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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 13, 2026

From the Desk of the Pastor:

Dostoevsky's novel, *Crime and Punishment*, deals with unforgiven sin. The novel is little more than the tale of a young, poor, fascist student who murders a rich, old lady so he can get her money and continue his studies. But the student, hounded by guilt, pursued by his sins, finally confesses his crimes and is punished. Eloquently, so eloquently, Dostoevsky shows us what the real world is really like, a world where sin comes due like all debts and must be paid in full as the creditor comes calling us to account. The same is true of Shakespeare's play *Macbeth*. A man is killed so Macbeth can usurp the crown, and Lady Macbeth, tormented by her part in the murderous sin, is driven to insanity. She pitifully raises her hands imagining them still to be stained with blood, and frets, "Will these hands ne'er be clean?" Can't we identify with Dostoevsky's and Shakespeare's characters? We are sinners as they were. Some of us owe a lot. Some are sin-indebted a little. But each of us, like the debtors in the Gospel text, must settle accounts with the King, God Almighty Himself. Forgiveness Is Available.

Sirach, in the first reading, reminds his listeners that if they don't heal and forgive and show mercy, they can't expect to receive much of that from God in return. It is unwise to nurse grudges and wise to forgive because our life span is very short and our eternal destiny is decided by how we forgive, how we work for reconciliation with those who wound us, and how we render humble and loving service to them. In today's Psalm, (Ps 103), the Psalmist sings, "*The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.*" In the second reading, Paul reminds us that we have to forgive others because we belong to Christ who, by his own example in forgiving those who killed Him, taught us how we must forgive in our turn. Since we humans are related to each other as brothers and sisters of Jesus, we are in the family of God, so hatred and bitterness toward anyone should have no place in our hearts. In today's Gospel, through the parable of the two debtors, Jesus teaches us that there should be no limit to our forgiveness and no conditions attached to our reconciliation. We represent the greater debtor in the parable because we commit sins every day, and hence, we need God's forgiveness every day. But we must forgive in order to be forgiven. Jesus explains, after teaching us the prayer Our Father, "*For if you forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father also will forgive you.*"

Life messages: 1) We need to forgive, forget, and be reconciled. In the light of eternity and considering the shortness of our span of life, harboring old grudges is pointless. The forgiveness that we offer others is the indispensable condition which opens our hearts to love and makes it possible for us to receive God's forgiveness and to pray meaningfully: "*Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.*" What God expects from us and offers us grace to accomplish is limitless forgiving and a willingness to overlook faults and to keep on loving even in the face of insults. 2) We may never forget the hurt we have experienced but we can with His ongoing grace, choose to forgive and pray for our offenders. As life goes on and we remember an incident that was hurtful and roused great anger in us, we need to remind ourselves that, with God's grace, we have already forgiven the one that hurt us. Time does heal memories. Forgiveness finally changes us from being prisoners of our past to being liberated and at peace with our memories. Forgiveness allows us to move beyond the pain, the resentment, and the anger. When we forgive, we make the choice that heals. We can forgive the offender by wishing him God's blessings and by offering that individual to God by simply saying, "Help so-and-so and me to mend our relationship." When we withhold forgiveness, we remain the victim. When we offer forgiveness, we are doing it also for our own well-being.

Fr. Luke



Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday
Rosary at 4:30 p.m.
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday
Rosary at 9:25 a.m.
Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Rosary in Spanish at noon
12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday and Friday - Mass at 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
at 5:00 p.m., followed by Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each Month 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. &
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
By appointment other times

Holy Day Masses

6:30 p.m. in English
7:30 p.m. in Spanish

Thursday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed
every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the church or by
telephone conference call. Mass immediately
follows. If you wish to join by telephone, call the
church office for details.

Children's Rosary

The Rosary will begin at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays
when Faith Formation classes are in session.

Organizations/Groups Monthly Meetings

Altar Society - 1st Tuesday at 6:00 pm (Sept - May)
Knights of Columbus - 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Men's Group - 3rd Thursday at 6:45 p.m. Women's
Group - Last Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group - Every Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

Location of Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

Two AEDs are on church property: one in the parish hall next to the
women's restroom and the other one in the church foyer near the
church entrance and bathrooms. Remember their locations,
just in case you may need to retrieve one.

Join us in prayer for the needs of our families and community....

Pray for: Nadia Allmon, Jeff Briscoe, Barbara Dean,
Adam Elliott, Steve Francis, Maria Gutierrez, Natalie
Hayes, Maria Lezama, Shirley Long, Kamicia Lunce-
ford, Julieta Marroquin, Judy LeBlanc, Rich Legler,
Dudley McKamie, Michael Miller, Leslie Payne, Donna
Rocha, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Danny
Smith, Matthew Williams, Manuel Yañez.

Mass Intentions

Sat	Sep 12	5:00 p.m.	Chase Barnes+
Sun	Sep 13	10:00 a.m.	Members of our Parish
Sun	Sep 13	12:30 p.m.	Ciro Garcia Payan+
Tue	Sep 15	12:30 p.m.	Chase Barnes+
Thu	Sep 17	5:00 p.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory+
Fri	Sep 18	12:30 p.m.	Lucile Cook+
Sat	Sep 19	5:00 p.m.	Marietta McDonald+

Parish Giving

September 6, 2026

1st Collection	\$3,910.86
2nd Collection	\$ 277.00
3rd Collection	\$ 463.00
Children's Collection	\$ 64.50

Collections

2nd Collection	Sep 13	Emergency Fund
2nd Collection	Sep 20	Faith Formation
3rd Collection	Sep 20	Lawncare/Maintenance

Mass Attendance

5:00 p.m. 64
10:00 a.m. 141 and 12:30 p.m. 131

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Luke Kalarickal, M.S.F.S.
Deacons: Ruben Natera; Clarence Blalock
Acolytes: Rick Downey; Felipe Segura;
Alberto Robledo
Bookkeeper: Noelia Gonzalez
Office Assistant: Linda Rossler

Committee Chairs

Pastoral Council Chair: Theresa Cheatham
Finance Council Chair: Lou Napolitano
Maintenance Committee Chair: Rick Downey

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Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales (M.S.F.S.), also known as Fransalians Missionaries, an
international religious order with headquarters in Rome and the Provincial House in
Atlanta, Georgia. for more information, visit www.fransaliansusa.com or www.wellspringcommunity.net.



Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Office closes for lunch between noon and 1:00 p.m.



I have made a pact with my tongue not to speak when my heart is disturbed.

St. Francis De Sales

News and Notes

Bishop Charles E. Herzig Humanitarian Award

Last Sunday, September 6, at the Memorial Mass for Bishop Herzig at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Bishop Gregory Kelly bestowed the Bishop Charles E. Herzig Humanitarian Award (Medal) to Deacon Ruben Natera and wife Lupe Natera. This honor is presented for meritorious contributions within the Diocese of Tyler in seeking to improve the welfare of others by devotion, commitment to hard work, love for Jesus Christ through acts of charity and love for the human person. Congratulations, Deacon Ruben and Lupe!

Prince of Peace Youth Group Burger Bash on September 13

Support our amazing youth group as they kick off the school year with faith, fun, and fellowship! On Sunday, September 13, join us for our Back-to-School Burger Bash. Burgers will be ready for pickup from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 per plate that includes a juicy burger, chips, drink, and dessert! Tickets will be available for purchase after Masses this weekend. All proceeds go directly to supporting youth retreats, service projects, and other faith-based events throughout the year!

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil September 23 – November 1

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and peaceful all-day vigils. Forty days is a timeframe God consistently uses throughout salvation history to transform His people. The crisis of abortion is enormous. Abortion is the leading cause of death in the world, taking more than 50 million lives every year. The vigil location in Tyler is located outside the Chapel of Sts. Peter and Paul at 1435 E. Southeast Loop 323 @ Easy Street. Vigil hours are 7 am to 7 pm daily on weekdays. Learn more at: www.40daysforlife.com/Tyler, or contact Lars Gustafson at 281-782-6292.

Safe Environment

As a reminder to parents with young children through school age, your child must be in your line of sight in church or on church grounds. A parent must accompany their children to the restroom, wait, and return to the pew with them.

Building Expansion

Based on the survey received from our parishioners in which most of our members felt the need of and were in favor of expanding our current community hall and adding a few classrooms, Fr. Luke had several discussions with parish councils, those experienced in construction, and the previous contractor. A final but a preliminary plan and estimates were given by the contractor. Fr. Luke is also in contact with the diocese as part of the process. Once more information with detailed plans and actual costs are available, they will be communicated to you eventually. Thank you in advance for your support and prayers for the successful completion of this important project of ours.

Ethics and Integrity - Church Personnel Certification / Recertification (CPC)

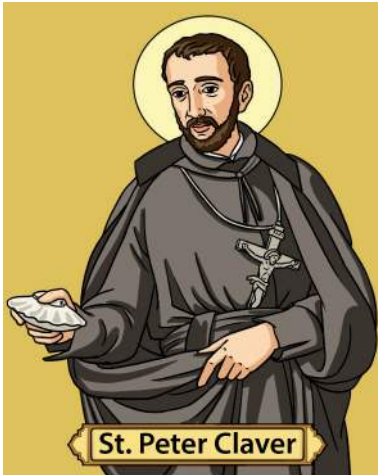
All clergy, employees, and volunteers who work with minors up to age 18 and vulnerable adults must have a CPC - Church Personnel Certification (Ethics and Integrity). If you currently have a CPC, remember that this certification lasts for three years, at which time you must recertify through VIRTUS. recertification training. **If any of these modules has expired, you will not be allowed to participate in any ministry in which certification is mandatory.** If you have any questions, contact Linda Rossler at the church office.

Safe Environment

Parental supervision of children keeps them safe, including when they are in church or on church grounds. If need be during Mass, escort your children to the restroom, wait for them, and return to your seat with them.

If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or the TX Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org. The Diocese of Tyler is committed to respecting the dignity of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church. Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church Personnel should be reported to civil authorities and also to the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org.

The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each weekend Mass. Please be mindful of the need for silent reflection, both in the nave and in the church foyer, out of respect for the Rosary and in preparation for the Holy Mass.



Saint Peter Claver (1580-1654) was a Spanish Jesuit priest who spent his priestly life in Cartagena, Colombia, serving God by ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of African slaves. When he arrived in Cartagena in 1610, he was distressed by the number of captive African slaves brought in to port each month and the cruelty they suffered.

After his ordination in 1616 and for the next 38 years, he dedicated himself to their service, which began in the cargo hold of the slave boat after it docked. Fr. Claver showed them abundant kindness, offered them nourishment, and cared for the sick and dying. He followed them to the plantation or other sites where they were sent and became their advocate for humane treatment by their masters. With the help of other Africans as interpreters, he was able to bring Jesus to them and prepare them for the sacraments.

As time passed, Fr. Claver became a moral force for all the people of Cartagena. He preached in the city square and gave missions to sailors and traders. The people named him "Apostle of Cartagena." Fr. Claver died on September 8, 1654 after four years of serious illness. During his life's work, he baptized three hundred thousand black African slaves. Pope Leo XIII canonized Saint Peter Claver on January 15, 1888. His feast day is September 9.

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