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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday Vigil
7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)
Sunday
8:00am English (organ & cantor)
9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)
11:30am English (organ & cantor)
1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

Monday - Friday
8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English
Thursday & Saturday
7:45am Vietnamese

SACRAMENTS

Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Baptism

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements.

Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

Marriage

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

Visits to the Sick

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 7
9:00 a.m. Jesus Manuel Casiano Cruz (D)

Tuesday, September 8
8:30 a.m Jose Antonio Nuñez Garcia (D)
12:00 p.m. Vicente Tan (D)

Wednesday, September 9
8:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 10
9:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 11
8:30 a.m. Jacy DePaulis (L)-cumpleaños, Maria Petronila Collado (D), Rafael Ramirez (D), Hilda Veloz & Francisco Mercedes (D)
12:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 12
7:45 a.m. Terexa Nhiem (D)
7:00 p.m. Margaret Grossenbacher (D), Rigoberto Garcia Altamirano (D), Henry Santana Medina (D), Marianita Agudo (D), Alexander Pabon, Jr. (L)

Sunday, September 13
8:00 a.m. People of SNT
9:30: a.m. Gumercinda Fortunato, Anderlis De Jesus, Melania Fortunato (D), Ramon Toledo Montero (D)
11:30 am Louie Dedvukaj (L) Honor of St. Nicholas,
1:30 pm Gioanbaotixita & Matta (D)

READINGS

First Reading:
But if you warn the wicked,
trying to turn him from his way,
and he refuses to turn from his way,
he shall die for his guilt,
but you shall save yourself. (Ez 33:9)

Psalm:
If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:
Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another;
for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. (Rom 13:8)

Gospel:
Amen, I say to you,
whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. (Mt 18:18)

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Readings for the week of September 6, 2026

Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/ Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday:	Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 18:15-20

A few summers ago, my family had a big reunion. It included my parents, my four siblings, and all their many children. One of my favorite moments was simply watching my parents' contented faces as they took in all of us together, laughing, sharing food, singing, telling stories. They loved seeing their children happily *together* with each other.

That is something like the heart of God we see in today's Gospel message about Christian reconciliation. These verses come right after Jesus' parable of the lost sheep. He is not giving the disciples a cold formula for dealing with conflict. He is revealing the Father's longing for children who love and reconcile with each other. His heart aches when his children are divided and isolated.

So when Jesus says, **"Go and tell your brother his fault,"** He is not deputizing us as morality police. He is inviting us into his mission of reconciliation. When he adds, **"If he listens to you, you have won over your brother,"** we glimpse the real goal. Not winning arguments, but reuniting a divided family.

These days, we often think religion is just between God and me. But the Father's dream is about a lively family, one in which His children forgive, gather, and rejoice together.

Lord Jesus, give me the courage to seek reconciliation where it is needed. Make my heart resemble the Father's heart, longing and working for unity among His children. Amen.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Treat Him Like a Gentile

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives instructions for ministering to those persisting in error. Here's the CliffsNotes version: If all else fails, "treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector."

In other words? Don't give up. Tell him the truth. Wash, rinse and repeat.

Technically speaking, I'm a Gentile. I've done those mail-in DNA tests, and none of my ancestors were Jewish. So whoever told my family about the God of Abraham, it wasn't Moses, and it probably wasn't Jesus himself, unless he spent some time in northwestern Europe that the Gospels fail to mention.

Nope, my ancestors were big old Gentiles living in a big old Gentile world. Lucky for me, someone evangelized them. At first, my ancestors probably didn't listen. But the evangelist, whoever he or she was, didn't give up.

I say "lucky for me" because this all means that I was born and raised Catholic. It makes it easier, I think — but it doesn't make it easy. I'm not an automaton, and I still have to accept the truth of the faith I choose to live. So do you. So do we all.

Inevitably, we falter. What then?

Who are the tax collectors? Zaccheus was one. Matthew was another. Maybe you recognize his name — he's the guy who wrote this Gospel. And who are the Gentiles? Me. You, maybe. Everyone the disciples decided not to give up on. Everyone the Church is called not to forget about, not to dismiss, and not to take for granted.

So treat them all like Gentiles, and remember that God sees the future, not just the past.

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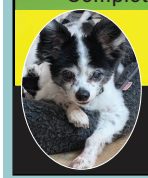

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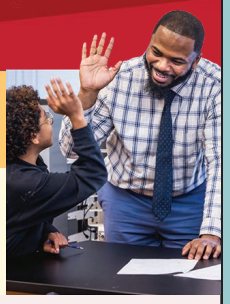

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