in the field of conflict management, I like to think that all situations can be worked out if we go about it in a skilled manner. If we use the right words. Ask the right kinds of questions. It's embarrassing to admit that even the best "tools" in my "conflict belt" sometimes still effect little change. Today's gospel can be consoling in a strange way. It acknowledges that even when we use all the tools we have on hand to heal a relationship, it doesn't always work out. Sometimes, we may need to become strangers to one another, at least for a while—like a Jew to a Gentile or a tax collector.

Of course, when Jesus says "treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector," it is important to consider how Jesus treated Gentiles and tax collectors. He healed the centurion's servant. He ate in Zacchaeus' house. Jesus did not see Gentiles and tax collectors as enemies and did not treat them as such. Rather, Jesus understood Gentiles and tax collectors as those with whom he might start a relationship should the opportunity present itself. The past cannot be rewritten, but perhaps a different kind of future is still possible.

Is there a relationship in your life that feels beyond healing at this point and from which perhaps you need some distance? Is it still possible to treat the other person with the kindness Jesus showed toward Gentiles and tax collectors? •

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Dear Padre
September 6, 2026

I had not been to confession for decades until recently, and I've probably committed mortal sins I can't remember. I want God's forgiveness, but I'm unsure how to get it at this time.

You ask if God has forgiven you for sins that you may have committed in the past but that you don't remember now. You say you have been to confession recently.

A mortal sin has three criteria: it is seriously wrong; the person knows it is seriously wrong; and the person is free to commit the sin or not. In the case you are describing, you don't even remember what the mortal sin might have been, or even if there was one. So, no, you don't have to confess something you don't remember. Also, you have already gone to confession recently, and you sound truly repentant for your past sins. You do not indicate that you were deliberately trying to hide any sins from the priest. So, you have already been forgiven, not only for the sins you remembered but also for those you don't remember. That is why usually we will say something like "for these sins and for those I may have forgotten" when we go to confession.

The bottom line is that confession is for you to experience God's mercy. It is not to test how good your memory is. Be at peace. God loves you and particularly wants you to experience the peace that comes from his forgiveness. •

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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PARISH OFFICE CLOSED—LABOR DAY
On Monday, September 7, 2026, the Parish Office will be closed in observance of Labor Day. The office will be open on Tuesday at its regular hours. Have a safe and happy Labor Day Weekend.

Oficina Cerrada—Día del Trabajo
El lunes, 7 de septiembre de 2026, nuestra oficina estará cerrada para observar el Día del Trabajo. Abriremos la oficina el martes a la hora de costumbre. Tengan un buen fin de semana.

 **Reminder**

CCD PARENTS' FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING
Parents cannot miss this first meeting. Our first scheduled parents' meeting will be on Tuesday, September 08, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Start the year off right. Please remember that it is Diocesan Policy to attend scheduled parents' meetings.

Primera Junta Administrada Para Los Padres
Los padres no pueden faltar la primera junta. La primera junta para los padres con niños en el catecismo será el martes, 08 de septiembre, a las 7:00 de la noche en el salón parroquial. Empiece el año bien. Por favor recuerde que es Regla Diocesana que padres asistan a las juntas para los padres fijadas.


CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY-SEPTEMBER 20
September 20, at the 11:30 a.m. Mass, our Parish Catechists will be introduced and receive a special blessing and commissioning for this very important ministry.


LOVE and you have fulfilled the whole law
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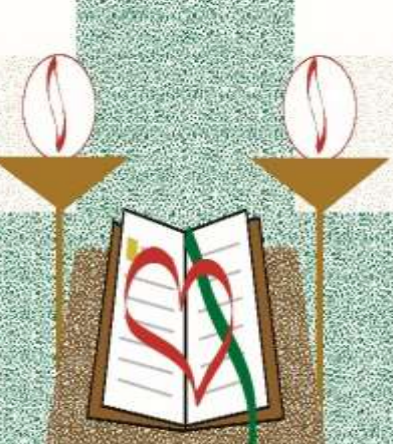
Colecta de la Semana Pasada
Envelopes: \$ 1,724.00
Loose: \$ 310.10
Children's Envelopes: \$ 2.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 2,039.10

Total Expenses Last Week: \$1,109.05



LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH
Justin Pecina, Irma Santos, Gerardo Castro, Guadalupe Ortiz, María E. Maldonado, Alicia Guardiola, Delia Hinojosa, Rebecca Quintero, Herminia Torres, Vladimiro Checchin, Lalo Uribe and Aida Ramirez



Whatever other commandments there may be, all are summed up in this,

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
Love is the fulfillment of the law.

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