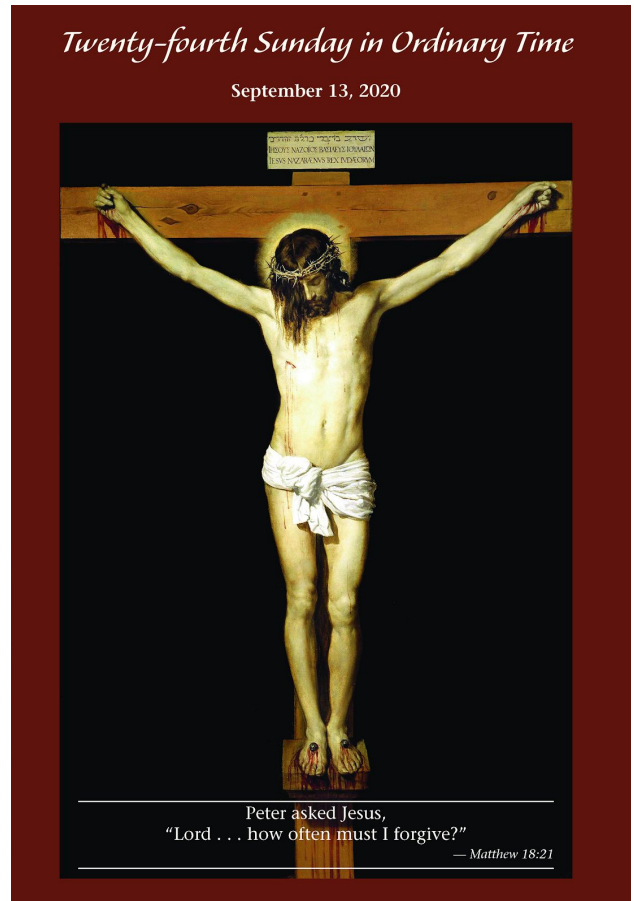




Saturday,	September 12
E 5:30pm	John & Barbara Vindigni +
Sunday,	September 13
E 8:00am	Garfagnoli & Catelani Families
E 10:00am	Michelle Lynn Jones +
12:00pm	Maria Chavez (Int)
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Monday,	September 14
9:00am	Walter Casazza +
Tuesday,	September 15
E 9:00am	Joyce Munsell +
Wednesday,	September 16
E 9:00am	Roy Davis +
Thursday,	September 17
E 9:00am	For the People
Friday,	September 18
E 9:00am	For Victims of Domestic Violence
Saturday,	September 19
E 5:30pm	Bob & Caroline Goodyear Robert Goodyear +
Sunday,	September 20
E 8:00am	Juanita Rosales +
E 10:00am	ICF Monthly Mass Living/Deceased
12:00pm	Rafael + Maria Perez +

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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| Giovanny Ayon | Olivia Carrillo |
| Joyce Cafferata | Angella Creel |
| Jerry Eichma | Sherlyn Cortez |
| Zachary Mac Murray | Bill Conrad |
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| Rose Guerrero | Evelyn Rossi |
| Helle Siergert | Samaria Sue E |
| Francisco Munguia | Ignacia Sanabria R. |
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| 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 |
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| John Mcstravick | Andrea Brinson |
| Wayne Waechtler | Joey Bell |
| Margaret Brown | Gerry Fernandez |
| Grace Agius | Juana Nuñez |
| Gabriel Torres | |
- Rest in Peace:Joyce Munsell, Bill Benetti**



GOD’S MERCY

In many of our relationships with others—friends, spouse, neighbors, or co-workers—often the most difficult times come when someone damages the relationship. There are moments when only apology and forgiveness can lead to healing. In this week’s readings, we are reminded how our connection with God is woven into our relationships with others. God is the source of all mercy, and all of us stand in need of forgiveness. As we are able to accept the mercy of God deep within our hearts, we become empowered to show mercy to others. When things go badly in our relationships, we can remember that God is present at the center of these difficult moments. God is offering grace to ask forgiveness, to receive apology, and to accept the forgiveness extended to us.



FORGIVEN AND FORGIVING

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to forgive "seventy-seven" times. In other words, stop keeping track when forgiving others. But when we are hurt, this is really hard to do. In fact, to protect ourselves from further hurt, we might be inclined to do the opposite, and lash out. Jesus teaches the futility of this approach. Jesus' parable of the unforgiving servant reminds us that in the course of our lives we have harmed others, and so distanced ourselves from God. We have also been harmed by others. Like the servant, we sometimes owe a debt, and sometimes others owe a debt to us. Here we are invited to stop the cycle of pain with the grace of mercy. We are called to imitate our God, who forgives wholeheartedly.

PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE

It is also tempting to view this teaching on forgiveness in isolation. This would suggest that the burden is placed entirely upon the offended person to go on forgiving, without mentioning any accountability on the part of the offending person. This interpretation can often be dangerous. The call to forgive should never be used as a cover for bullying or for oppressive relationships of any kind.

It is helpful to consider all of chapter 18 in Matthew's Gospel, which teaches about forgiveness and reconciliation, and the exercise of authority in the Christian community. Last week's Gospel (Matthew 18:15-18) provides guidance on how Christians can call to accountability someone who has hurt others, to protect the weak, and to seek reconciliation as a community. The parable we hear today reminds us that, like the master who protected the second servant from the

cruelty of the unforgiving servant, God seeks to guard the most vulnerable from harm. The Gospel of Matthew presented an alternative to violence-based order of his day. Matthew described Jesus' vision of community, in which power is used at the service of all and the vulnerable are protected and cherished.

TODAY'S READINGS

Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

Beginning September 12th, Public Masses will be celebrated on the Covered School Lunch Pavilion 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:

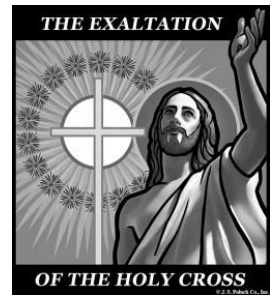
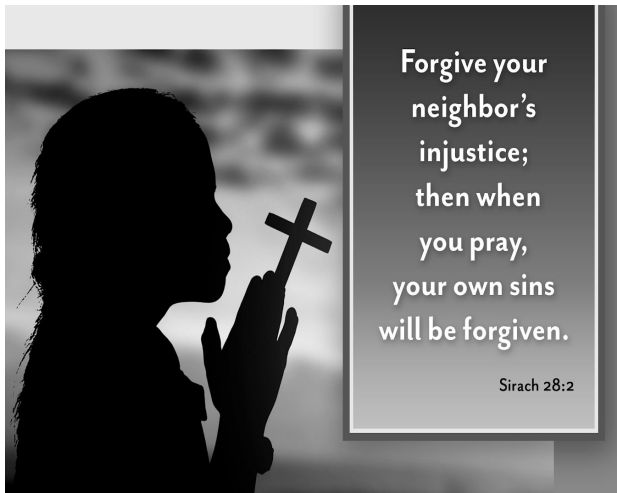
★ **Open for Private Prayer:**

Everyday: 9am-4pm

★ **Baptisms:**

Saturday 12:00 noon

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.

Letters from Heaven

Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said "If you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your ..."

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Answer: *transgressions*

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