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FORGIVE



“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.”

MATTHEW 18:21-22

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

PRAY & WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday Masses

Vigil Mass (Saturday) | 4:30pm
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am
& 12:00pm

Daily Mass

Monday thru Saturday | 8:30am

Confession

Saturday | 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Other | By Appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday | 9:00am - 12:00pm
Saturday | 3:00 pm- 4:00pm

Daily Devotions

9:00am after Mass

Mon - Sat | Holy Rosary
Mon | Holy Spirit
Tues | Saint Joseph
Wed | Mother of Perpetual Help
Thur | St. Therese of Lisieux
Fri | Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat | Our Lady of Assumption

SACRAMENTS

**Confirmation, First Reconciliation,
First Communion, and RCIA classes
begin this month**

**24th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger,
and rich in compassion - Psalm 103:8

SUNDAY GOSPEL Reflection

The Essence of Forgiveness

Forgiveness is central to the readings for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A. Both readings convey that forgiveness is not merely a personal virtue but a spiritual principle deeply intertwined with our relationship with God. It's depicted as a path towards healing and grace, rather than a sign of weakness or concession. As we forgive others, we reflect God's infinite mercy and open ourselves to His healing love.

The readings highlight the reciprocal nature of forgiveness: our willingness to forgive others is connected to the forgiveness we receive from God. In Sirach, we are urged to forgive others if we wish to be forgiven by the Lord. Similarly, in Matthew's Gospel, the king's forgiveness of the servant's debt is conditioned on the servant's willingness to forgive others. This theme calls on us as Catholics to recognize forgiveness as a two-way street, a mutual exchange that reflects our understanding of God's mercy.

The readings collectively summon us to embrace forgiveness as a way of life. Whether it's overcoming anger and vengeance as in Sirach or learning from the parable's harsh lesson about the consequences of withholding mercy, the message is clear: we must be as merciful as God is. For Catholics, this is not just a moral guideline but a profound spiritual calling to live our lives in a way that mirrors the very nature of God. This embodiment of forgiveness fosters compassion, empathy, and a deeper connection with our divine Creator.

- Reflect on a time when anger or vengeance controlled your actions. How did this affect your relationship with others and with God? How can you work to overcome these emotions in the future
- How do you practice empathy and compassion in your daily life? How can recognizing the innate human dignity in others help you to be more forgiving and understanding?
- How do you relate to Jesus' call for unlimited mercy? How can you strive to reflect God's boundless forgiveness in your daily interactions?

(Source: young-catholics.com/2920)

THANK YOU

SUNDAY Collection September 10, 2023 **\$5,948.00**
Priest Retirement Fund **\$1,880.00**

Sign up for **ON-LINE GIVING** through **VANCO**.



MASS Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:30am Kennard Dorff+

Karina & Jose Torres (Health in Marriage)

4:30pm Ramiel Tapales+

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:00am Fr. Claudio Barbo+

Delilah (Healing)

10:00am Eleanor Poggetto+

12:00pm Leticia Canelo (Healing)

Herminio Flores+

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:30am Carl & Ann Haack+

Hortencia Carmona+

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:30am Leticia Canelo Family (Healing)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:30am Catalina Miller (Birthday)

Leonora & Felipe Ambrosio+

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:30am Romulo Reynosa+

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:30am Fr. Jose Castro (Health)

Mark Cruzada (Birthday)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:30am Diego Rocha+

Karina & Jose Torres (Health in Marriage)

4:30pm Simon & Teresa Nisperos+

Please Pray for Healing

Julie Richardson, John Schauflere, and
Margaret Palia

In Loving Memory

Jerry Accardo

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS REQUESTS

Let your Assumption Community offer prayers for your special intentions for a family member, a friend, a deceased love one or a special occasion. Email info@assumptionsanleandro.org or visit the Rectory Office. Forms are available at the back of the Church.

UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS

Join the Adult Choir

September 16/23

Love to sing? All voices welcomed! Join the Adult Choir led by Music Director Bill Vaughan. Getting together in a group to sing provides endless joy. It's real communion with others.

Practice begins at 4:00pm. Adult choir will sing during the Saturday evening vigil mass at 4:30pm. We welcome the choir back after taking the summer off.

Cursillo Weekend

Women's Weekend Sept. 21-24

There is still space available for the Women's Weekend. Give yourself the gift of a Cursillo and light your heart on fire! Making a Cursillo is a great way to deepen your relationship with Christ. Got questions - Contact Jennie 875.9170 - jennie@designsrc.com or reach out to someone who has been on a Cursillo 3 Day Weekend. to learn more: Kelly H., Lisa, Karen, Jacqui, Ines, Greta, Michelle, Faye, Alma, Kelli J, Kerri, Betty, Andrea, Cathy, Katherine, Maria, or Marisila.

Registration for Faith Formation

(Kindergarten - Adults)

Deadline to register is September 23

Registration for Faith Formation programs is still open! We offer programs for Elementary, Middle School, High School and Adults. Sign up now.

Brown Bag Outreach

Spreading Love and Warmth: Through Handwritten Cards

This month, we will be reaching out to the shut-ins and elderly members of our community through heartfelt handwritten cards. We will offer them up for a blessing on **September 24** during the offertory at all weekend masses. Be sure to drop off your cards into basket in the history room.

Into the Breach - September 23

All men are invited to attend Into the Breach Retreat next Saturday. This in-person session on "Why Men Must Stand Up for Life" is sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 8217 and will be held from 8:00am until noon. The morning will start at 8:00am with Check in & coffee reception followed by 8:30 Mass. Continental Breakfast will be served after 9 and the "Into the Breach" Video in the Small Hall followed by discussion and group reflections. The morning will conclude with Closing prayers and Blessings. All men are welcome.

Assumption University for Seniors

Fall Semester Starts September 27 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Join the Assumption University Fun, Fellowship Lunch, and Learn Series Discover new interests, engage in lively discussions, and form lasting connections! Prepare to expand your horizons, nourish your spirit, and enjoy the delightful company of fellow parishioners who are 55 & Older. Classes will be held in the rectory.

So, twice a month, there are going to be different presenters, talking about many unusual subjects. One class might be someone from the historical society making a presentation. Or, it could be fitness, jazz music, chair yoga, line dancing lessons, photo workshop, art, and much more. Contact Mary for info.

Annual School Fall Festival

Weekend of September 29-October 1

Fall Festival is coming and we can't do it without the support from all of you. Donations are needed. Thank you!

Please leave donations at the school front office BY 9/22

- New or Gently Used Toys for Prize Booth
- Glasses and Mugs for the Glass Booth
- 2L Soda Bottles for the Ring Toss Booth
- Wine bottles for the 21+ festival zone
- Cases of juices, sparkling water, sodas
- Boxes of individual chip or snack bags
- Costco and Safeway Gift cards
- Baked goods will be accepted the weekend of the festival

Join Girl Scout Troop 31171

Open House October 2nd

Would you be interested in learning more about Girl Scouts? Join Troop 31171 as we host an Open House October 2nd at 6:30pm in the Small Hall where you can learn from our local service unit leaders. Fun activities for future Girl Scouts. (K-12)

Register for Faith Formation Classes

We offer programs for Elementary, Middle School, High School and Adults.

Elementary School

Kindergarten thru Fifth Grade.

Our programs combine religious education, participation in weekly liturgies, faith families, and preparation for sacraments. Sessions begin on **Sunday, September 24** at 11:15am (after 10am Family Mass) at the Ministry Center.

Assumption Youth Social Action Team

AYSAT is an excellent group of our Assumption Community middle & freshman high schoolers (Grades 6-9). Join us **September 24** at 11:15 at Youth Ministry

Confirmation Preparation for Teens

While teens in our community attend various high school, Assumptions Confirmation program provides a place for them to come together and to learn, to share, and to build a faith community. Register now. Classes begin Sunday **October 1** at the rectory

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

RCIA Sessions begin Monday **October 2** at the rectory

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Ministry Through Sports: Fun and Faith Together

Special shout out to Michah, Ben, Jenn, Michael, Anthony, Jon, Jennifer, Lauren, Chad, Tina, Lana, Father John, and Father Julius for such a fun CYO afternoon. Go Trojans!



Join CYO & Assumption D
ib for an introduction to CY
ches & Volunteers, as well
rmation for this years sport
events!



- Food
- Games



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