

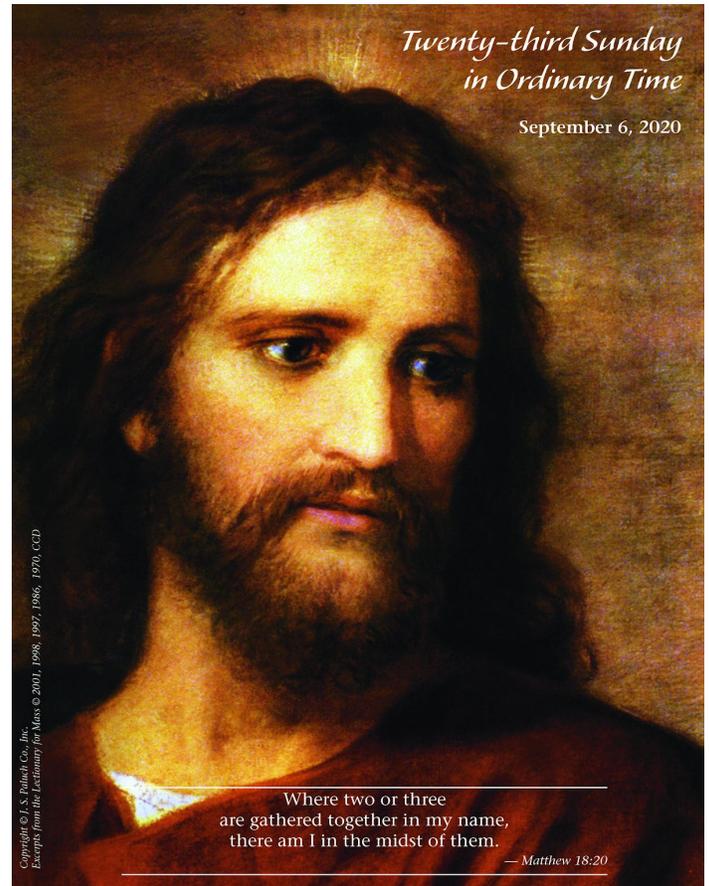


Saturday, September 5
E 5:30pm Vincent Buchignani +
Sunday, September 6
E 8:00am For The People
E 10:00am Red & Thelma Bell +
12:00pm Familia Perez (Int)

Monday, September 7
9:00am For the Victims of the Fires
Tuesday, September 8
E 9:00am Paul Ehrlich+
Wednesday, September 9
E 9:00am For Victims of Domestic Violence
Thursday, September 10
E 9:00am For the People
Friday, September 11
E 9:00am Dr. & Mrs. Louis Cosentino +
Saturday, September 12
E 5:30pm John & Barbara Vindigni +
Sunday, September 13
E 8:00am Garfagnoli & Catelani Families
E 10:00am Michelle Lynn Jones +
12:00pm Maria Chavez (Int)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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| Giovanny Ayon | Olivia Carrillo |
| Joyce Cafferata | Angella Creel |
| Jerry Eichma | Sherlyn Cortez |
| Zachary Mac Murray | Bill Conrad |
| Judy Nicholls | Fred Pisani |
| Rose Guerrero | Evelyn Rossi |
| Helle Siergert | Samaria Sue E |
| Francisco Munguia | Ignacia Sanabria R. |
| Lupe Nuño | Melissa Warren |
| Mary Putnam | Maria Suarez |
| Gabriele Sanchioli | Gina Giacomelli |
| Robert Zimmerman | Larry Giovannoni |
| Jon Brown | Cecelia Del Angel |
| Fausto Catelani | Becky Oseguera |
| Jack Lynch | Vance Adler |
| John Brown | Richard Sarao |
| John Provenzale | Lourdes Pisani |
| Dale & Colette Philips | Grace Popich Hall |
| Emily Nuñez | Georgia Minaglia |
| Karen Hibbe Moore | Janet Donaldson |
| Samantha Onate | Scott Voelker |
| Mary Johnson | Betty Kozel |
| Kathy Hall Adkinson | Sandra Connelly |
| John Mcstravick | Andrea Brinson |
| Wayne Waechtler | Joey Bell |
| Margaret Brown | Gerry Fernandez |
| Grace Agius | Juana Nuñez |
| Gabriel Torres | Joyce Munsell |
- Rest in Peace: Estelle Buckley, Fr Jim McSweeney**



A HIGHER STANDARD

Our culture attempts us to think that any action is allowed as long as it doesn't hurt anyone else. Today's readings show us how sadly narrow-minded that thinking is. They call us to a much higher standard, one that recognizes the majestic dignity of each human person. Ezekiel reminds us that the wicked acts for one person always affect the whole human community. Even if the sin is a private one, we are all responsible for shining light into the darkness. Matthew's Gospel echoes this idea, providing practical tips for bringing healing and reconciliation to sinful or broken relationships. Today's readings also show us the deep implications of sin: a failure to love. Saint Paul urges us to avoid sin and obey the law. The best way to do this, he professes, is to love. Love leads us from mere coexistence to genuine companionship.



THE WAY OF LOVE

Although today’s readings might seem drearily preoccupied with sin, Saint Paul explains why sin is important to discuss: because every sin reduces the amount of love in the world. Paul turns the focus from sin to love when he writes, “Love is the fulfillment of the law” (Romans 13:10). What power that verse contains! If we begin each day by reciting that verse, we would be well on our way to a more generous life -not only avoiding sin as much as possible, but also actively seeking out ways to make life sweeter for our neighbors. Memorized verses inspire us when we face difficulties during the day, when we are irritated with someone, for example, or we need to make a decision. Remembering that “love is the fulfillment of the law” might truly help us avoid sin and do good in daily life.

THE WAY OF PRAYER

Learning a scripture verse by heart is, of course, a way of praying. In today’s Gospel, Jesus encourages us to pray today. Jesus firmly believes in the power of prayer, going so far as to guarantee results: “I say to you, if you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.” Jesus promises something else, too, something vitally important. More than a game of Go Fish in which we hope we “got what we asked for,” prayer is a living encounter with Jesus himself: “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Today’s readings move us beyond the bare minimum and open an enormous world to us. We shun the pettiness of sin not because we fear punishment, but because we want to love others deeply. We pray to our great God not because we want to get favors from a divine vending machine, but because we want to

spend time with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

TODAY’S READINGS

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

Beginning September 12th, Public Masses will be celebrated on the Covered Patio outside of the Parish Hall. Saturday Mass will be held at 5:30 pm, and recorded for online viewing. Sunday Masses will be at 8:00 and 10:00 am in English and 12:00 in Spanish. We look forward to seeing you!

Plan for current Church Operations:

★ Open for Private Prayer:

Everyday: 9am-4pm

★ Baptisms:

Saturday 12:00noon

Call Parish Office (707-433-5536) to confirm date



**When the Church Reopens, Please
NOTE:**

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 5:30 PM (English), Sunday 8:00 &
10:00 AM (English), and 12:00 PM (Spanish)

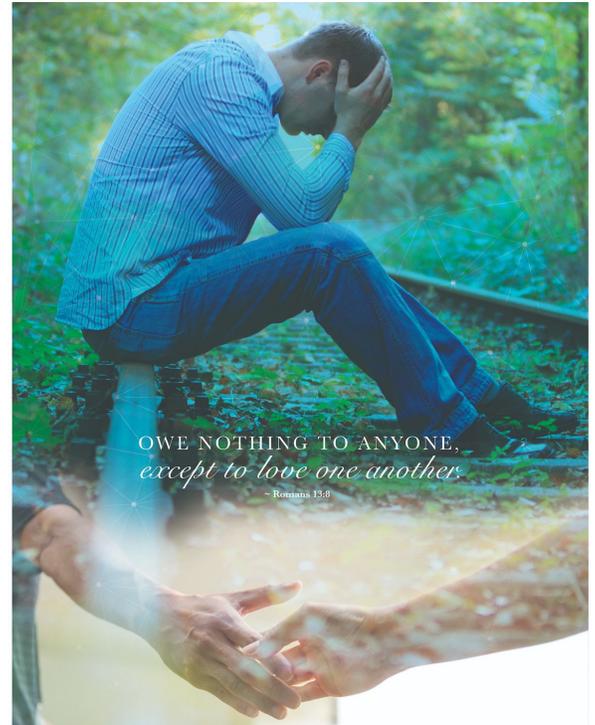
To attend Mass, these guidelines are to be followed for the Safety of our Parishioners and Staff:

- DO NOT ATTEND Mass if you have a fever, cough or symptoms of the flu.
- Face Coverings/Masks are required at all times.
- Wash hands at home and use hand sanitizer upon entering the Church.
- Please maintain a 6 foot distance from one another.
- All Church doors will remain open during Mass.

For those who cannot attend Mass:

Please attend Mass online at the following site:
<https://stjohnshealdsburg.org>

You can access the Mass on this Home page.



GRATITUDE

We appreciate your continued support of St. John's Parish with your contributions through Online Giving, mailed in donations and your Envelopes you have brought by the Church Office. Thank you for this important support to continue Our Lord's work and serve the members of the Parish, the needy and the community.

