



# ST. ROMUALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 10, 2017 - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## dear Padre

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***I want my children to be merciful and forgiving like Jesus, but I don't want them to be permissive of sin because someone else thinks it's OK. How can I teach this balance?***

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "Education in the faith by parents should begin in the child's earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel" (CCC 2226). The balance of advocating the magnitude of God's mercy without diminishing the severity of sin is best taught through witness.

You should hold your children accountable (and vice versa) and explain with loving candor how lax attitudes and actions have consequences. As we are taught in Proverbs 27:5, "Better is an open rebuke than a love that remains hidden."

An intimate relationship with God also helps. It's easier to instill greater compassion in ourselves and in others when we've experienced God's infinite mercy firsthand. Jesus asked the woman caught in adultery, "'Has no one condemned you?' She replied, 'No one, sir.' Then Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go, [and] from now on do not sin any more'" (John 8:10- 11).

Christ loves the sinner and despises the sin—but he doesn't dwell on the sin. Instead, Jesus rejoices when sinners enter a newfound relationship with his merciful Father, knowing that the experience of God's mercy is the catalyst for ultimate change and lasting conversion, where neither the sinner is condemned nor the sin condoned. —Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

# Masses for the Week

## September 11th - 17th

Tues	1:00 pm	Jenny Whittaker (Extended Care)
Wed	<b>6:00 pm</b>	William Huddleston (Confirmation)
Thurs	9:30 am	Casey Mattingly (Medco)
Fri	9:00 am	Special Intention (WB)
Sat	5:00 pm	Walter Bland Family (LB)
	7:00 am	Karen Herbert (MW)
	10:00 am	Marcus, Peni Whitler (MW)

# Stewardship of Finance

## Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection.....	\$8,476.00
Building Fund.....	\$380.00
Children.....	\$2.00
Loose change for the Poor.....	\$54.28

## Parish Financial Summary

July, 2017

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$48,600</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$47,800</b>
	<b>\$ 800</b>

**Thank you for your financial stewardship!**

# Worship and Sacrament

**Anointing of the Sick:** Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with the parish community every first Wednesday at 5:00 pm Mass. Yet, anytime, anointing is available for illness, preparation for surgery or for recovery, by calling Fr Brian.

**Baptism:** Congratulations on the birth of your child! Your Church Family is excited about your family growing and our family growing! We look forward to celebrating your child's baptism! Preparation for new parents or those new to the parish is held by appointment. Call Fr Brian.

**Marriage:** Congratulations on your engagement! Your Church Family wishes to help you fully prepare spiritually and walk with you into this lifetime commitment to each other. In order to allow sufficient time, couples must contact the parish office at least 6 months before the anticipated wedding date.

**Confession/Reconciliation:** Every Wednesday 4:00-5:00 pm; every Saturday 4:00-5:00 pm, every first Saturday after 8:00 am Mass, or anytime by simply asking or calling Fr Brian for appointment.

**Visitation of the Sick:** Please notify Father or the office upon admission of a family member into nursing homes or hospital. Often we rely upon word from the family about illnesses of a member. Please call.

**RCIA:** Interested in the Catholic Faith? The RCIA process is a "spiritual journey" that fully initiates those who are not baptized or who have baptism from another tradition and wish to join fully the Catholic Church. Classes are offered through the year culminating at Easter! Please call the office for details!

**Membership in the Parish:** Welcome to all new families or persons moving into our parish. We are glad that you are joining the parish community. We want to visit with you and help you settle into the church. Please register in the parish office as soon as possible.

# Ministers of the Liturgy - September 16th & 17th

	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Rosary Leaders	Music Ministers
5:00 pm	Bryan O'Reilly Millie Whittler	Dale Board Stefan Cesarz	C-Davy Brumfield* C-Tony Critchelow S-Davye Duggins S-Paul Shalosky	Lola Allen Phillip Shalosky	Brenda Wheatley	Pippa
7:00 am	Tobias Curran Faye Glasscock	Patty Curran	C-Bryce Glasscock* C-D.J. Glasscock S-Kenny Glasscock S-Tim Glasscock	Joseph Curran Morgan Tabor	Mary Vessels	Pippa
10:00 am	LaDonna Barton Ort Critchelow Sharon Hale Mona Hinton	Barbara Critchelow Danny Shain	C-Patrick Critchelow* C-Drew Hinton S-Mike Hinton S-Tyler Hinton	Tori Barton Spencer Wilson	Barbara Critchelow	P.J./Choir Cantor: Carlos
Radio Minister: Randy Howard		Children's Liturgy: Andrea Masterson & Jennifer Payne				



Angry? Hurt? What is your plan? Isn't funny that we can have all kinds of plans: plans to vacation, plans to build onto the house, plans to upgrade our work skills, get certified in something and add a line on our resume, or even plans to retire; **YET**, we never draw up plans to work through our anger, or overcome our hurts and past injuries? So let me ask again, "Do you have any grudges? Any past resentment? Well now, what is your plan?" Jesus, who is always our peace and help, comes to save us with a plan! He unveils His 'Peace-

Making' Forgiveness Plan in today's gospel!

Jesus' life-saving cross wipes away division, hate and hurt; as St Paul says in Ephesians 2:14 "For **He Himself is our peace**, who has **made the two one** and has **torn down the dividing wall** of hostility." So to be in Jesus' presence means all divisive offense is wiped away. He forgives, so have we? Are we cooperating with His plan of reconciliation? Being in God's presence calls us to let go, forgive and accept charitably his grace (As if God says "Check in your divisions with me at the door, no grudges past this point!") Why? Because grudges and hostilities hold us back from receiving fully God's peace. Maybe we fret over personal losses and suffer insomnia or we have been dulled into disillusion over someone's unjust power play over us? So do we keep obsessing over the past or do we start a plan a recovery? I heard someone say to their friend recently, "You are right! But are you happy? You can keep forcing 'rightness' on the others, all the while still losing peace yourself." So what is his plan for us?

Jesus offers five steps in His Kingdom Peace-Making Plan. The first step is to rise to higher ground, find firm-steady ground yourself for stability and the best perspective. Jesus pointed this out, way earlier in Matthew's gospel when he called his disciples to 'pray for persecutors and to love enemies'. He specifically then gave the first step of being pro-active in peace oneself, quickly approaching anyone we have hurt and seek their peace (ours in the process). In Matthew 5:23-24, Jesus said, "Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come offer your gift." **Jesus intends this reconciling work to begin immediately.** Don't let much time pass between the offense and its healing (or *at least the beginning of its healing*). Because even just a second moment's delay opens a hold for the Devil to slip into, as St Paul warned in Ephesians 4:26-27 "do not let the sun set on your anger, and do not leave room for the devil." Jesus then gives steps 2-5, in today's gospel reading Matthew 18:15-17. The second step 2) is to **make contact**. Go to them and attempt talking it through, sharing feelings about the experience without accusations. If this fails, the third step 3) is **to recruit a mutually trusted friend**, who may listen with more balance or draw attention to what remains unsaid. Involving other people who are mutually trusted is not for marshalling troops (for or against the other). No, it prevents further relationship decline by opening other perspectives or novel remedies for healing. The fourth step 4) is **seeking greater prayer and intercession by 'taking it to the church'**. This step is not an airing out of scandalous details & feeding the gossip machine, but it is a matter of asking prayer from other good-hearted souls related to both parties, asking the Holy Spirit to find a way through the breakdown. And then the fifth step 5) is **'treat them as a gentile or tax collector'**. Now some interpret this step as some relief as in saying, 'Finally, I can now write them off-good riddance!' Or worse yet, some people mistakenly understand 'treating them as a gentile' in a passively aggressive way as saying, "I tried and now, you, take this!" Such aggression is out of bounds, because God would never justify any personal vengeance of ours. No, **to' treat as a gentile- tax collector' just means that you have to try**

**again from the outside** and **devise a newer more creative approach** to bringing about the reconciliation. Again, why can't we just 'write off' those inconvenient-hurtful folks in our lives? Because we know that this same Jesus who tells us to 'treat them as a gentile-tax collector' is the same one who was said "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do" (Matthew 9:10-12). He said that after being asked why he bothered visiting with 'sinners and tax collectors'. This is the same Jesus who said, "the Son of Man **came to seek and to save the lost**" (Even more, Jesus said in Luke 19:10 that he **specifically came FOR** the sinner/tax collector/gentile!)

Sometimes we throw up justifications to NOT forgive someone else. We might even feel like we are JUSTIFIED in not forgiving. But any lack of forgiveness exposes 'hardness in our hearts'. We know we have this 'weight' on us, if we have ever added the following five excuses to our statement, "I won't forgive because .....

- .....Every time I think of them, I just get burned up!
- .....They won't admit they did anything wrong!
- .....They keep right on doing it, treating others the same hurtful way they treated me!
- .....They actually played the 'victim' thinking my hurt offends them!
- .....They enjoyed it. They are so arrogant, they took delight in putting me down!

Beware of these non-forgiving attitudes because they keep us 'in the hurt' more, while we continue to hand power over us to the offender. The injured has to move to higher ground, and view everything in proper perspective. I think of Jesus rising upon the cross. He even said himself, "When I am lifted up from the earth, **I will draw all to Myself**" (John 12:32). The highest perspective; that is what we seek! With forgiveness 'work' (**and it is WORK**), we always have to keep in mind, what Jesus told his disciples about seemingly discouraging tasks, "For human beings this is impossible, but for God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26). We are not done with forgiveness this week, as we are going to hear part two of Jesus' forgiveness teaching next week. He will tell Peter and us that we must forgive many, many times in following him! I will close with a great quote from the writer Jim Brault, "If you can't both forgive and forget, then just pick one....." Hey wait, I get it, either way, you find peace! Exactly! And Jesus said, "But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because what was dead, has come to life again; what was lost, now has been found" (Luke 15:32)! Peace comes through forgiveness!

Here are some daily questions to consider in our prayer time!

- Sunday:** What lasting thought or concern stayed with me from Mass? What is heavy on my heart right now? What will be different about this coming week because of Mass?
- Monday:** Do I hold any grudges? Select one to work on this week. Start by praying about it.
- Tuesday:** How can I extend peace to someone who has hurt or offended me in the past?
- Wednesday:** Might I need to jump-start peace, by asking 'forgiveness' from someone I have 'offended, even though I may not have meant to cause any harm or hurt?
- Thursday:** Can I offer my services to help bridge a divide between others I know? How can I be a peacemaker and mediator for them?
- Friday:** Perform an act of sacrifice for the good of someone you have hurt in the past.
- Saturday:** How can I offer a return of thanks to god at Mass this weekend for the many blessings God has given me over the years?

Peace and Prayers, Fr Brian Johnson



# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

## **Save the Date: Our Parish Mission:**

Nationally recognized and dynamic Evangelist Mike Cumbie of the Micah Project, will be our Mission Speaker each night October 15-17<sup>th</sup>. Plan to attend and be rejuvenated in your faith! Mark your calendars!

**Divorce Survival Session** are now being offered upon request throughout the year. Deacon Mike & Rosa Hockenberry are available to talk to you one on one or as a family if you like, at a time which might be best for you and your loved ones. We would also like to change this into a 6 week program instead of the 12 weeks we offered in the past. We are here for you and are making this a more personalized program to fit your needs. Contact Deacon Mike 270-756-0120 or Rosa 270-863-0117 anytime. Our sessions are strictly confidential and open to anyone.

**Sophia Award Recipients:** Congratulations to Chuck & Joellen McGary, recognized by Bishop Medley with the Sophia Award from the diocese for St Romuald Parish. The award celebrates someone from each parish who exemplifies faithful stewardship in their life, and devoted participation over time within the parish community. Thank you Chuck & Joellen for your dedication to St Romuald!

**Senior Day**, Thursday, September 14, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. We will be looking into the lives of St. Pius of Pietrelcina, St. John Chrysostom, and Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon and Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Champions. Millie Whitler and Mildred Mattingly will be doing a presentation for us, also on the agenda is further discussion of our trip to "Our Lady of Snows" in December. We will serve fried chicken and ask that you try to bring a dish to pass. So, come on and join us for a wonderful day of fellowship.

## **St. Romuald K-6th Religious Education**

The Opening Breakfast for St. Romuald K-6th Religious Ed program is scheduled for Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 8:30-9:30AM in the Parish Hall. It was originally scheduled for 9/10 but has been changed to 9/17. Beginning Sunday, 9/24 the classes will be in the School elementary building. The Knights of Columbus will be cooking pancakes for the Catechists & students. If anyone has any questions, please contact Kim at 945-2787 or the Church office 756-2356.

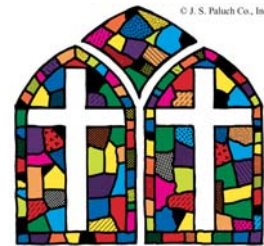
**Al-Anon Meeting:** Mondays 7:00 pm St Romuald Parish Hall. Come find support and understanding to recover a sense of serenity in your life.

**Catholic Faith Information:** Please check out and pick up any of the free pamphlets and booklets in the back of church about Catholic teaching and practices. They are excellent resources from the Knights of Columbus about our faith beliefs!

**Abortion Update:** Last week 67 women went into EMW Clinic for abortions at 2nd and Market Street in Louisville. **Please pray to end abortion.**

**Coffee Mugs:** We are collecting coffee mugs for the parents and caregivers at Children's Hospital in Louisville. If you have any mugs you would like to donate please put them in the basket at the front door of the church. Thank you!

**Picnic Meeting:** Our next Picnic Meeting will be held September 12 at 5:00 pm in the parish hall. Please bring your ideas!!!!



## This Week at St. Romuald

Mon	1:00 pm	Blue Army Rosary
	7:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting
Tues	10:00 am	Scripture Study
	1:00 pm	Mass (Extended Care)
	4:00 pm	Rosary
	5:00 pm	Picnic Meeting
Wed	4:00 pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Confirmation with Bishop Medley
Thur	9:30 am	Mass (Medco)
	10:00 am	Senior Day
	6:00 pm	Family Holy Hour
Fri	9:00 am	School Mass
Sat	6:15 pm	Family Movie Night

### UPCOMING:

Sept 19	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus
Sept 20	5:30 pm	RCIA Begins
Sept 26	6:00 pm	Pastoral Council

## PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY

### **A Word from Pope Francis:**

"Some people believe that all of life's happiness lay only in youth and in the past, and that living is just a slow decay and long loss. Still others hold that the only joy we receive here is episodic and passionate. But as Christians, we don't believe this. We believe instead that on man's horizon there is a sun that illuminates forever. We can have that joy all through our life. There is hope now, and more hope to come! We believe that even more beautiful days are still to come. We are Easter People: people more of spring than autumn. Don't forget this good question to ask ourselves: "Am I a man, woman or child of the Spring or of the Fall? The Spring, which waits for flowers, fruit, the sun, which is Jesus; or the autumn, which is always looking down, embittered, and closing down or giving up." (Homily 8-23-2017)

**Family Movie Night:** "Silence" tells the stunning story of 17th century Christian missionaries who travel to Japan in search of their missing mentor, at a time when Christianity was outlawed. They are captured and imprisoned, their faith and sanity are challenged as they risk their very lives. Movie night will be a little bit different this month. Due to the violence inflicted upon Christians in Japan during the 17th century, we ask that you be at least 14 years of age and be accompanied by an adult. Join us on Saturday, September 16th, at 6:15 pm for an unforgettable movie of faith, hope and belief. Refreshments will be served.

**Anointing of the Sick-First Wednesdays of Month:** Father Brian will begin offering on a monthly basis the sacrament of the sick, 'Anointing for Healing' at the first Wednesday evening mass (5:00pm). The first offering will be August 2nd. The Catechism specifies that those who can be anointed include 'anyone in danger of death from sickness or old age' yet also includes anyone 'prior to a serious operation', or 'for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced' (Catechism #1514-1515).



Please pray for the eternal rest of Marth Elder (Laura Skillman's mother) whose funeral was celebrated last Sunday . Please keep the family in your prayers.



## Readings for the Week

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Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11  
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19  
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26  
Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49  
Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

**"Spicing Up Married Life"** 6:30 p.m. Saturday, September 16 at Saint James Catholic School, Elizabethtown, KY. The famous EWTN TV personality, Fr. Leo Patalinghug (The creator-host of the Food and Faith movement called, "Grace Before Meals") will give a cooking demonstration during his conference. Tickets include dinner prepared & served by Tony York and are on sale now for \$25/each at stjames-etown.org. Limited seating is available. Father Leo Patalinghug is featured on many shows, including "Throw Down with Bobby Flay" on The Food Network where he beat Bobby Flay with his Fusion Fajitas! Call office 270-765-7011 for more info.

## Knights of Columbus News

### **BBQ Chickens Cook has been canceled for Sunday September 10th**

**Pancake Breakfast:** The Knights of Columbus will doing a pancake breakfast for the Religious Education Class on 17<sup>th</sup> of September at the St Romuald's Parish Hall beginning at 7 AM, will need volunteers to help cook.

If you can help with the pancake breakfast please call, text or email me @ 270-617-0754 or [jpat\\_oreilly@yahoo.com](mailto:jpat_oreilly@yahoo.com) respectively. Thank You, Grand Knight Pat O'Reilly

**K of C Meeting Change:** Our meeting for the 12<sup>th</sup> of September @ 7 PM has been change to the following Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> of September, same time, due to Confirmation.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### We Pray For:

Gene Aldridge, Paula Anthony, Gene Bennett, Joe Bennett, Becky Brown, Juanita Burch, Brian Butler, Billy Carwile, Jerry Carwile, Cindy Cashen, **Kayla Christian**, Mallorie Collins, Debbie Critchelow, Jim Curtis, Rick Dale, Amanda Douthitt, Marolyn Dowell, Roger Dowell, Kenneth Dowell, Treyten Drake, Debbie Dubree, Davye Duggins, Sammy Duggins, Tijuana Duncan, Lottie Eauer, Tessa Farris, Carrol Ferguson, Ginny Flood, Pat Flood, Cindy Getz, Jenny Ginn, **Dorothy Greenwell**, Bill Greenwood, Linda Greenwood, Susan Griffin, Clyde Hall, Janet Hallway, JoAnn Henning, Lisa Henning, Danny Herdt, Kitty Himmelhaver, Bill Hinton, Doug Hinton, **Johnny Howard**, Rick Hurley, Merri Hurt, Braddock Inman, Robert Jackey, Virginia Jeffries, Mary Ann Johnson, Tracy King, Patricia Lane, Angie Lawrence, Parker Leslie, Annette Lucas, Margaret Lyons, Red McClellan, Oleta McDaniel, Bevan Michael Miller, Richard Miller, Blaise Mills, Sharon Morgan, Dorothy Morris, Emma Nottingham, Don O'Donoghue, Eddie O'Donoghue, Joe Oelze, Patsy Oelze, Earl O'Reilly, Janet O'Reilly, Libby Osborne, Martha Payne, Brian Phillips, Peggy Phillips, Joe Priest, Robert Priest, Sandy Priest, Bob Rankin, Rita Roach, Shirley Robbins, Lincoln Roberts, Suzanne Rose, Carri Roth, Eric Severs, Rex Lee Sheets, Steve Smith, Jerry Sosh, Virginia Stanford, Lucye Stupak, Pam Sturgeon, Loretta Swink, Adalee Taul, Becky Taul, Gina Thornsberry, Paul Tucker, Gil Urban, Tessa Wadsworth, Greg Wethington, Raymond Wethington, Jimmy Whitworth, Mary Rita Whitworth, Carolyn Wilcheck, Kevin Wilcheck, Rebecca Wilson, Robert D. Wilson, Anne Wolfe, Sandra Zanone. **Serving in the Armed Forces:** Mandie Adams, Kevin Arnold, Fred Barham, Austin Brown, Timothy Cashen, Ryan Critchelow, Cody Garst, Parker Findlay, James Hanor, **Christian Hansen**, Jack Hayes, James Howard, Charles Kuhlman, Bradford O'Reilly, Jordan Pate, Liana Tindle, Chase Upchurch, Garrett Wadsworth



**September 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts"**

Each of us is called by God to a specific vocation. For some it's marriage. For others it's holy orders or consecrated life. And for some, it's the single missionary life. Discerning our vocation requires that we take time to pray and listen for the voice of the one who does the calling. When we hear his voice, may we have the courage to follow him with an undivided heart. If you feel that God might be calling you to the vocation of priesthood, contact the vocations office for resources and support. 270-683-1545, [jason.mcclure@pastoral.org](mailto:jason.mcclure@pastoral.org), [www.owensborovocations.com](http://www.owensborovocations.com).

### Celebration

**BIRTHDAY:** Leo Wheatley, Sept. 14 and Carolyn Wilcheck, Sept. 15

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Chuck & Joellen McGary will be celebrating 52 years of marriage on Sept. 17th and Michael & Robynn Brown will be celebrating 25 years of marriage on Sept. 19th.

## AROUND AND ABOUT

### Not a full-scale picnic, but Mount St Joseph still having a Craft and Raffle Bazaar:

At Mount Saint Joseph Gymnasium from 1-3 p.m. Sept. 10. We'll have quilts, craft items and jelly made by the Ursuline Sisters for sale. Old Hickory Bar-B-Que will sell a variety of food to eat there or take home. Come visit with the Ursuline Sisters, and the day will culminate with the raffle drawing at 3 p.m. Nothing has changed with the raffle – for just \$5 a ticket, you can have a chance to win \$10,000! There are also cash prizes of \$3,500, \$1,000, \$500, \$250 and \$100. A handmade quilt valued at \$1,000 will also be raffled. The raffle is the biggest fundraiser of the year to support our retired Ursuline Sisters, so get your tickets today! See any Ursuline Sister, or contact Maggie Matsko at 270-229-2009, or [maggie.matsko@maplemount.org](mailto:maggie.matsko@maplemount.org).

### Whitesville Passionist Monastery Retreat:

**Learning the Will of God:** "Always remain quiet and calm in the shelter of God's will" September 8-10 our retreat master Fr. Louis Caporiccio of the Fathers of Mercy, will be directing the retreat to include daily Mass, Confession, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, silent time for prayer and reflection, and daily conferences. Call 270- 233-4571 or email [nunsp@passionistnuns.org](mailto:nunsp@passionistnuns.org) to register.

**Hardinsburg Baptist Church  
Community Blood Drive  
Tuesday, September 12th, 2017  
12:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Church Fellowship Hall**

### Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing the Wounds of Abortion:

A *Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing the Wounds of Abortion* will be offered the weekend of **November 10-12, 2017** in the Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky. Participation in this retreat is open to any woman or man who has been involved, or touched by, abortion. If you have lost a child or grandchild, or a sibling, nephew or niece, to abortion, or if you have at any time in your life been involved in an abortion, then the Lord Jesus would like to offer you both healing and peace! Both Catholics and non-Catholics are welcome to participate, and our retreat is conducted with absolute confidentiality.

For more information, visit our website: [HopeAfterAbortionKY.com](http://HopeAfterAbortionKY.com), or call Debbie at (270) 570-4717 or Jennifer at (931) 242-5506.





**Sunday, Sep 10, 2017**

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Be reconciled**

Christianity is not just a theoretical philosophy; it's meant to be lived. One radical way you can put your faith into practice is to follow Jesus' advice on what to do when someone sins against you:

"Go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone." This is not the way of the world, which encourages the aggrieved to broadcast their displeasure on the internet. If you want to test your discipleship, don't talk behind anyone's back, but deal with insults and abuses face to face in a spirit of love and reconciliation.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20 (127).* "If anyone sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone."

**Monday, Sep 11, 2017**

**Hard prayers**

The highest commandments for those who follow Jesus tell us to love God and one another. To love others with a Christian love means to seek their good, even when we do not feel like it or "others" are behaving in a way that makes it very difficult to wish anything good for them. Even more shocking, Jesus calls us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. On this day when we remember acts of great destruction, let us pray not only for the innocents who died, but for those who wished them dead.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Colossians 1:24—2:3; Luke 6:6-11 (437).* "Let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

**Tuesday, Sep 12, 2017**

**MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY  
Listen to the Queen of Peace**

The origin of today's memorial goes back to the celebration of the defeat of Turkish invaders outside Vienna in 1683. While we can sympathize with people who were grateful for the turning back of a force that threatened all of Europe, it's problematic for Christians today to thank the Blessed Virgin Mary for a military victory when extremists of all stripes so regularly use religion as justification for war. Perhaps we better honor Mary's Most Holy Name if we pray and work for peace instead.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19 (438).* "Nothing will be impossible for you."

**Wednesday, Sep 13, 2017**

**MEMORIAL OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH  
Shed some light on the world**

Saint John Chrysostom, the archbishop of Constantinople from 398 to his death in 407, often reminded his subjects to offer prayers universally—that is, to pray for everybody in the whole world. "For [Jesus Christ] did not say 'thy will be done in me or in us,' but 'on earth,' the whole earth," he wrote. Because of the influence of this great Doctor of the church, the prayers of the faithful after the Creed at Mass are called "general intercessions." We pray for friends and enemies, the poor and the rich, the weak and the powerful, the victims of violence and those who inflict it. Our prayers are lights that shine in the darkness.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26 (439).* "At once Jesus spoke to them, 'Take courage, it is I; do not

be afraid.'"

**Thursday, Sep 14, 2017**

**FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS  
Christ before us**

Russian author Alexander Solzhenitsyn, exiled for years in a Soviet gulag, had finally reached the limits of his endurance. Bitter cold and brutal treatment had taken their toll. He put down his shovel and sat down, resigning himself to a swift, violent death at the hands of the guards. A gaunt, old prisoner scurried over and knelt before him. He said nothing but traced the sign of the cross in the dirt. As Solzhenitsyn stared at this symbol, a ray of light pierced his soul. He did not have to face the evil of the gulag alone. Christ had gone before him. Today is the feast of the True Cross, the one that makes sense of our sufferings and gives us the strength to endure whatever life hands us.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17 (638).* "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up."

**Friday, Sep 15, 2017**

**MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS  
Good grief**

There isn't a lot of support for personal grief. While we have days for national mourning, families in mourning are expected to pull themselves together and return to their routines in fairly short order. The placement of Our Lady of Sorrows on the liturgical calendar right after the day honoring the Holy Cross is a reminder that sorrow doesn't go away once the memorial rituals are observed. It may be good that our loved one is no longer suffering, but that doesn't lessen our sadness. Make room for grief, both yours and that of others.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14 (441); John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35 (639).* "Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister . . . and Mary Magdalene."

**Saturday, Sep 16, 2017**

**MEMORIAL OF CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYR  
Build on a loving foundation**

The third-century life of Saint Cyprian, bishop of Carthage, might have given rise to the comedy tag line: "It's always something," but his troubles and those of the church were anything but funny. If it wasn't a heresy, it was bitter controversy over whether someone who had renounced the faith might be reconciled with the church; or it was exile, or the plague, or schism. Cyprian's response was always generosity. During a terrible plague, for example, he himself cared for the sick and buried the dead—Christians and non-Christians alike—exemplifying his own words: "Love is the foundation of all the virtues." How can love calm the troubles of your own life today?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49 (442).* "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

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