

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 17, 2017



**First Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7; Responsorial Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12;
Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9; Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35**

God's Infinite Mercy

This glimpse of the beautiful Rembrandt painting of *The Prodigal Son* is a reminder of God's infinite and limitless forgiveness. Our parable in today's Gospel surprises us by just how forgiving God is.

The servant who is in debt and owes a huge amount to his king pleads for mercy and is forgiven. Sadly, we are told that this man leaves the king and fails to treat a fellow servant with the same compassion and forgiveness. Instead, he is abusive and imprisons the servant. When the king finds out, he is handed over to the king's torturers. The parable asks us to be as merciful and forgiving with others as God is with us.

God's mercy is infinite! As disciples of Jesus, God's mercy and forgiveness should transform us. Clearly, the servant in the parable wasn't transformed by the compassion of his king. What about us? Have we been transformed by God's compassionate and forgiving love for us? Do we reflect God's forgiveness and mercy in our care for others and for all of God's creation?

What is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)?

The **RCIA** is a ministry of the Church which begins with the *Period of Inquiry* and enables individuals to learn more about Christ and our Catholic faith. The Inquirer may decide to enter the *Period of the Catechumenate* and participate in a more in-depth and personal process of conversion and growth in faith in preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation. The beautiful and very meaningful process leads to the Easter Vigil and the celebration of Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation and a new life in Christ as members of our Catholic Church.

Adults who are already baptized in another Christian tradition are also welcome to enter **Full Communion with the Catholic Church** by entering into a special period of study and discernment to share in the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation. **Adult Catholics** who did not receive the Sacraments of the **Eucharist and/or Confirmation** as children or youth are also welcome.

Please contact Fr. Dennis in the parish office (831-659-2224) if you or someone you know would like more information.

Second Year First Communion Parent Meeting

Our 2017-18 classes will begin with a parent meeting for second year students on Sunday, October 1, following the 9:00 am Mass, at 10:15 am in the Parish Hall.

Why Catholic?

It's not too late to sign-up for the first 6 weeks beginning in October. Please contact Tess Arthur (659-4015) or Alondra Klemek (277-1294).

Parish Site Committee Update

Our Parish Site Committee is making every effort to respond to the recommendations from the January 2017 survey. We have been working with our architect, Allen Robinson, with the goal of addressing the overwhelming preference to maintain the current worship space of our beloved church, while focusing our plans on sufficient ministry and multi-purpose space, larger kitchen facilities, new bathrooms, a vestibule at the entrance of the church, and parish office and storage space. We have begun meetings with members of our outreach ministries and others for further input. Thank you for your prayerful support and participation in this important process for our parish.

Care of God's Creation

We continue to pray for the Care of God's Creation during this month of September. You are invited to visit the following sites—they are also available on the church website!

www.ourladycarmelvalley.org

<http://livelaudatosi.org/>

<http://catholicclimatemovement.global/world-day-of-prayer/>

<http://tinyurl.com/yczomwdm>

(this links to a Catholic Relief Services page on caring for creation)

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayers-to-care-for-creation.cfm>

If you are especially interested in environmental issues, please speak with me. I would like to have a group of individuals offer leadership for our care of God's creation as a parish. Fr. Dennis

Fence Replacement — Update

The Finance Council has not given up on our new fence. It has been more difficult than expected. We are requesting bids from other contractors and hope to be able to move forward on the project as soon as possible. We will let you know when we have more information. Thank you for your patience.

Hurricane Harvey and Irma Assistance

There will be a **2nd Collection next Sunday** to support the recovery efforts of Catholic Charities and provide pastoral and rebuilding support for the disaster victims.



2nd Collection—This Sat. and Sun., Sept. 16-17

Seminarians and Continuing Ed. of Priests

Offertory Report 9/3/17 and 9/10/17

For 9/3: Plate \$3,248; Grounds & Maintenance (2nd collection) \$1,296; Hope's Pantry \$143; Facility Rental \$700; Other \$356; Total \$5,743

For 9/10: Plate \$2,803; Grounds & Maintenance \$220; Hope's Pantry \$116; Other \$195; Total \$3,334

Mass Intentions Sept. 16-22, 2017



Sat., 4:30 pm	+Pilar Paredes +Ramon Selis
Sun., 9:00 am	Why Catholic? Communities
Sun., 11:15 am	Victims of the Hurricanes and Earthquake
Sun., 5:00 pm	Victimas de los Huracanes y Terremoto
Wed., 7:00 am	Victims of the Hurricanes and Earthquake
Thu., 7:00 am	Families of the Parish
Fri., 7:00 am	Sick and Homebound

NOTICIAS ESPECIALES

Misa en Español - Cada domingo a las 5:00 pm.

Bautismos, Bodas, Quinceañeras - Favor de hablar con P. Dennis.

Confesiones - Cada sábado, 3:30 pm y por cita.

Músicos - Si toca guitarra u otro instrumento, favor de participar en nuestro coro. Los ensayos son a las 4:15 pm antes de la Misa Dominical.

¿POR QUE SER CATOLICO?

Empezando en octubre, participar en el proceso especial para profundizar y vivir la alegría de nuestra fe Católica que se llama *¿Por Qué Ser Católico?* Para participar en una de las pequeñas comunidades de *¿Por Qué Ser Católico?* favor de hablar con Alondra Klemek: 831-277-1294.



JUNTA DE LOS PADRES Y NIÑOS DE LAS CLASES DE LA PRIMERA COMUNION:

Empezamos nuestras clases de Primera Comunión con los niños y sus padres el domingo, 1 de octubre a las 10:15 am (después de la Misa de 9 am) para los niños en su segundo año y a las 4:00 pm para los niños en su primera año. Si tiene preguntas, favor de llamar al Padre Dennis en la oficina parroquial (831-659-2224).

Youth Corner (Matthew 18:21-35)

FORGIVENESS. It's essential to our identity as People of God. **Our God is compassionate and forgiving.** Jesus tells Peter that we have to forgive someone who sins against us not seven, but seventy times seven times. This means: THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE FORGIVENESS REQUIRED OF US!

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9 am & 11:15 am
Spanish Mass: Sunday at 5 pm
Weekday Masses:
Wednesday through Friday 7 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday through Friday
9 am – 12 pm; 2 – 4 pm

Ministries / Contacts

Pastoral Council:	Jeff Hawkins, Chair, Patrick Dowd, Vice Chair, Lori Jakubowski, Secretary, Tess Arthur, Alondra Klemek, Adele Margolis, DeDe Woodhead,
Finance Council:	Joe Hertlein, Chair, Rafael Maldonado, Vice Chair, John Finn, Secretary, Diane Douglas, Pat Ryan, Steve Zalan
Faith Formation:	First Communion Year 1: Lorena Cabrera and Esther Valdez First Communion Year 2: Christian Haun and Patricia Merrifield Confirmation: Teresa Brunson, Christina Haupt, Lori Jakubowski RCIA / Becoming Catholic: John Condon
Hope's Pantry:	Lydia Newton • Wednesday 10 am–12 noon
Hope's Boutique:	Deborah Kimes • Wednesday 10 am–12 noon
Manna Ministry:	Joni Zabala • joni@thegrid.net
Music Ministry:	Larry Carolan (4:30 pm & 9 am Mass) Louis Lebherz, Director, Barney Hulse, Piano (11:15 am Mass)
Lectors:	DeDe Woodhead
Ministers of the Eucharist:	Lorraine Ring
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Parish Registration Form / Update Status

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