

September 7, 2008

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday



EZEKIEL HAS ADVICE on how to warn the wicked to change their ways. This is a touchy subject these days. We're not supposed to judge others.

Are we supposed to avoid making honest judgments? Can we steer between being wise and being judgmental? On any topic, including whether someone is too aware of others' sins (or is not aware enough), we are looking for sound judgment. We cannot avoid living out our values together. With every choice we make, we impact others. How we interact at school or work or home matters. How we correct our children matters. If we don't correct our children, that matters.

In the body of Christ, we are faced with two very down-to-earth realizations: We are far from perfect. We are interconnected.

Jesus offers a simple and sobering way to live with these two facts. Have a problem? Go in private, go in humility, and talk to the one you find at fault. There is no audience to play to there. There is no chance for two against one. Create a place for real pain to be expressed, for real fault to be named. The place may be just large enough to express the problem but small enough to work on it without making it worse.

If that doesn't work? Jesus pushes us to bring the problem to a wider, more objective, yet still-small place for help; if the person causing the trouble will not listen, take one or two others with you. If the person still won't listen, the whole Church is going to feel the effects. Is the problem that big? The whole community *is* involved.

This method of steps is not designed to escalate the problem. It is meant to push us to deeper levels of help. It is no accident that the passage ends with the strongest advice: If two or three ask God for help, they can expect results. They can expect the presence of Christ among them.

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Today's Readings

Ez 33:7-9

Rom 13:8-10

Mt 18:15-20

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MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses are held at the Church on Bethel Road unless otherwise noted

Saturday 6:00 PM ♦ Confessions Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM (English) ♦ 12:30 PM (Spanish)

Holy Days 7:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Daily Mass 8:45 AM

WELCOME NEW FAMILIES AND VISITORS

Please complete a registration card at the Welcome Table in the church foyer and return it at your earliest convenience. Thank You!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	September 6	6:00 PM	Our Community	<i>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Sunday	September 7	8:00 AM	Kevin McKenna, RIP	<i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		10:45 AM	Our Youth	<i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
		12:30 PM	La Comunidad	<i>23° Domingo Ordinario</i>
Monday	September 8	8:45 AM	Communion Service	<i>Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Tuesday	September 9	8:45 AM	Communion Service	<i>Memorial of St. Peter Claver, priest</i>
Wednesday	September 10	8:45 AM	Communion Service	<i>Weekday</i>
Thursday	September 11	8:45 AM	Communion Service	<i>Weekday</i>
Friday	September 12	8:45 AM	Communion Service	<i>Memorial of the Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Saturday	September 13	6:00 PM	Helen Hendrix, RIP	<i>Memorial of St. John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor of the Church</i>
Sunday	September 14	8:00 AM	Winnie Jones, RIP	<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>
		10:45 AM	Our Community	<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>
		12:30 PM	La Comunidad	<i>La Exaltación de la Cruz Santa</i>

Marriage – six months notice required – please see Fr. Casey. Aviso para el Matrimonio – seis meses es necesaria

Baptism Instruction—English (1st Thursday of each month); Spanish (1st Monday of each month)

Quinceañera – three month notice required – girl must be attending CCD and Mass regularly – please see Fr. Casey

Prayer Chain Coordinators—Ann Allen (817-594-8637) Bette Binzer (817-599-0454) LaVerne Cardwell (817-594-3805)

Weekly Visitation of the Sick & Shut-Ins. Contact the church office to be on the schedule.

Census Information—Please notify the church office if you are new to our Parish, have a change of address or phone number, or move to another Parish.

Bulletin Notices are to be written or typed and in the office at least one week prior to event – notices may be e-mailed – deadline for bulletin is Noon on Tuesday – your cooperation is greatly appreciated – Thank You!

REGULAR COLLECTION

**August 30 & 31
\$11,652.00**

SECOND COLLECTION

**September 6 & 7
Property Purchase**

*Flowers for the Altar this Weekend
Are A Gift From
Eudoro & Gloria Meza
In Memory of
Son, David Meza & Mom, Francisco Rivera*



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Do you know the power of prayer within a group? Join with others to pray for an increase of vocations to ordained ministry and the consecrated life.
(Matthew 18: 15-20)

23° Domingo Ordinario
Si en la tierra dos de ustedes unen sus voces para pedir cualquier cosa, estén seguros que mi Padre en los cielos se la dará. Oren para que haya más vocaciones al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa.
(Mateo 18: 15-20)

WELCOME TO ALL, INCLUDING VISITORS AND NEW PARISHIONERS.

Please join us this Sunday between Masses for breakfast in the parish hall, provided by the Altar Society.

SECOND COLLECTION at all Masses this weekend is for the Property Purchase.

LAS CLASES DE EDUCACION RELIGIOSA EN ESPAÑOL comenzaran el **Domingo, Septiembre 14**. Cualquier pregunta, por favor contacte a Jeanette Houle a doschicas@att.net o llame al 817 613-8008.

MONTSERRAT LADIES RETREAT SEPTEMBER 11-14: Come away and pray on the shores of beautiful Lake Lewisville in a women's retreat. Call Helen Taaffe at 817-594-6697 or Carole Malugani at 817-594-4252 to register, or call Montserrat directly at 940-321-6020 to register by phone. It is also possible to register online at www.montserratretreat.org anytime day or night.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

A Catholic Dialogue on Immigration: September 8, 6:30 to 9:30 PM, St. Andrew Parish Hall, 3717 Stadium Dr., Fort Worth, TX. A diocesan forum focusing on the issues of immigration and migration, understanding Catholic Social Teaching, Gospel Foundation and papal teaching. Sponsored by the St. Andrews Peace & Justice Task Force. Please register by calling St. Andrews at 817-927-5383. *(Childcare is available. For reservations call 817-924-6581 at least 48 hours in advance).*

The Annual Memorial Mass For Children Who Have Died Before Baptism. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for Children who Died Before Baptism will be celebrated at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 509 West Magnolia, East of Hemphill, in Fort Worth on **Saturday, October 11, 2008**. Mass will begin at 12:00 Noon and will be followed by a reception in the church hall. A light lunch will be served. The Mass and reception are being sponsored by Mother & Unborn Baby Care of North Texas, and Catholics United for Life of North Texas. The intention of the Mass is to help the healing process for parents who have lost children through miscarriage, still birth or abortion. Close relatives and friends of these parents are also invited to attend. Individual flowers will be provided for parents to place at the Virgin Mary's altar during Prayers of the Faithful in memory of their children, should they wish to do so. Reservations are requested, but not required, to allow us to provide for the flowers and lunches. For more information and reservations call 817-738-1086, mail to 3704 Myrtle Springs Road, Fort Worth, TX 76116, or e-mail mubcare@charter.net. **Reservations should be received no later than Wednesday, October 8, 2008.**

The Vocation Office extends an invitation for all men and women ages 18-50 to attend the monthly discernment process on **Monday, September 8**, at St. Patrick Cathedral, 6 to 9 PM—meal provided.



Heavenly Father, life is Your gift to me. Through Baptism, You invite me to share the gift of my life in service to others. Be with me as I choose each day to sow Your presence in our world. Give me the courage and generosity to respond to Your love, to Your call. I pray especially for those who serve You as cloistered Carmelite Nuns. Keep them close to You. Open the minds and hearts of many young women that they may accept Your call to live a life of prayer and sacrifice for Your Church and for all Your people. Amen.

The Fall Mother-Daughter Tea will be held on **Sunday, October 19** in Arlington at **St. Vincent de Paul Parish from Noon - 4 PM**. Girls, ages 10-13, are invited to come with their mother, grandmother, or special woman in their lives. Tea and other refreshments will be served with a light lunch. The cost is \$12.50 per person. For reservations call Kathy Stojak at 817-773-8096. They will be accepted on a first call basis as space is limited. If you would like to help with this event or need more information you may also call Kathy at 817/773-8096.

Diocesan Singles: Singles Mass followed by reception and DJ dance, **Saturday, September 27**, 7 PM St. Bartholomew; 3601 Altamesa Blvd., Fort Worth, TX; Theology of the Body Singles Conference, **Saturday, September 20**, 8:30 AM-3 PM, St. Francis of Assisi Church in Grapevine, to register contact info@tobet.org. For Diocesan Singles Contacts www.fwdioc.org or Mike Wuller, 817-292-9169, Diocesan Singles Council Coordinator, at fwdscmw@earthlink.net.

TEEN CORNER

Youth Group: Please join us on Wednesday evenings. **We will begin serving a full meal at 6 PM.** Hope to see you there. Any questions call Susan Ourada at 817-596-3872.

St. Stephen Youth will be holding a **T-shirt Fundraiser** the weekends of **October 5th and 12th after all Masses**. Proceeds will benefit our Youth 2000 trip in April. Any questions, please contact Jeanette Houle 817-613-8008 or doschicas@att.net.

All youth ages 13 and above are invited to participate in the **Youth Music Ministry**. Any questions contact Anthony Lucia at 940-859-1449 or Jeanette Houle at doschicas@att.net.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(All activities held at Bethel Road)

Sunday, September 7

9:15 AM Religious Education Classes (English)
9:15 AM Adult Catechism (Room 19)

Monday, September 8

7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #72
7:00 PM RCIA
7:00 PM Citizenship Classes
7:00 PM Instrucción del Bautismo Española

Copia de Nacimiento Certificada Requirió

Tuesday, September 9

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (Rm. 1 & 2)
7:15 PM Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, September 10

11:30 PM The Lunch Bunch (Mesquite Pit on Ft. Worth Hwy.)
6:00 PM Youth Group
6:30 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, September 11

10:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10:00 AM Quilting Group (Pro Shop)
7:00 PM Grief Group
7:00 PM Grupo de Oracion

Friday, September 12

7:30 PM Rosary to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, September 13

7:00 PM Cursillistas Ultreya (Spanish)

Dear Padre

Monday September 8



The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1–4a or Rom 8:28–30
Mt 1:1–16, 18–23 or 1:18–23

Tuesday September 9



Saint Peter Claver, priest

1 Cor 6:1–11
Lk 6:12–19

Wednesday September 10



Weekday

1 Cor 7:25–31
Lk 6:20–26

Thursday September 11



Weekday

1 Cor 8:1b–7, 11–13
Lk 6:27–38

Friday September 12



Weekday

1 Cor 9:16–19, 22b–27
Lk 6:39–42

Saturday September 13



Saint John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor of the Church

1 Cor 10:14–22
Lk 6:43–49

Sunday September 14



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b–9
Phil 2:6–11
Jn 3:13–17

Who cares for caregivers?



I'm a caretaker for my elderly aunt, and I hardly have a minute to spare for prayer or anything else. I feel so isolated.

Jeannine

Dear Jeannine,

First, let me compliment you on the service and care you give your aunt. Visiting and caring for the sick are corporal works of mercy, so I suggest you make the time you spend with your aunt a prayer. People with dementia are often able to participate in the rosary, so consider praying the rosary with her. She will also find it very soothing if you pray the rosary aloud yourself or simply repeat the Jesus Prayer (“Lord, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me”).

Read aloud a Scripture passage in which Jesus cares for the sick. For example, reflect on the woman with a hemorrhage (Mark 5:22–43). Think how just as the woman touched Jesus, you touch Jesus as you touch your aunt.



Isolation is a terrible thing. It is important for you to be connected. If your parish has a parish nurse, call him or her and ask what resources are available. If your parish doesn't have a nurse, call the diocese. Two practical things they could offer you would be respite care, in which someone takes your place with your aunt so you can get away for a while, or a caregiver-support group, in which you could sit down and talk with people in your situation.

The most important thing, Jeannine, is to remember the good you are doing and to try and stay connected to others, to your parish, and God.

Patrick Keyes, C.Ss.R.

