

# Holy Rosary Catholic Church

## Labor Day Prayer

Bless, O God, all those who labor.  
Whether they are compensated by paycheck or pride, let them know their true worth in your eyes.  
May all workers be gifted with a send of service to the common good, and graced with the satisfaction of a job well done.  
Thank you for those whose work provides protection, comfort, healing and relief from suffering and stress.  
May all of our labors be for your goodness and glory,  
O God.  
Amen.



September 6, 2020  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed. ©LPi

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23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Theme: FRATERNAL CORRECTION

**O**ur Sunday Catholic Encyclopedia defines fraternal correction as “the practice of correcting the faults of another for the purpose of promoting the growth in charity and love of God in the other.” You will realize that fraternal correction has no malice and aims only at increasing holiness and love of the person being corrected.

All three readings for this 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday have fraternal correction as the main theme. In the Gospel reading of St. Matthew, Jesus Christ gives us four steps on how to use fraternal correction to mend a broken relationship in a Christian community. The first step is for the individual to speak directly but privately to the individual who has done him/her wrong. You notice that Jesus did not say, “You must put up with it, endure it.” No, please! He says you must rightly address it in a fraternal way. But if the first approach fails, Jesus wants you to invite one person or two to address the issue. This person or persons must be wise, impartial, compassionate, and nonjudgmental. The goal here is not put the offender on a trial but to persuade the offender to see his/her wrong so that you both can reconcile and live as Christians.

Jesus states that if these two steps fail, please do not give up on the offender. Jesus recommends that you to seek assistance from the Christian community (Church). This means respected family members, respected parishioners, or God-fearing persons in your community. The focus here, again, is on restoring a broken relationship by seeking the help of other Christians who will pray and seek a solution based on Christian love and wisdom and not on a lawsuit.

Finally, if all these steps fail, Jesus says to treat the offender as you would treat a Gentile or a tax collector, meaning to treat the offender as a social outcast. You have exhausted all fraternal correctional steps/approaches. Now put it in God’s hands and move on with your life.

All the steps that Jesus recommends for us are based on the Christian love St. Paul talks about in the second reading. If we truly love our neighbor, we would never harm them in any way. You will always wish him or her well. It is unconditional love that Jesus Christ preached, taught, and died for.

It is Christian love that impels us to be responsible for one another. It is our Christian duty to challenge the evils in our community and to always promote social justice with Christian love.

Like prophet Ezekiel, we are also God’s watchmen/watchwomen. During the time of Ezekiel, the watchmen were stationed on the wall of the city to inform the soldiers of any enemies that tried to enter the city. If the watchman fails to inform the soldiers and the civilians, the watchman is killed for his inability to keep watch. But if the watchman informed the soldiers and the civilians and they did not take action, the life of the watchman is spared.

By the virtue of our baptism, we share in Christ’s prophetic role. We are watchmen/watchwomen. It’s the responsibility of every parent to bring his/her children in our Catholic faith. If you fail to do so as a parent, then remember, like Ezekiel, God will demand their blood from you. But if you do your best and they refused your parental guidance, God will not hold you responsible, they must answer to God. This applies to teachers, pastors, leaders in our community. It is our Christian duty to stand out for the children, poor, needy, elderly people, people with disabilities, and all the voiceless in our community. If we fail to do so, God will one day demand their blood from us.

I personally think the political unrest we are experiencing in our country and around the world is due to the fact that parents, teachers, pastors, politicians, law enforcement over the years failed to be responsible leaders. When parents fail to be parents, pastors, teachers, politicians, law enforcement failed to challenge the evils in society, their actions will give birth to children who do not value the dignity of human life, have no reverence for God, and they are unpatriotic. It is time for us all of us, I mean parents, teachers, clergy, law enforcement, politicians, etc. to be serious with our leadership role. If not, again, God will one day demand the blood of these innocents from us.

On Monday, September 7, we commemorate Labor Day. We salute workers whose sacrifices made this country a great Country. We pray for a decent wages and good working conditions for all workers. We continue to pray for those looking for employment and God’s blessing on those on retirement. God bless workers!

### **Thank You**

A big thank you to Dennis Cortes and Michael Ashley for helping Fr. Ed fix the Vocation Promotion Sign board at the entrance of the Church.

Also, a big thank you goes to Laurie Adams for trimming and mulching the flowers beds at the entrance of the church. Great job Laurie!

### **Meetings:**

Sept. 14: Liturgy Committee meeting (1 p.m. in the Parish Center)



**Last Week's Collection**

Envelopes: \$1,160.00

Loose: \$130.00

Roof Replacement Fund:

\$3,590.00

Attendance: 8/29: 42 – 8/30: 49

**Attendance**

*We will continue to post our attendance numbers and offertory collection numbers each week. Our attendance at mass has been very low. We encourage you to join us if you feel safe doing so. Please note that we are having the church professionally sanitized after the Saturday evening mass each week and we are following all of the guidelines set forth for safety by the diocese*

**RCIA is Starting at Holy Rosary!**

If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, please contact the parish office at 304-472-3414 to leave your name or your friend's name and contact information. RCIA sessions will begin in September!

**A Crosslines Thank You**

Crosslines is truly grateful for the assistance you have provided for our Back Pack Program and for our neighbors in general: backpacks, diapers, veggies, school supplies! Thank you, Father Ed for helping distribute backpacks on those hot days last week. Your help was greatly appreciated. Now for an update on what is happening. School begins on September 8 and we do not yet know what effect that will have on the virus spread. We are watching closely and will keep you updated. We are hoping to begin serving lunches on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in the last week of September. We do not know if we will be able to serve lunch at Crosslines or whether it will simply be bag lunch to-go. We are also encouraging Holy Rosary Diaper Bank to wait until the last week in September for their fall opening.

In the meantime, we are in need of cleaning supplies...liquid cleaners like Ajax or Fabuloso, Brillo-like pads, powders like Dutch Cleanser, liquid dish detergent, powdered laundry detergent, toilet bowl cleaners made with peroxide. We are not able to accept bleach.

We are now beginning to prepare for our Thanksgiving basket program. In it we give our families a turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, regular potatoes, corn and green beans, canned fruit or pumpkin pie filling. Please give what you can for this popular basket. Our neighbors depend on it. Just put your donation in the boxes located at the entrance to the church or in the hall. We are grateful for the numerous ways that Holy Rosary Parish supports Crosslines. Thank you again!

**September Celebrations!**

Do you have a birthday or special celebration in your family for September? Celebrate with your parish family! Just drop a note in the collection basket or give it to Fr. Ed. Congratulations to all who celebrate in September.

Shirley Lundell	Sept. 4
Dennis Willett	Sept. 5
Maddie Williams	Sept. 5
Roger Lundell	Sept. 7
Ann Stalnaker	Sept. 15
Donna Broslawsky	Sept. 20
Chloe McCartney	Sept. 20
Tucker McCartney	Sept. 20
Jordan Shaver	Sept. 23
Meghan Williams	Sept. 24



Pam Wilson - Sept. 28
Barbara Elmore - Sept. 29
Jerome Post - Sept. 30

**SoulCore Resumes**

SoulCore will be held outside on the side lawn of Holy Rosary Catholic Church on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Bring a mat and light hand weights! If it is raining, class will not be held.

**Greeter's Schedule**

Sat. 9/5 – TBA

Sun. 9/6 – TBA

Sat. 9/12 – TBA

Sun. 9/13 - TBA

**Lector's Schedule**

9/5: Sr. Francesca

9/6: Lori Post

9/12: Skip Gjolberg

9/13: Joe Broslawsky

**Please pray for our homebound**

Gene & Mary Stump, Denna Bayless, Anna Stalnaker, Ron Frye, Rocena Asbury, John Sneberger, Lorraine McLean, James McCartney, Nancy Beverlin, Shirley Linger, Rosie Ketterman, Shirley Helmick, William McLean, Anna Powell, Barbara Elmore, Gerry Stankus.

**HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS VISITS**

If any homebound parishioner would like Fr. Ed to visit and bring Holy Communion to him/her, please call the parish office (304) 472 3414 or Fr. Ed's cell phone (609) 510-1090. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, Fr. Ed will wear a face mask, face shield and gloves when visiting a homebound parishioner. In case you would not like a visit but would just like to talk on the phone, please do not hesitate to reach out to Fr. Ed.

**Please remember in your prayers**

Bertha Small, Kate Deasy, Rosemary Austin, Phil Halligan, Randy Trent, Macyah Riley, Karen Trent, Jack Call, Joe Morton, Matthew Linger, David Vincent, Seth Poling, Cathy Lipscomb, Hugh Hensil, Barbara Elmore, Freddy Caimotto, James Barton, Mike Cerullo, Darell Hyre, Diane Hyre, Freda Cawthon, Vicki Dibble, Eric Harkness, Pat Daigneault, Duane Lohr, Jeff Ball, Linda Hicks, Jane Baxter, Shaelyn Posey, P.T. Garton, Jalen Welcome, Ron Byrd, Helena Bessinger, Dennis Cortens, Kay Sienkiewicz, Danny Morgan, Patty Griffith, Gene Zara. Please pray for men and women in the military.

**Eucharistic Liturgies****Saturday, Sept. 5** – 7 p.m. - Parishioners (Holy Rosary)**Sunday, Sept. 6** - 9 a.m. – +Charity Manspeaker (Holy Rosary)

Noon – For those affected by Corona Virus (Sacred Heart)

**Monday, Sept. 7** – +Charity Manspeaker**Tuesday, Sept. 8** – Ruth Fallon**Wednesday, Sept. 9** – Poor Souls in Purgatory (7 p.m. at Holy Rosary) Silent Adoration begins at 6:30 p.m.**Thursday, Sept. 10** – +Mary Kimberly Moore**Friday, Sept. 11**– Front Line Workers**Saturday, Sept. 12** – 7 p.m. Dylan Elza (Holy Rosary)**Sunday, Sept. 13**

9 a.m. – Parishioners (Holy Rosary)

## Please Help with our New Roof

Recently we asked you, our generous parishioners, for financial help for the replacement of our rectory roof at 9 Lincoln Heights. The roof that covers Fr. Ed's home is leaking and in need of new shingles. We have contracted a local roofer, who has begun the replacement and will continue this week. The total cost of the roof is approximately \$21,000 and the Finance Council has jumpstarted this project by assigning the \$6,500 realized from the recent sale of 2 Holy Rosary cars. If our parishioners can donate the remaining funds to complete this project, we can replenish the money from the general fund that will be used to pay for our roof. We know this may be difficult time for some people, but we humbly ask for any donation that you can give toward this very necessary project. Please drop your envelope marked "roofing project" in the collection basket or send it to 34 Franklin St. Thank you!

## Attention Men of the Parish

All men of the parish are invited to their new fall study series from the Knights of Columbus called *Into the Breach*. This is a 12-part video series for men. Each video is about 12-15 minutes and a study guide with questions is available by contacting Skip Gjolberg. ([sgjolberg@gmail.com](mailto:sgjolberg@gmail.com)) Each meeting will last about one

hour, and the men will have plenty of time to view the video and discuss the questions. The plan is to meet for four Saturdays, then take one Saturday off and repeat for the following lessons:

- Week 1: Masculinity September 5th
- Week 2: Brotherhood
- Week 3: Leadership
- Week 4: Fatherhood
- Week 5: break
- Week 6: Family
- Week 7: Life
- Week 8: Prayer
- Week 9: Suffering
- Week 10: break
- Week 11: Sacramentals
- Week 12: Spiritual Warfare
- Week 13: Evangelization
- Week 14: The Cornerstone
- Week 15: break



## MEN'S GROUP

The first meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 12 at 9 a.m. in Marist Hall. Please wear a mask.

Also, if anyone is interested in meeting during the week, that is an option as well. Please contact Skip for more details at 681-533-8170 or email: [sgjolberg@gmail.com](mailto:sgjolberg@gmail.com) We hope that all men prayerfully consider learning and praying with other men from our parish!

## Pray for Peace!

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