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The Bronx New York



SEPTEMBER| 2026

Twenty-fourth 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 13, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 14
8:30 a.m. Jorge Miguel Cabrera (D), Miguelina Estevez (D)
12:00 p.m. Mary Catanzaro, ELna Abrea, Cresus Abrea, Jane Weiss (D)

Tuesday, September 15
8:30 a.m Felix Antonio Hernandez, Maria Olinda Ramirez, Keren Hernendez, Juan Bautista Hernandez (D)
12:00 p.m. San Anthony, Cruz Negron, Angel Maldonado, Ricardo, Filomena Reyes (D)

Wednesday, September 16
8:30 a.m. Alfredo Densangre (D), Simona Parra & Andy Puig (D)
12:00 p.m. Cirilo Abrea, Elena Abrea, Cresus Abrea, Jane Weiss (D)

Thursday, September 17
8:30 a.m. Richard Negron (L) - por su salud
12:00 p.m.

Friday, September 18
8:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m. Ulises Frrancisco Aquino Sterling (D), Guarionex Polanco, Ana Maria Espinal, & Juan Polanco (D)

Saturday, September 19
7:45 a.m. Ta on
7:00 p.m. Rufino Fernandez Diaz (D), Eddie Hidalgo (D)

Sunday, September 20
8:00 a.m. People of SNT, Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Olinda Salcedo, Anastacio Montero, Fernando Hernandez (D)
9:30: a.m. Maria Eriberta Genao, Jose Benito Gonzalez, Chea Gonzalez (D), Ramon Marte, Moises Ortega, Dulce (D)
11:30 am Louie Dedvukaj (L) Honor of St. Nicholas,
1:30 pm Terexa Nhiem (D)

READINGS

First Reading:
Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. (Sir 28:2)

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

Second Reading:
None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.
For if we live, we live for the Lord,
and if we die, we die for the Lord. (Rom 14:8)

Gospel:
Peter approached Jesus and asked him,
"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." (Mt 18:21-22)

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Readings for the week of September 13, 2026

Sunday:	Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday:	1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday:	Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 18:21-35

In my parish, there was once a new employee who frequently told me she was sorry for various imperfections in her work. It could be a little tiring. I finally told her, "You know, you don't have to say 'sorry' so often." She looked me right in the eyes and said, "Father, you're right. I'm sorry." Her ear-to-ear grin betrayed that she enjoyed the irony — and that she would keep asking for forgiveness as often as she needed it.

The Gospel reading this week proclaims to us that God, in Jesus, delights in numerous requests for, and the granting of, forgiveness. To Peter's question, **"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?"** Jesus responds, **"I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."** In other words, Peter, stop counting.

Christian life should be marked by a commitment to frequent forgiveness. God never tires of forgiving us. His limitless love has overcome the power of vengeance, hatred, and division. We tap into that each and every time we ask for forgiveness or extend it to another.

How beautiful our hearts become when they become accustomed to frequent forgiveness! How joyful and attractive become our marriages, families, and parish communities! How light our souls feel when unburdened by the habit of keeping score.

Challenge: Name one thing, small or large, for which you could ask forgiveness from someone in your life. Then do it.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mercy You Can Feel

"You qualify for forgiveness," I heard the woman on the other end of the phone tell me, and I surprised myself by starting to weep.

I had called the hospital system's financial services department to set up a payment plan on a balance I owed after having some unexpected scans and tests. I was hoping to minimize the dent our family's savings took — transform one devastating wallop into a series of more easily absorbed blows, so to speak.

Imagine my surprise when I realized the hospital was pulling its punch. If you have ever had a financial debt forgiven, you know the relief that came over me in that moment.

It wasn't until a little later that the guilt set in. I know so many people who have medical debt. Why was I able to get out of paying, and they were not?

But the cold, hard truth is that I didn't "get out" of anything. My insurance, for which I pay, had given the hospital enough money to cover the true cost of the procedures. That balance would merely have increased the hospital's profit.

Make no mistake: capitalism does not forgive.

If you describe the Sacrament of Reconciliation to someone unfamiliar with theology, chances are they'll think God is a chump. "You get to go in, say you're sorry, and leave — and everything's just fine?" someone once asked me in disbelief.

Well, yeah. That's forgiveness.

Real mercy cannot be budgeted. It must be given recklessly, extravagantly, against all reason. It must cost the giver. It must scandalize any accountant worth his salt. And no one "qualifies."

If I can't wrap my head around the idea, it might mean I'm stuck in a for-profit paradigm of justice. It might just mean that I need to engage more in real mercy. Mercy I can feel.

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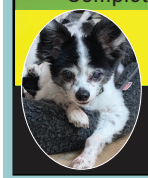

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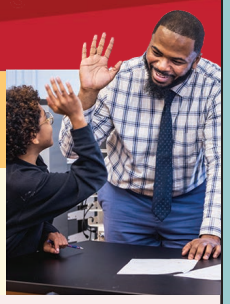

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