

Christi simus, non nostri. + We belong to Christ, not ourselves.



September 13, 2020—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

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Office: M-Th 9AM-12PM; 12:30-2PM

Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM

Saturday: 5 PM

Wednesday Mass: 9 AM

Anointing of the Sick: By Appt.

Confession: Friday 4:00—5:00 PM

Rosary begins 30 min.
before all Masses

ALL PARISH EVENTS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

*The church may be opened upon request
during office hours for those wishing to
pray inside.*

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Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM

Confession: Sunday 7:30 -7:45AM

Anointing of the Sick: by Appt.

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DUE TO COVID19 RESTRICTIONS, ALL MASSES ARE BY RESERVATION ONLY AND WILL BE HELD ON THE ST. COLUMBAN CAMPUS

MISSION STATEMENT - WE ARE A CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY THAT SEEKS TO PLACE GOD FIRST, TO KNOW HIM, AND TO GROW IN HOLINESS TOGETHER. WE STRIVE TO LIVE THE GOSPEL THROUGH THE EUCHARIST, IN OUR TEACHING AND WAY OF LIFE.

For emergency assistance contact Society of St. Vincent de Paul: 360-458-1904. Please leave your name, number, and details of your need.

SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

WELCOME! Please contact the office to register as a parishioner, for questions about any announcement, how to prepare for a sacrament, schedule a funeral or Mass Intention or to update your contact information.

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Mass Intentions

Pray for all those affected by Covid-19 and for first responders and caregivers.

In Our Prayers

Loving God, we join with others of your people here asking you to hold in Your hands Mona Guffey, Joseph Waters, Oneida Blagg, Jess and Jessica Nash, Dawn Bauer, Jodi Smith, Don Troyer, and Jackie Gonzales and all those in harm's way.

Rest in Peace: Janice Cameron

Financial Stewardship

St. Columban St. Peter

Weekly Goal	\$5,762	\$712
August 30	\$2,686	\$428

From a discourse by Saint Andrew of Crete, Bishop

The old has passed away: all things are made new

*The fulfillment of the law is Christ himself, who does not so much lead us away from the letter as lift us up to its spirit. For the law's consummation was this, that the very lawgiver accomplished his work and changed letter into spirit, summing everything up in himself and, though subject to the law, living by grace. He subordinated the law, yet harmoniously united grace with it, not confusing the distinctive characteristics of the one with the other, but effecting the transition in a way most fitting for God. He changed whatever was burdensome, servile and oppressive to what is light and liberating, so that we should be enslaved no longer *under the elemental spirits of the world*, as the Apostle says, nor held fast as bondservants under the letter of the law.*

This is the highest, all-embracing benefit that Christ has bestowed on us. This is the revelation of the mystery; this is the emptying out of the divine nature, the union of God and man, and the deification of the manhood that was assumed. This radiant and manifest coming of God to men most certainly needed a joyful prelude to introduce the great gift of salvation to us. The present festival, the birth of the Mother of God, is the prelude, while the final act is the fore-ordained union of the Word with flesh. Today the Virgin is born, tended and formed and prepared for her role as Mother of God, who is the universal King of the ages.

Justly, then, do we celebrate this mystery since it signifies for us a double grace. We are led toward the truth, and we are led away from our condition of slavery to the letter of the law. How can this be? Darkness yields before the coming of the light, and grace exchanges legalism for freedom. But midway between the two stands today's mystery, at the frontier where types and symbols give way to reality, and the old is replaced by the new. Therefore, let all creation sing and dance and unite to make worthy contribution to the celebration of this day. Let there be one common festival for saints in heaven and men on earth. Let everything, mundane things and those above, join in festive celebration. Today this created world is raised to the dignity of a holy place for him who made all things. The creature is newly prepared to be a divine dwelling place for the Creator.

The Feast Day of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is September 8

Pax et bonum
Fr. Dean

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For daily Mass readings and Event Calendar please see our Monthly Insert, found in the narthex and on our website.

Faith Formation

All Faith Formation classes begin Sunday October 4th!



ALL students must pre-register this year.

Please contact Katie Hennigan for more information.

katie@saintcolumbanyelm.org

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R.C.I.A.

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or no someone who is?



Classes start October 6th!

Please contact Katie Hennigan at the parish office for more information.

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

If you are interested in baptizing your child and would like more information, please contact Katie Hennigan in the Parish Office.

Bonus Bulletin Content!

To save on printing, some extra bulletin content will now be exclusively found in the online edition of our bulletin, which is also emailed weekly to parishioners.

Sign up at

flocknote.com/saintcolumbanyelm or visit our website saintcolumbanyelm.org

All Masses will resume with modifications, see below for details

MASS RESERVATIONS

In accordance with the Governor's instructions and guidance from the Archdiocese, public Mass at our parish has resumed. Attendance will be limited to 70 people and reservations must be made in advance.

To make a reservation, please contact the Parish Office.

360-458-3031 ext. 5

Mon-Thurs from 9AM-2PM

Reservations end every Thursday at 2PM and please note that leaving a voicemail does not confirm your reservation.

Weekend Mass:

Vigil 5PM
Sunday 8AM
10:30AM

Weekday Mass

Wednesdays at 9AM.

**This will also be by reservation only and reservations end Tuesdays at 2PM.*

Confession

Fridays 4-5PM
Sundays from 7:30—7:45AM

Important Things to Remember

- ◆ Masks will be required and only persons from within the same household will be seated together.
- ◆ Please arrive at least 20 minutes early for Mass. You will be checked in by a Greeter and then seated by an Usher.
- ◆ We recommend you bring your own missal with you for the readings as they will not be provided.

Knights of Columbus

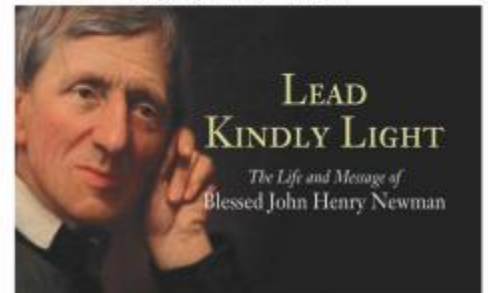
No events until further notice.



Women's Club

Coffee Hour and all other events suspended until further notice.

FORMED
PICK OF THE WEEK



Lead Kindly Light

An influential teacher, a distinguished theologian, a man who endured many trials, a father of souls—Blessed John Henry Newman (1801 - 1890) remains as fresh and relevant today as he was during his lifetime. In this engaging film, Fr. Nicholas Schofield and Fr. Marcus Holden, hosts of several other Ignatius films, present the inspiring story of Newman's life and visit the places in England where he lived and worked.

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Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you to all who returned your pledges. The Catholic Appeal Campaign supports over 60 ministries and services in the Archdiocese. Once our goal is reached, every dollar and every prayer will be returned to the parish and mission for our special projects. *Please do not send blank envelopes as it delays the process.*

Goal for St. Columban: \$29, 466

Total Pledged as of August 23, 2020
\$25,268 85% of Goal

Goal for St. Peter: \$4, 651

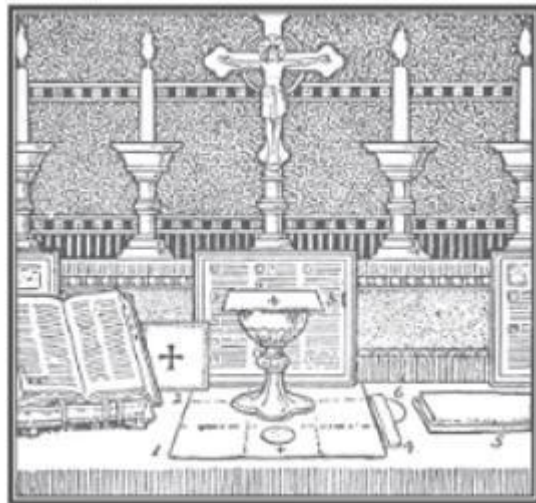
Total Pledged as of August 23, 2020
\$6,229 133% of Goal

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CURIOUS ABOUT CATHOLICISM?

- ◆ Are you interested in becoming Catholic?
- ◆ Do you have questions about what Catholics believe and how Catholics practice their faith?
- ◆ Are you, or someone you know, not Catholic but would like to learn more about the teachings of the Catholic faith?
- ◆ Are you a Catholic adult seeking the Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and/or Confirmation) because you did not receive them when you were younger?

We invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith.



Starting October 6th at 6:30PM in Room 103 of the Religious Education Building, we will begin weekly inquiry sessions to share with you the truths of the Catholic faith and the fellowship of our Church family.

We invite you to learn what Catholics believe in an open and welcoming environment.

Inquiry sessions are opportunities for you to ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Catholic Church. Come join us for one or all of the sessions!

**Please contact Katie in the Faith Formation Office more information
360-458-3031x3 katie@saintcolumbanyelm.org**

If you want to be forgiven...

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the story of a king whose servant owed him a lot of money. The king was going to punish the servant, but when the man knelt down and begged for mercy, the king forgave him. Then that same man went and punished a servant who owed him money. When the king found out about this he was very angry.



SORRY, I RIPPED YOUR BOOK A BIT.



In this story Jesus is telling us that if we want God to forgive us our sins then we have to forgive the people who have hurt us.

Has anyone ever done something mean to you? How do you feel when that happens? Do you feel loving toward that person? Jesus tells us that we must forgive those people, even when they really hurt us, because we want God to forgive us too. Every time we sin we offend God, and He will still forgive us if we are sorry. If we want God to forgive us, then it's only fair for us to forgive others.



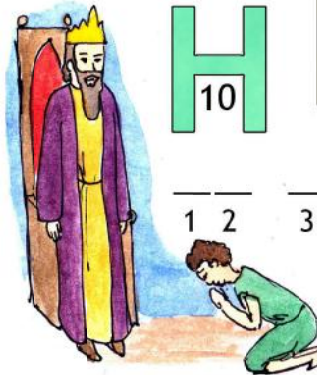
Answer to Word Find: Saint Helen
He forgave him.
Answer to puzzle on front:

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The Kids' Bulletin

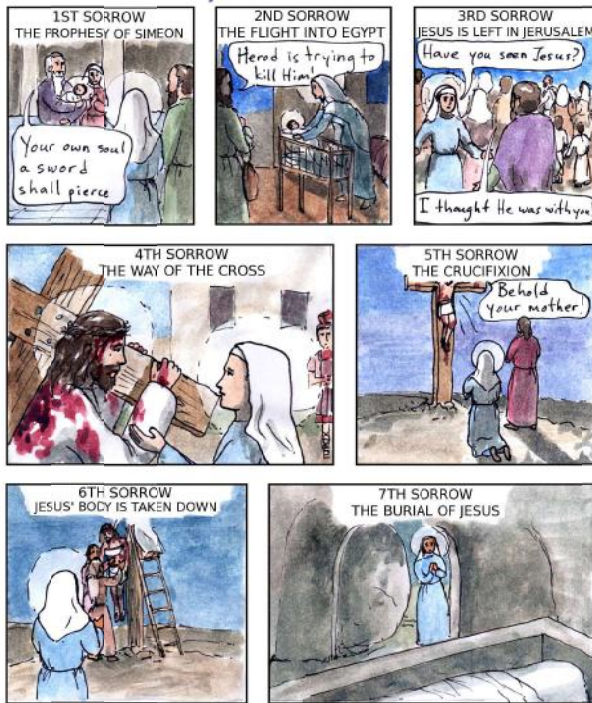
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What did the king in today's parable do to the servant who owed him much but asked for forgiveness?
Use the numbers to sort the letters and find out!



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
10 11 12

Our Lady of Sorrows September 15



WHEN YOU REALLY LOVE SOMEONE YOU WILL FEEL SAD WHEN THEY ARE HURT. OUR LADY LOVED JESUS MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE EVER COULD, AND SHE ALSO SUFFERED MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE. BUT SHE WAS HAPPY TO SUFFER FOR JESUS. WE SHOULD PRAY TO OUR LADY TO HELP US TO LOVE OUR LORD, EVEN IF WE HAVE TO SUFFER.

thekidsbulletin@gmail.com

Word-find: The Holy Cross

September 14th, Exaltation of the Holy Cross

H S C F A T H E R T
I C A R R Y A I S H
L R L N A D A M A R
L O V E D P L A C E
J S A V I O U R R E
E S R E V E R Y I T
S K Y H E A V Y F W
U H H E A V E N I O
S K U L L I F E C O
I F E L L E D I E D
N L E T O R T U R E
S O F F E R E D N N



This Tuesday we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Try to find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

After ADAM and EVE sinned, the world needed a SAVIOUR who would free us from the punishment we deserved in HELL. JESUS, Who was the Son of God, LOVED us so much that He OFFERED His LIFE to God the FATHER as a SACRIFICE for our SINS.

When the time came for Jesus to die, the HEAVY WOODEN cross was placed on His shoulders. He was forced to CARRY it to the top of the HILL. EVERY step was TORTURE. He FELL several times, and met His holy mother MARY along the way.

Finally He came to CALVARY, also called the PLACE of the SKULL. The soldiers nailed Him to the CROSS and lifted it up. The SKY became dark as Jesus hung there for THREE hours. Finally He DIED. His soul went to God and He opened the gates of HEAVEN.

Who found Jesus' cross after it had been buried for 300 years? _____



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

- **LEARN** about those living in poverty.
- **ACT** and spread the word about poverty by sharing this flier.
- **CONNECT** with the work of CCHD by supporting the collection.
- **PRAY** for those who benefit from this collection.

Pregnant women and struggling families with young children require assistance with their material and spiritual needs, regardless of their background. For low-income Hispanic women, this is especially true, because linguistic and cultural differences pose unique challenges for pregnancy volunteers and pastoral ministers.

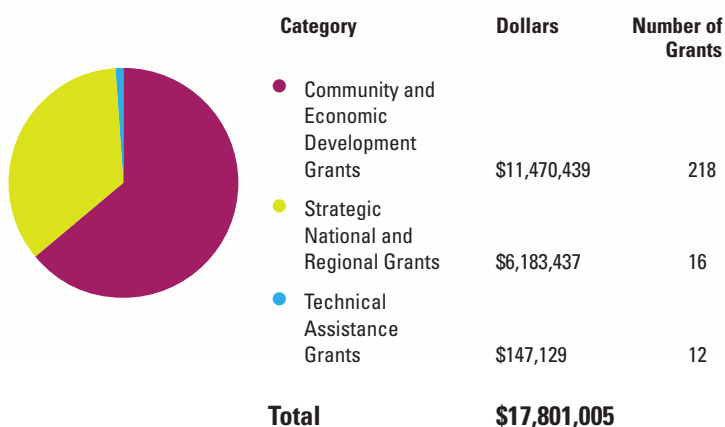
In the Dioceses of Yakima and Spokane in central and eastern Washington, for example, your generosity to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development helps a group called PREPARES en español to minister to large and vibrant Hispanic communities. By training Spanish-speaking and bilingual volunteers and coordinators, and through developing Spanish-language materials, PREPARES en español offers support groups, family companions, and parent/child learning and playgroups that

not only assist vulnerable families but do so in a context of respect for the unique cultural needs of Hispanic families. With your contributions, Spanish-speaking families are strengthened and nourished at the parish level in these dioceses.

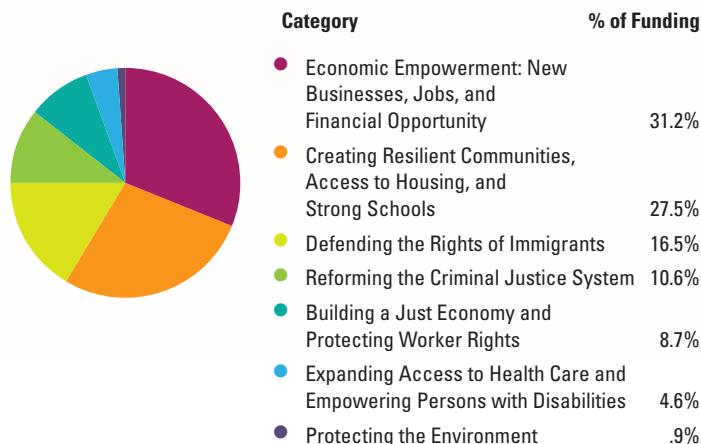
To learn more about the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) allocates funds to community projects that promote the mission and vision of CCHD while adhering to the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church. Please visit www.usccb.org/cchd to view funding criteria and see a detailed list of our most recent grants and annual report.

2018-2019 GRANTS



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CAMPAÑA CATÓLICA PARA EL DESARROLLO HUMANO TRABAJANDO DESDE LA PERIFERIA

- **APRENDAN** acerca de aquellos que viven en la pobreza.
- **ACTÚEN** y diseminan información sobre la pobreza compartiendo este folleto.
- **CONÉCTENSE** con la labor de CCHD brindando su apoyo a la colecta.
- **OREN** por los beneficiarios de esta colecta.

Las mujeres embarazadas y las familias con niños pequeños que luchan por salir adelante requieren asistencia para sus necesidades materiales y espirituales, independientemente de su procedencia. Esto es muy real para las mujeres hispanas de bajos recursos ya que las diferencias lingüísticas y culturales les plantean dificultades singulares a los voluntarios y ministros pastorales que trabajan con embarazadas.

En las Diócesis de Yakima y de Spokane en la zona centro y este de Washington, por ejemplo, su generosidad hacia la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano ayuda a un grupo llamado PREPARES en español, que realiza su ministerio en esas grandes y entusiastas comunidades hispanas. Al capacitar a voluntarios y a coordinadores que hablan español o son bilingües, y a través de la creación de materiales en español, PREPARES en español ofrece grupos de apoyo, acompañantes para las familias y aprendizaje y grupos de juegos para padres e hijos que no

solo ayudan a las familias vulnerables sino que lo hacen dentro de un contexto de respeto por las singulares necesidades culturales de las familias hispanas. Con sus contribuciones, las familias hispanas se fortalecen y se nutren a nivel parroquial en esas diócesis.

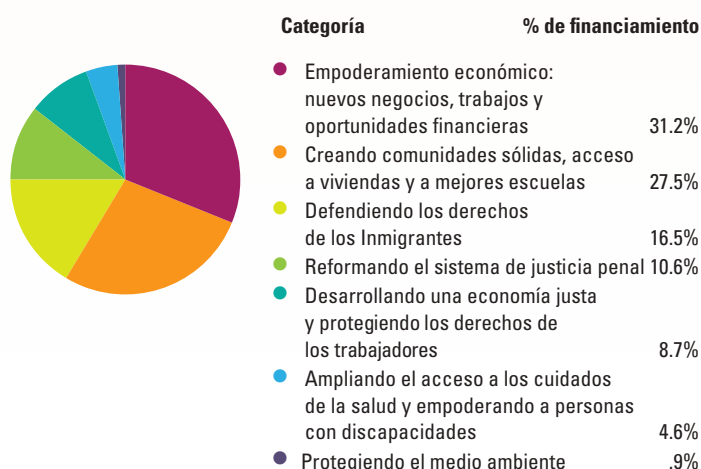
Para informarse más acerca de esta colecta para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano, visiten www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

La Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano (CCHD) asigna fondos a proyectos comunitarios que promueven la misión y la visión de CCHD a la vez que se adhiere a las enseñanzas morales y sociales de la Iglesia Católica. Por favor, visiten www.usccb.org/cchd para ver los criterios para la adjudicación de fondos y ver una lista detallada de nuestras más recientes donaciones y nuestro informe anual.

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The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPT 13, 2020

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.

—JN 13:34

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The Catholic University of America Collection

The Catholic University of America, located in Washington, D.C., is the national university of the Catholic Church. Founded in 1887, CUA offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere that is grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition. The Collection for The Catholic University of America underwrites scholarships to assist financially deserving students in completing their education at CUA in over 50 disciplines.

The collection for Catholic University is taken up in most parishes on the first or second weekend in September. Please visit CUA's [website](#) for more information.

Today is National Grandparents Day!

We invite you to use this blessing when your family gathers together:

BLESSING OF GRANDPARENTS

This blessing may be used at special family visits (such as holidays), at the beginning or end of a visit, or at another appropriate time. If possible, the oldest grandchild might serve as the leader.

When the grandparents, parents, and children have gathered, all make the sign of the cross.

Leader: Blessed be God, who is faithful through all generations.

R/. Blessed be God forever.

The leader introduces the blessing in these or similar words:

Grandparents are cherished members of our family. They bring gifts of wisdom, experience, and love and share with us their life of faith. We thank God for their example and ask that he bless them with happiness and good health.



Then the Scripture is read:

Listen to the words of Psalm 128:
Happy are you who fear the Lord,
who walk in his ways!
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;
happy shall you be, and favored.
Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
in the recesses of your home;
Your children like olive plants
around your table.
Behold, thus is the man blessed
who fears the Lord.
The Lord bless you from Zion:
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.
May you see your children's children.
Peace be upon Israel!

*(The family Bible may be used for an
alternate reading, such as Ezekiel 37:24b-27.)*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
R/. Thanks be to God.

**After a time of silence, all join in prayers of
intercession and in the Lord's Prayer. Then
the leader prays:**

Lord God almighty,
bless our grandparents with long life,
happiness, and health.
May they remain constant in your love
and be living signs of your presence
to their children and grandchildren.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen
All make the sign of the cross as the leader
concludes:
May God bless us and keep us
all the days of our lives.
R/. Amen

—from *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*



Saint Cyprian of Carthage

DATES: 200–258

FEAST DAY: SEPTEMBER 16

One of the first great theologians in the church, this Latin father is remembered today for his writings, which are quoted in the documents of the Second Vatican Council. A late convert, Thascius Cecilianus Cyprianus was a lawyer, rhetorician and teacher before being chosen by the people and clergy of Carthage, in North Africa, as their bishop. He was drawn into papal controversies and schisms, but he also was known for pastoral zeal and aiding plague victims. Having survived one Roman persecution, he later was beheaded for refusing to participate in state religious ceremonies. He wrote biblical commentary and treatises on church unity and the sacraments. Cyprian is the patron saint of North Africa and Algeria.



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SAINT OF THE WEEK



CALLED TO SERVE *as* CHRIST

A campaign for our
PRIESTS, SISTERS & FAMILY OF FAITH

The need

The Archdiocese of Seattle has a canonical responsibility to provide **senior priests** with a pension and medical benefits. The present pay-as-you-go model for the priest pension and medical plans was sustainable when there was a large number of active priests paying into the plan, and a relatively small number receiving benefits.

Now, with relatively fewer priests in active ministry, compared to retired, the burdensome “pay as you go” model is no longer sustainable. As a result, parishes are paying more and more into the plans through increased billings and the Annual Catholic Appeal each year.



Following a successful campaign, the Archdiocese will eliminate the Annual Catholic Appeal's portion of funds designated to priest pension and senior priest medical expenses. Further, the Archdiocese plans to significantly reduce parish billings for the priest pension plan and eliminate the annual increases. Utilizing the income from investments to pay priest benefits puts the Archdiocese on more stable financial footing in addition to saving parishes approximately \$2.5 million a year in billings and assessments.

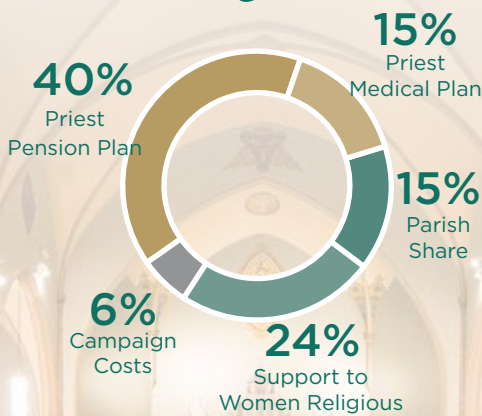
The campaign will also raise funds for **women religious**, who have played a crucial role in the history of our Church's mission in Western Washington. From schools to hospitals, from ministry to the poor to ministry in parishes, from retreat centers to social justice and advocacy, the positive impact and reach of their work cannot be overstated. Because they have answered the call to serve as Christ, and because for decades they served with almost no compensation, the campaign will recognize, acknowledge and thank them for their sacrifice and service.



As part of the campaign, 15 percent of the funds raised by **each parish** will be returned for their local needs. Those individual needs will be identified by each parish. Funds raised could be used to reduce parish debt, complete capital improvement projects, grow parish endowments, or other purposes.



The goals



"The *Called to Serve* as Christ campaign is an expression of our deep gratitude to those who have gone before us, especially our bishops, priests, and religious sisters, for the tireless ways they have lived out their vocations for the Lord and for us."

J. PETER SARTAIN
ARCHBISHOP OF SEATTLE

SUPPORT FOR OUR PRIESTS | \$55 MILLION

The Archdiocese of Seattle is blessed to have such dedicated and loving priests. As leaders of our faith family, these men have kept our Archdiocese vibrant and spiritual throughout their years of committed service. **Because they have answered a call to serve us, as Christ, it leaves us with a clear moral obligation. We must ensure the most basic needs of our past, present and future priests are met.**

We will accomplish this by:

- Improving and bolstering the Priest Pension Plan: \$40 million
- Strengthening the Senior Priest Medical Plan: \$15 million

SUPPORT FOR OUR WOMEN RELIGIOUS | \$24 MILLION

The Archdiocese of Seattle celebrates a rich history supported by women religious in numerous capacities. From schools to hospitals, stretching from Vancouver to the Canadian border, the positive impact and reach of their work is undeniable.

Sisters who have and will serve in the Archdiocese need and deserve an adequate and dignified retirement. With the assistance of women religious leaders serving in our Archdiocese, we have identified a strategy to address their needs through this campaign.

Aiding the sisters' pension and healthcare needs will allow them to continue their ministries, sharing God's love and presence with others.

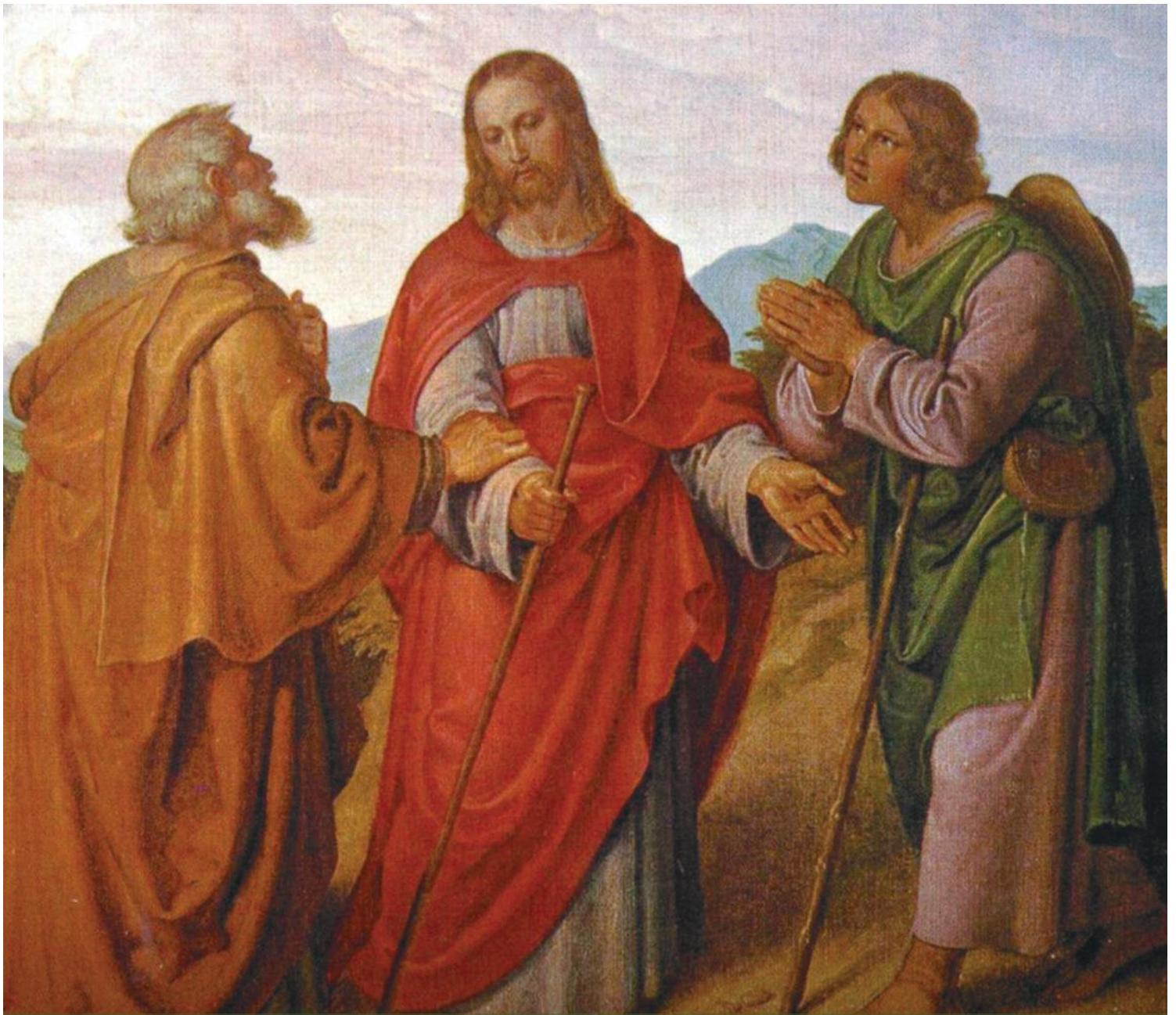
SUPPORT FOR PARISHES | \$15 MILLION

Our parishes are the cornerstones and gathering places for our faith community. To follow the example of Jesus, we must support our parishes for them to serve parishioners in their daily lives. We plan to do that by getting directly involved in every community throughout our Archdiocese.

The difference

The Archdiocese has initiated a \$100 million campaign to provide long-term funding for retirement and medical needs of priests and women religious, as well as support of individual parishes. A successful campaign will allow the Archdiocese to:

- ✓ **Establish a stronger position** to provide a consistent, appropriate retirement for priests by moving from a pay-as-you-go system to a fully-funded model for priest pension and medical plans.
- ✓ **Increase the ability of women religious** orders to care for their senior members while continuing their ministry to God's people.
- ✓ **Give parishes more resources** for their local ministries, services, works and programs.
- ✓ **Lead by example** in prayer, action, and generosity.
- ✓ **Reinforce a dynamic faith** for the next generation of Catholics in Western Washington.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

- SUN 9/13** Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/
Mt 18:21-35
- MON 9/14** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/
Jn 3:13-17
- TUE 9/15** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20
[17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- WED 9/16** 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35
- THR 9/17** 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50
- FRI 9/18** 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3
- SAT 9/19** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15
- SUN 9/20** Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/
Mt 20:1-16a

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

- Sunday:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day
- Monday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Tuesday:** Our Lady of Sorrows
- Wednesday:** Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
- Thursday:** St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

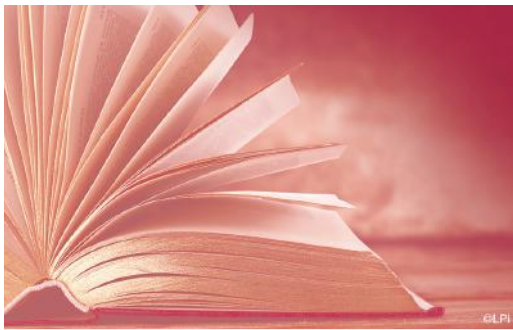
Deciding to travel the challenging road of forgiveness is choosing a journey toward greater freedom. Resentment, anger, and clinging to past hurts not only keep open wounds that long for healing but bring us down paths that are eventually self-destructive. Harboring grudges and withholding forgiveness not only shut down relationships with others, but with God and myself as well. To choose to forgive another person, regardless of how grave the wrong, is a choice to be released from bondage to past wounds and scars and to pursue the gift of life and love again. Who among us has not wrong or sinned against another? We certainly would want God to understand, forgive, and show mercy upon us. It is hypocritical of us to not extend that same grace to our neighbor.



*Speak,
for your
servant is
listening.*

— 1 SM 3:10 —

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray, your own sins
will be forgiven. (Sir 28:2)



PSALM

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger,
and rich in compassion. (Ps 103)



SECOND READING

For if we live, we live for the Lord,
and if we die, we die for the Lord;
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.
(Rom 14:8)



GOSPEL

Peter approached Jesus and asked him,
"Lord, if my brother sins against me,
how often must I forgive?
As many as seven times?"
Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but
seventy-seven times." (Mt 18:21-22)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is hypocritical to want one thing for ourselves and something else for another. Yet, many act in precisely this way.

Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free.

For the one who wants to be forgiven and the one who needs offer forgiveness, the journey can be an adventure in learning what brought us to this place and what is needed to move forward. This is exactly how God treats us. Why would we not want to do the same for others?

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Life is not always easy on us and it can be hard to figure out the next step to take in our journey. We can even become immobilized by indecisiveness and fear about making the wrong move or choosing the incorrect path. I think of the song, *Should I Stay, or Should I Go*, as a mantra for many times in my life. Should I stay in this house, this job, or this car? Should I go here or there? When those times of decision surface, I usually turn to my wife, my friends, or even my children. Talking it out can help, and their perspectives give me more data to consider. When I lean on others to help me make a decision, it helps me become more confident in my choices.

Discerning the will of God is not easy either. Rarely do we understand God's calling clearly at first. God's calling is always more easily discerned within a community of faithful disciples. Our stewardship way of life can suffer greatly if we refuse to allow others to assist us in the process of discernment. What gifts or talents are needed for the task at hand? Where do I fit best into God's plan? Where is God leading me? No one should have to decide the answers to these questions alone. We need to always lean on the Body of Christ to help us see the path that God has laid before us. Without a little help along the journey, over time we might find ourselves stuck in the same place where we started.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Cremation and The Church

Question:

Can Catholics be cremated?

Answer:

As the practice of cremation becomes more and more common, it's important to know what the Church asks of families who have chosen this for a loved one who has died.

As the US Bishops observe on their website, "Ideally, if a family chooses cremation, the cremation would take place some time after the Funeral Mass, so that there can be an opportunity for the Vigil for the Deceased in the presence of the body." However, if cremation takes place before the Funeral Mass, the cremated remains can be present at the Funeral Mass and the appendix to the *Order of Christian Funerals* provides adaptations for the texts and rituals that are part of the Funeral Mass and the Committal.

The primary concern is that the cremated remains should be treated with the same respect given to any human remains. The *Order of Christian Funerals* instructs, "This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, and the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains on the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires" (no. 417).

It is becoming more and more common for parishes or diocese-sponsored cemeteries to include columbaria to house cremated remains in a way that respects Church teaching, allowing family and friends the opportunity to honor the remains of the one they have lost with dignity, reverence, and care.

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– Mt 18:21-22

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

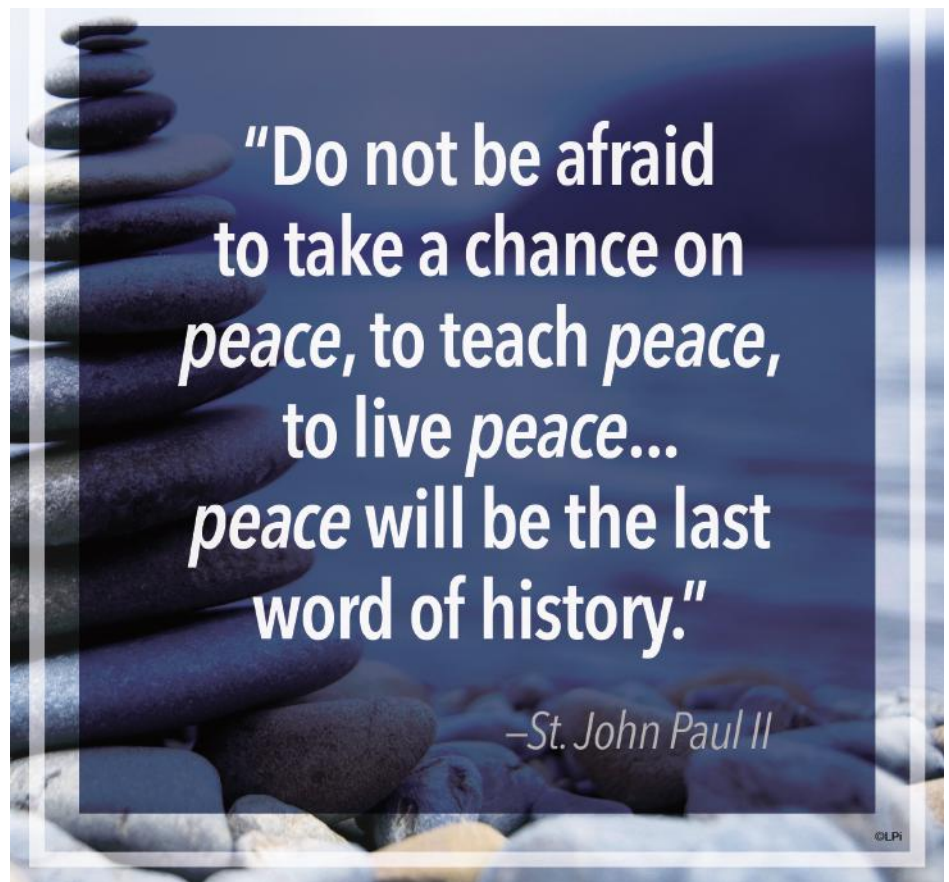
The Jewish sage Sirach warns of the dangers of wrath, anger, and vengeance, urging rather forgiveness and pardon. How do you see this as the recipe for peace of mind?

Second Reading

Paul urges Christians in Rome to “live and die for Christ.” How do you make Christ the ultimate concern in life?

Gospel Reading

The parable of the unforgiving servant teaches us that forgiveness ought to be reciprocal. What does this tell us about divine justice?



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

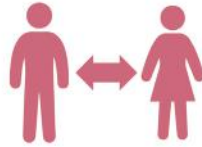


LITURGICAL LIFE

3 EASY STEPS

To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



Wash Your Hands

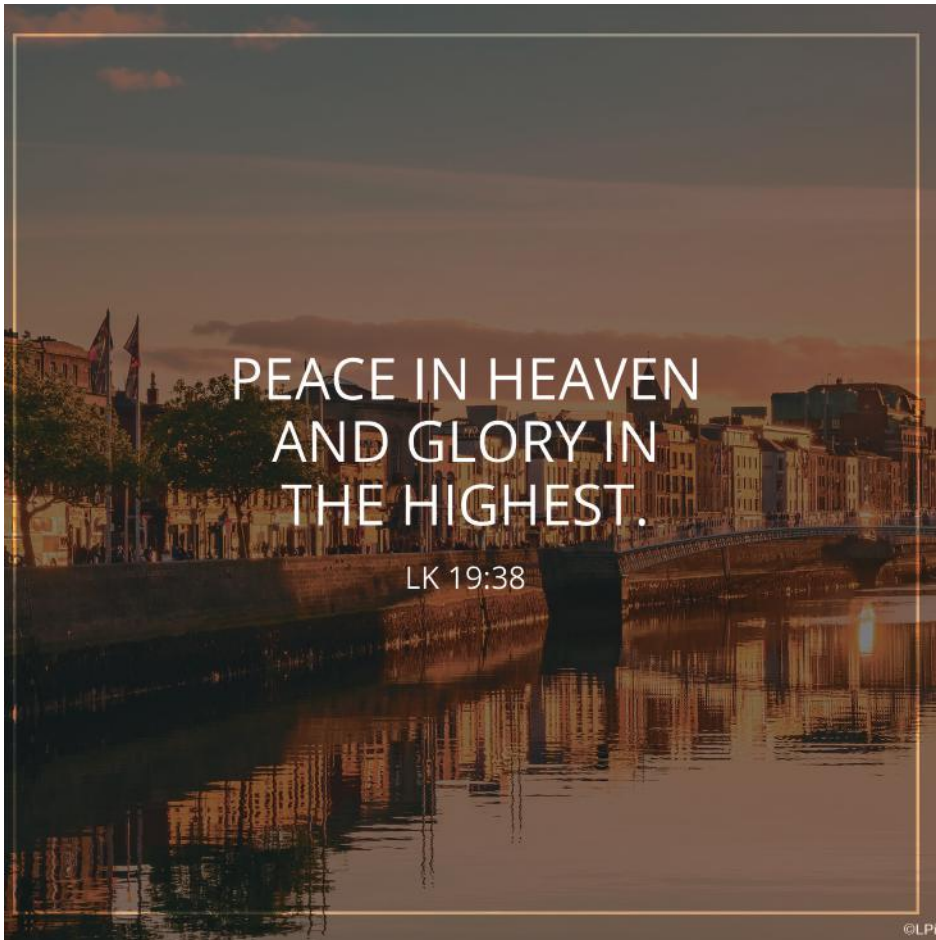
Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.

Don't Touch Your Face

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

Keep Your Distance

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.



“Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?” Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.”

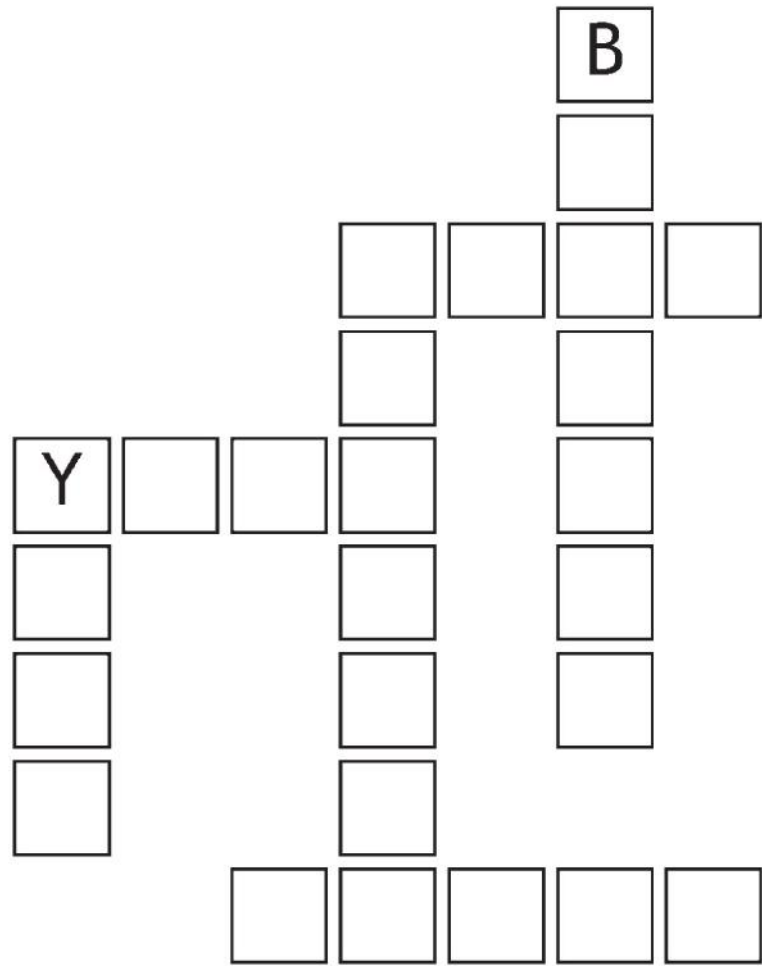
- Mt 18:33-35

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KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:
Forgive your brother from your heart.



SHARING THE GOSPEL

Jesus says to forgive each other seventy times seven or 490 times. That's forgiving once each day for more than a year. Put 490 jelly beans in a gallon "Forgiveness Jug." Each time you forgive someone, eat a jelly bean. When you realize that God has forgiven you, it is easier to forgive others from your heart. God fills you with his love, which is even better than jelly beans. Then you can forgive without holding a grudge.

PRAYER

Lord, help me forgive other people completely and quickly.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will forgive those who hurt me because God has forgiven me.



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