

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again. Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?" Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As Saint Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord. Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:9).

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

Second Reading — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

Gospel — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6;
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

MASSES FOR THE WEEK - MISAS DE LA SEMANA

Saturday

4:30pm: Maria Cabral+, Bernardino Matos+, Phil, Matthew and Nicole Cruz+

6:30pm/Spanish: Adolfo Trujillo+

Sunday

8:00am: Alicia Andes+, Walter Pfyl+, Margaret McEnerney+

10:00am: Tony Mello+, Matthew V. Buckman+, Lydia Lapena+, Evelyn Nalus+

11:30am: Adolfo Trujillo+

9:00am/(M): All Souls+

9:00am/(T): All Souls+

9:00am/(W): Margaret McEnerney+

9:00am/(Thurs): All Souls+

9:00am/(F): All Souls+

THIS WEEK WE WILL REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Dennis Phillips, Nick Neuburger, The Louella Cruz Family, The Rocio Trujillo Family, The Cristologo Family, Maria Spannum, Jose Garcia, Fred Denier.

Save these Dates!!!!

St. Christopher's Church Grandmas Guild and our Youth Group invites you to Join us for the **Blessing of the Animals, Friday, October 6,** from 5:30-7:00pm On the church plaza. Bring your pets for a blessing; all Shapes, sizes, and Species welcome! All animals must be on a leash or in a carrier. Bags for waste clean-up and water will be provided. Each family will receive a certificate of blessing.

St. Christopher's Youth Group and Grandmas Guild would also like to invite all the children of the parish to join us for the **Saints Alive Event** that will be held on **Friday, November 3rd in the church Plaza From 6-7:30pm.** Meet our Saints in costume and hear their story! Who's that Saint Bingo Game, crafts and earn a bag of candy with a filled Saint Bingo Card! We need adult volunteers to be saints and help with the events for the evening. We can help create your saint costume and saint story. Look for an upcoming "I want to be a Saint" Meeting to be scheduled soon. We also need donations of candy for this special evening. Please drop off any candy to the parish office as soon as possible. Contact Rhonda, 209-471-2631 or Eva 209-814-1106 to offer your help or with any questions.

Status on Parish Repairs:

We are currently collecting the Diocesan required minimum number of bids for the roof repairs. Due to the heavy damage done to both industrial, commercial and residential buildings last winter, there has been a very limited pool of contractors available to take on a project the size and scope at St. Christopher's. We currently have contacted and met with 6 different contractors regarding the repair of the stained glass and the exterior protective glass that were damaged during the act of vandalism. We have received one estimate thus far. The small glass window at the entry of the front of the church was replaced by Galt Glass, the cost of this project \$237.00.

Lastly, due to the recent vandalism, we met with (EFX) Home Theaters & Security to get an estimate for security cameras. The estimate will be for 8 cameras, 16 channels which will provide the flexibility for the church to install more cameras as needed up to 16 if needed. The church office personnel will have visibility on their computer as well as all designated mobile devices.

Estimate was reviewed by the Pastoral Council with Father Miguel and has been approved for installation. The total cost of installation \$3444.41.

Installation of the cameras associated hardware, and related software is expected to begin the next couple of weeks.

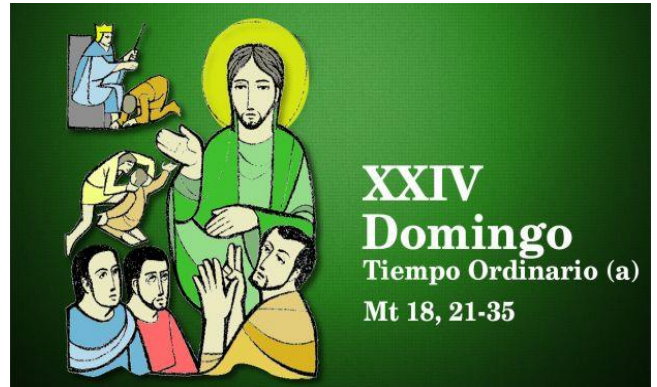
We ask for your continued patience as we are aggressively pursuing getting these projects completed as soon as possible. May God continue to bless our parish.

-Father Miguel and Parish Council

LET US WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Sister Socorro Pineda Rojas. Sister will share her mission with us at all weekend masses. Please look on the back page of this bulletin for more information.

The Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation is celebrated each Thursday from 4:30PM-6PM.



LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — No podemos fomentar el rencor y esperar que se nos perdonen nuestros pecados (Sirácide 27:30 — 28:7).

Salmo — El Señor es bondadoso y misericordioso, lento a la ira y rico en compasión (Salmo 103(102)).

Segunda lectura — Ya sea que vivamos o muramos, lo hacemos en Cristo (Romanos 14:7-9).

Evangelio — Jesús dice que debemos perdonar no sólo siete veces sino setenta veces siete veces (Mateo 18:21-35).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Tim 2:1-8; Sal 28 (27):2, 7-9; Lc 7:1-10

Martes: 1 Tim 3:1-13; Sal 101 (100):1b-3ab, 5-6; Lc 7:11-17

Miércoles: 1 Tim 3:14-16; Sal 111 (110):1-6; Lc 7:31-35

Jueves: Ef 4:1-7, 11-13; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Viernes: 1 Tim 6:2c-12; Sal 49 (48):6-10, 17-20; Lc 8:1-3

Sábado: 1 Tim 6:13-16; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Lc 8:4-15

Domingo: Is 55:6-9; Sal 145 (144):2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Fil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

PERDONA A OTROS

Hay muchos tipos de limosnas que nos ayudan a obtener el perdón de nuestros pecados; pero ninguna es superior a cuando perdonamos de corazón un pecado que se ha hecho contra nosotros.—San Agustín