

Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2026

Love one another
as I have loved you!

La vida común esta fundada en la ayuda mutua y en el perdón. Esto es lo que recuerda Jesús y, para ilustrar su enseñanza, nos relata la parábola del deudor implacable (EVANGELIO). Esta parábola tiene un eco en el Antiguo Testamento, que nos dice: “Perdona la ofensa a tu prójimo, y así, cuando pidas perdón, se te perdonaran tus pecados” (PRIMERA LECTURA). San Pablo nos pide que no vivamos para nosotros mismos, sino para el Señor, a quien pertenecemos (SEGUNDA LECTURA).

 **Masses For The Week**

sab 12 Vigilia del XXIV Domingo Ordinario
04:30 pm +Servando Rodríguez, Jr. (Su Esposa y Familia)
+Zoila S. Meza (M/M José Luis Martínez & Family)
+Ramiro Hinojosa (Brother & Sister)
+Chelo Ruiz (Ruiz-Mayorga Family)
+Antonio Hernández (Su Hermana)
+John Albert Martínez (His Wife Nancy Martínez)

Sun 13 XXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:30 am Missa Pro Populo

Mon 14 NO MASS

Tue 15 Our Lady of Sorrows
08:00 am +Fr. Bernardino Herrero (Herminia Torres)

Wed 16 Sts Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
08:00 am +Fr. Stanislaw Bienick (Fr. Nolasco Hinojosa)

Thr 17 Weekday
08:00 am +Rogelio & Andrea Martínez (Collazo Family)

Fri 18 Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
08:00 am +Fr. Randy Cain (Herminia Torres)

Sat 19 Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
08:00 am Mine Ramirez – Birthday (Fr. Nolasco Hinojosa)

The Sanctuary Candle



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

Good News!
September 13, 2026
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Sirach 27:30—28:7 / Romans 14:7–9 / Matthew 18:21–35
THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

As we hear today's Gospel of the servant whose enormous debt is forgiven, yet who refuses mercy to a fellow servant owing far less, we cannot help but ask: how can this be? This is the first question that comes to mind. How could a person be forgiven so much and then, just a few minutes later, refuse to forgive something inconsequential in comparison? Selfishness doesn't really explain it. Being so full of oneself doesn't explain it. Being completely dense and obtuse is perhaps closer to the truth, but even that explanation comes up short.

The truth is that the exaggeration of the debt is secondary to the story. What is essential to the story is the invitation to reflect on what it means to be a human being. It is to acknowledge that, when all is said and done, everyone owes a huge debt. No one is exempt from gratitude. An honest acceptance of who we are—completely and totally dependent on God who created us—is the core truth. To be so disconnected from this truth as to not recognize one's own dependence and be completely unaware of the need to be grateful—that is the real challenge the story considers. ●

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Dear Padre
September 13, 2026
If Catholics say the Confiteor at Mass, then why do we still need to go to confession?

Recall when Jesus told Simon and his fishing companions to lower their nets after they had caught nothing. (See Luke 5:1–11.) When their boats began to sink with so many fish, Simon fell at Jesus' feet and said, "Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Likewise, at Mass, we're so filled with awe upon entering the presence of God that we become aware of our own sinfulness.

The penitential act prepares the assembly to enter the celebration in a proper spirit of humility. The priest and the faithful observe a period of silence to acknowledge their sinfulness and confess their awe of Christ's love and mercy. This is expressed in different forms, one of which is the Confiteor, a general confession that invokes the support of the communion of saints and the specific community gathered at Mass. It includes the instruction to strike one's breast, an ancient gesture of humility and penitence. (See Luke 18:13; 23:48.) The rite concludes with the priest's absolution, but it "lacks the efficacy of the sacrament of penance" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 51). Thus, the penitential act isn't a substitute for absolution from sins confessed in the sacrament of penance, particularly serious, mortal sins. Rather, it prepares the faithful as a unified community to properly listen to God's word and celebrate the Eucharist worthily (GIRM 46). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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 **LIFE CHAIN IN LAREDO**
Sunday, October 4, 2026, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Sidewalks from McPherson Road and Hillside Road. Join us to prayerfully witness that **Every Human Life Matters and is Sacred from conception to natural death.** This will be a peaceful opportunity to pray for respect for the Life of every human being.
Cadena Pro-Vida en Laredo
Domingo, 4 de octubre, 2026, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
En las banquetas de McPherson Road y Hillside Road
Acompáñenos para dar testimonio de nuestra convicción que la vida de Todo Ser Humano es Importante y Sagrada desde laa concepción hasta la muerte natural. Sera un evento de paz donde rezaremos por el respeto de la vida de cada ser humano.

 **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY-SEPTEMBER 20
Next Sunday, 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.

 *Should one refuse mercy to another and yet seek pardon for his own sin?*
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LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH
Oscar Noriega, 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.

 **BY YOUR CROSS AND RESURRECTION, YOU HAVE SET US FREE, O LORD**
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Colecta de la Semana Pasada
Envelopes: \$ 2,409.00
Loose: \$ 195.00
Children's Envelopes: \$ 0.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 2,604.00

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 0.00

FRIENDLY REMINDER CONCERNING CHURCH AND MASS ETIQUETTE
Our church--the main body of worship space--is very sacred and proper respect should be observed. Silence before and during Mass should be shown. Cellular phones and audio pagers are not proper items to bring to Mass. Since Mass is a solemn celebration and the highest form of community worship for Catholics, proper attire should also be worn. Tank tops, shorts, halters and other inappropriate dress are not acceptable. Your continued cooperation in these matters is greatly appreciated. Thank you. Father Nolasco.
Recuerdo Amistoso Sobre la Etiqueta en la Iglesia y la Misa
Nuestra iglesia--el cuerpo principal de culto--es muy sagrado y el respeto apropiado debe observarse. Silencio antes y durante la Misa debe mostrarse. Los teléfonos celulares y localizadores de audio no son artículos apropiados para traer a la Misa. Puesto que la Misa es una celebración solemne y la forma más alta de culto de la comunidad para los Católicos, el atavío apropiado también debe utilizarse. Camisas sin mangas, pantalones cortos, blusas cortas y vestido impropio no son aceptables. Le agradecemos su cooperación continuada en estas materias. Gracias. Padre Nolasco.

As far as the east is from the west



so far has the Lord put our transgressions from us

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