

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2026

Love is the fulfillment
of our works!



Masses For The Week

Sun 06 Twenty-Third Sun in Ordinary Time

09:00 am +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)
+Margarito & Virginia Nieto (Patricia Adami)
+Norma Palacios (Linda Lou Ramirez)

Thr 10 Weekday

12:05 pm +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

When Saint Paul says that we are to “owe nothing to anyone except to love one another,” he is not referring to something sentimental. The love that the apostle enjoins on us is summed up by the Lord’s words through Ezekiel: “If you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, I will hold you responsible for his death.” Our love must extend to those attitudes and actions that would prevent our neighbors from truly loving and embracing their own call to holiness. “If your brother listens to you, you have won him over.” The salvation of a soul is the greatest “victory” imaginable.

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning for
+All Souls in Purgatory (Sandra Leyendecker)

Good News!

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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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to anyone, except
to LOVE one another.

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LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Ramona Alaniz, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Mary G. Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Cassiano, Dotty Guffey, Rodrigo Medina, Armando Colchado, Elida Aldaco, Michelle Angela Nelson and Renee Chapa.



CCD PARENTS' FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING Parents cannot miss this first meeting.

Our first scheduled parents’ meeting will be on Thursday, September 10, 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.



LIFE CHAIN IN LAREDO
Sunday, October 4, 2026,
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Sidewalks
from McPherson Rd. and
Hillside Road. Join us to
prayerfully witness that Every
Human Life Matters and is Sacred from
conception to natural death.

LOVE
and you have fulfilled the whole law

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Last Sunday’s Collection

Envelopes: \$ 1,406.00

Loose: \$ 51.00

Children’s Envelopes: \$ 00.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 1,457.00

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 2,878.49

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.

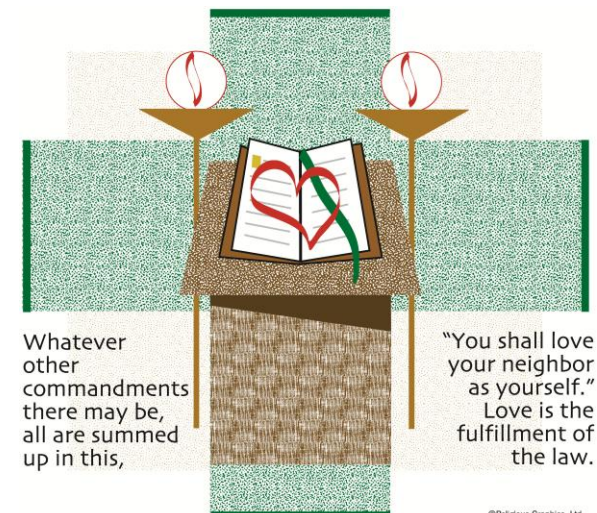
You ask if God has forgiven you for sins that you may have committed in the past but that you don’t remember now. You say you have been to confession recently.

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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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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