

**Ushers For the month of
September 2020**

- *Saturday 5:30 >> Abraham Pino*
- *Sunday 7:30 >> Alfonso Voorbach*
- *Sunday 11:00>> Gilbert Gaston*

Parish Council Members

- *Fr. Marcel Okonkwo*
- *Deacon Mariano Melendrez*
- *Diane Guilez*
- *Frank Andrade*
- *Ernest Brusuelas*
- ----- (Secretary)
- *Sonya Gilliland*
- *Gilbert Gaston*
- *Steve Chavez*

Next Parish Council Meeting
TBA Parish Library

Readers

Saturday September 5th 5:30 Mass
Reader 1 Liz Chavez
Reader 2 Steve Chavez
Sunday September 6th 7:30 Mass
Reader 1 Louis Dominguez
Reader 2 -----
Sunday September 6th 11:00 Mass
Reader 1 Ken Servais
Reader 2 Myles Gaston

When I wear a Mask in public:

- I want you to know that I am educated enough to know that I could be asymptomatic and still give you the virus.
- No, I don't "live in fear" of the virus; I just want to be part of the solution, not the problem.
- I don't feel like the "government is controlling me;" I feel like I'm being a contributing adult to society and I want to teach others the same.
- The world doesn't revolve around me. It's not all about me and my comfort.
- If we all could live with other people's consideration in mind, this whole world would be a much better place.
- Wearing a mask doesn't make me weak, scared, stupid, or even "Controlled". It makes me considerate.

Altar Servers

Saturday September 5th 5:30 Mass
Demetrius Armijo-Vigil
Josh Montle
Sunday September 6th 7:30 Mass
Angel Kowatch
Archie Coney

Sunday September 6th 11:00 Mass
Myles Gaston

Sacristans for the Month of September 2020

Saturday 5:30 Rosario Aragon
Sunday 7:30 Louise & Manny
Sunday 11:00
Ruthina

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23rd SUNDAY in Ordinary Time >> September 6th 2020

Mission Santo Niño de Atocha, Three Rivers

Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 10:00 – 12:00 AM & 1:00-3:00 PM (Closed Friday)

Office Closures TBA

St. Francis de Paula Masses:

Weekdays: 7:30 am Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

Holy Days: 7:30 am Mass and 6:00 pm Mass

Saturday: Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am,

Sunday: 11:00 am

CONFESSIONS: Fri. 4:30 - 5:30 pm

PRE-BAPTISM: - For Appt. Call- Liz and Steve Chavez 575-585-6340

BAPTISM CELEBRATION: --LAST Saturday of the month 10:00 am

MARRIAGE: -There is a (6) month preparation period.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: -> The first and third Fridays of each month.

If you have information to be posted in bulletin, put it in writing and turn it in by Wednesday morning. Or email: StFrancisdepaula@gmail.com

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**God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. (2Cor 5:19)**

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A
Mass Intentions >> 6 September 2020

Sat. Sept. 5th 5:30 pm † Priscilla Wilson & QJ Wilson
 Sun Sept. 6th 7:30 am † -----
 Sun. Sept. 6th 11:00 am † -----
 Tue. Sept. 8th 7:30 am † Micaela Garcia
 Wed. Sept. 9th 7:30 am † -----
 Th. Sept. 10th 7:30 am † -----
 Fri. Sept. 11th 7:30 am † -----
 Sat. Sept. 12th 5:30 pm † Priscilla Wilson & QJ Wilson

Let us pray for sick in our community:

Jenni(BB)	Alexander	Jesus	Lopez
Robert	Capuchin	Armado	Lopez
Helen	Guerra	Martha	Luna
Carlos	Hangarter	Ray	Manley
Anthony	Mendez	Clara	Marrujo
Natalia	Walters	Leah	Matinzo
Judy	Aguirre	Ramona	Monje
Rosa	Camarena	Ysidro S	Monje
Maria	Aragon	Cuca	Montoya
Jeff	Aragon	Luna Bella	Nevarez
Vince	Aragon	Joe	Padilla
James	Bielmaier	Jack	Palladino
Soncera	Briever	Maria Elena	Perez Lopez
Adaline	Brusuelas	Antonio	Romero
Hope	Carrion	Celina	Romero
Raleigha	Cordova	Rosie	Romero
Rosemary	Cordova	Rose	Salazar
Danny	Cordova	Irvin	Salcido
Antoinette	Diaz	Josephine	Salcido
Manny	Diaz	Albert	Silva
Chano	Flores	Rachelle	Simons
Ramona	Flores	Landon	Wright
Gloria	Gonzales	Juan	Hernandez
Margaret	Gonzales	Puala	Hernandez
Romo	Guerrero		
Frank	Herrera		
Henry			

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Sept. 5th & Sept. 6th

TEN NEW LOCKDOWN RULES FOR THE
 EFFECTIVE AND PROPER RECEPTION
 OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST:

1. Wash your heart with Christ's blood (Ps73:1)
 2. Keep a social distance from evil (Job 28:28)
 3. Avoid the crowd of wickedness & wicked men (Ps1:1)
 4. Cover your mind from being infected from the sneeze of sin & hatred (Lev19:17)
 5. Do not shake hands with abomination (Deut25:16)
 6. Do not hug heresy & false teachings (2Pet2:1)
 7. Be safe so that you will be saved (Jer17:14)
 8. Sanitize your life with the word of God (Ps1:2)
 9. In case you notice any symptoms of sin, call the helpline of Christ in PRAYER (Jer33:3)
 10. Always remember to boost your Spiritual immunity with Faith & the Power of HOLY SPIRIT (Jude:20)
- We are blessed in JESUS MIGHTY NAME AMEN.
 Rev. Marcel Okonkwo

Let us pray for our troops in military services:

Paulita Rocha
 US- Army

United In Ministry

Your participation in the Bishop's Annual Appeal — will help us live and share the Gospel for our second 35 years, and beyond. Your generous acts of giving yield an incalculable harvest of faith, hope and love. Sincerely,
 Bishop Peter Baldacchino

Financial Committee will be Selling:

Posole on Sept 12th
 Breakfast Plate on Sept 13th
 Any donations are greatly appreciated.

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OF THE YEAR, A
 Readings: Ez.337-9, Rom. 13: 8-10, Mt 18: 15-20

Theme: THE DEBT OF CHRISTIAN LOVE (the agape)

This reflection is summarized into various themes:

1. *If you do not warn the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death (First reading mandate).*

It is only in Christian Religion that true love (agape) is practised. Agape has many segments like watching your brother's back, unconditional love, forgiveness, et cetera. As Christians, we are all prophets of the Lord and so we have the duty of being sentries for our neighbours like Ezekiel (over the house of Israel). The gospel suggests a practical example of how to do this, especially for our erring brethren.

2. *Brotherly correction (Gospel mandate)*

In the preceding verses, Jesus gave the parable of the lost sheep (Mt 18:12-14) and at the end said, "Similarly, it is never the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost." He teaches us to take care of one another in the same way that the shepherd took care of the lost sheep, and rescued it from danger, and in the same way sentries watched over their people. He who neglects this duty will be answerable before God, like a sentry who did not do his job.

At the time Jesus was preaching, it was a common practice by the leaders to banish from the synagogue and even from the community those who were not obedient to the law and customs. They were considered doomed like pagans and tax collectors. Jesus, who came not to abolish but to perfect the law, did not make the radical revolution of abolishing this practice right away. He urged them to follow a more lenient and brotherly approach. Before the sinner is treated as a pagan or tax collector, there should be a sincere effort – brotherly correction – to help him change from his evil ways:

First Step: *"If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother" (v. 15).* The duty towards the wrongdoer who lives in sin is not only to forgive him but also to correct and assist him to change from his evil ways. If you only forgive but overlook the error, you will also be accountable before God. In other words, there is need to assist the wrongdoer to change and avoid spreading news of his failings and vilifying him.

Second step: *"If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge" (v. 16).* Jesus knew the custom of his people. He knew that two or three witnesses were necessary for a valid testimony. The testimony of one person was not legally taken as sufficient evidence. In this phase, the evildoer is formally but discreetly cautioned.

Third step: *"But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community" (v. 17a).* It is only after having failed to convince him in the ways described above that we could think of reporting him to the authorities of the community. The purpose is not to have him punished, humiliated, or banished, but to help him change. For this, Jesus also gives a fourth step.

Fourth step: *"If he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector" (v. 17b).* This implies that it is only when he proves incorrigible that he could be treated like a pagan or a tax collector, because brotherly correction is patient.

As already stated, pagans and tax collectors were considered damned by society. On the contrary, God waits for sinners to convert and gives them other chances (Cf. Ez. 33: 11). By treating somebody like a pagan or tax collector, Jesus is saying that as we cannot convince him and should not coerce him – the Church proposes and does not impose – we leave him in his freedom and pray for him as we would pray for the conversion of pagans and tax collectors. This shows that no one is ever excluded unless he chooses to be so. A later interpretation of this phrase seems to indicate that although Jesus' ministry was primarily for seeking out tax collectors and sinners, a time might come when leaders of the Church could apply serious sanctions. Perhaps, for this reason he ended up telling his disciples, "...whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven" (v. 18). He had earlier given supreme prerogatives on this issue to Peter (Cf. Matt. 16:19).

The debt of love is embedded in the love of God and of neighbour (Cf. Matt. 22: 37-40, Mk 12: 29-31, Lk 10:27). Therefore, everyone is called to love as Christ loved; care and concern for our brothers and sisters, and sacrificing our time energy, and life for the good of others – which is the reason we called CHRISTIANS. Jesus loves you and so do I. Rev. Marcel Okonkwo