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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

Pedro se acercó a Jesús y le preguntó: "Si mi hermano me ofende, ¿cuántas veces tengo que perdonarlo? ¿Hasta siete veces?" Jesús le contestó: "No sólo hasta siete, sino hasta setenta veces siete". - Mt 18, 21-22

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LITURGY

Public Weekend Masses—In Church

Saturday: 5 PM English
Sunday: 8:30 AM Spanish
10:30 AM English

Public Weekday Masses—In Church

Tuesday: 7 PM Spanish
Wednesday: 9 AM English
Thursday: 9 AM English
Friday: 9 AM English
1st Friday & Adoration: 8 AM-Adoration
8:30 AM-Rosary
9 AM-Mass
Adoration ends at 11 AM

Adoration

Tuesday: 5 PM - 6:45 PM
Friday: 9:30 AM - 11 AM

Anointing of the Sick

First Friday of the month, or by appointment.

Confessions

Tuesday: 6 PM - 6:45 PM
Friday: 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM
Saturday: 4 PM - 4:50 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM - 8:20 AM

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9 AM - 2 PM
Friday: 9 AM - Noon
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Hateful Things We Hug Tight

At the end of “Lord of the Rings: Return of the King,” Gollum fights with Frodo for possession of the One Ring. He wins the fight, but in doing so topples over the edge of the mountain ledge, falling into the cavernous fires of Mount Doom. As he falls, we see him smile, and clutch the ring to his chest. He is happy. He has won what he spent his life pursuing.

It is only in the last millisecond before his face slips below the lava that we see his eyes widen in terror as he realizes the truth: the thing he clutches to his heart is the thing that killed him. In choosing the ring, he chooses death.

Sin, and the fallen nature of this world, makes us addicted to something that kills us.

Like any addiction, it is a vicious cycle. The less we forgive, the more hardhearted we become ... and the less we seek forgiveness ourselves.

What breaks the cycle? Reconciliation with God — or, Confession, as we call it. In fact, it does more than break the cycle. It turns it backward. Not only does it detoxify our souls of sin, it weakens our addiction to sin’s effects — anger, vengeance, unforgiveness. The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works, said St. Augustine.

Ultimately, I view our whole human life as a struggle on the ledge of a mountaintop. It is certain that we will choose sin — we always do. We will tumble over the side, toward ruin. But let us be Frodo, and not Gollum. Let us cling to the rock of the sacraments and accept the hand that would drag us away from the flames.

“Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight.” — Sirach 27:30

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Are Catholics allowed to visit psychics? Why or why not?

Answer:

It’s part of human nature to experience some sense of unease and fear about the future. This can lead some people to seek out the services of psychics or consult horoscopes or turn to other occult practices or resources (e.g. Ouija boards or tarot cards). The Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear that Catholics should avoid such practices: “Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone” (no. 2116).

Despite the uncertainties we might feel, we are called to have faith and trust in God, confident of God’s desire for what is best for us. This means that we are called to surrender, to pray and to reflect on how we can best move into the future in hope, knowing that God is with us.

WELCOME TO ST. THOMAS PARISH!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

BIENVENIDOS A LA PARROQUIA DE SANTO TOMÁS!

Gracias por celebrar con nosotros. Les damos una cordial invitación para celebrar la santa misa cada domingo con nosotros. Si usted desea ser un miembro de nuestra comunidad de fe, por favor llene el formulario de registro. Nos encantaría contar con usted como miembro de nuestra familia.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE LA MISA DE ESTA SEMANA

Sunday, September 17, 10:30 AM

Michael Suum & Margaret Sian Family

Monday, September 18

No Mass

Tuesday, September 19, 7 PM

† Gabriela Reyes (by Antonio Camarillo)

Wednesday, September 20, 9 AM

Thursday, September 21, 9 AM

Friday, September 22, 9 AM

Saturday, September 23, 5 PM

† Florina Minalia

INSCRÍBANSE PARA LA EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Queridos Parroquianos iniciamos las registraciones, para los sacramentos que necesiten sus hijos, o ustedes:

1a Comunión a partir de los 7 años de edad.

Confirmación a partir de los 13 años de edad. (el Obispo nos dara la fecha en Mayo, 2024)

Creaturas no Bautizados a partir de los 7 años de edad (reciben todos los sacramentos en la vigilia pascual)

Adultos que necesiten algun sacramento.

El curso sera de un Año empezamos el Martes 12 de Septiembre 2023 y concluimos en el mes de Mayo 2024.

***** Registraciones apartir del Lunes 17 de Julio, por favor tomen el boletin y llamen a la oficina o vengan los lunes y Martes de 9:30 am a 5:30 pm.**



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK, ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:

FOR THE SICK: We remember especially: Tess Kelley, Bang Nguyen.

FOR THE DEAD: Please pray for our beloved deceased Rosa Montabon, Florina Minalia, Bill Gorjance. May the Lord receive him unto Himself giving strength, comfort, and peace to their families and our parish community. Amen.

(To add or remove names please contact Michelle at: michellem@saintthomastukwila.org)

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September 2nd and September 3rd, 2023

Sunday Offerings...\$6,916.25

Weekly Online Stewardship...\$769.71

Maintenance Fund/

Fono de Mantenimiento...\$487.00

Total Donation/

Donation Total...\$8,172.96

Thank you for your generosity!

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA (Gospel Meditations)

17 de septiembre de 2023

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Perdonemos a los demás como Dios nos perdona. Son palabras muy fáciles pero muy profundas para llevar a cabo. El Evangelio nos habla de la necesidad del perdón. Pedro va al grano y pregunta a Jesús por una solución rápida y hasta es matemático, habla de números. ¿Cómo dar solución a los celos, envidia, infidelidad, y tensiones por mencionar algo? ¿En síntesis, cuantas veces debo perdonar al que me ofende? La respuesta de Jesús a Pedro y a nosotros ahora es la misma: "No te digo siete, sino setenta veces siete" (Mateo 18:22). Perdonar siempre. La Oración Colecta ayuda a que reflexionemos en la misericordia de Dios y nos ayude a perdonar: "Señor Dios, creador soberano de todas las cosas, vuelve a nosotros tus ojos y concede que te sirvamos de todo corazón, para que experimentemos los efectos de tu misericordia".

¿No debías tú también tener compasión como yo tuve de ti? Compasión y misericordia son las palabras claves del mensaje de Jesús. No tiene sentido llevar cuentas del perdón, tiene más sentido ver la bondad de Dios hacia nosotros y que siempre nos perdona. "Perdono, pero no olvido". Demuestra que no se es capaz de perdonar desde el fondo del corazón. ¿Has experimentado el perdón de Dios? ¿Cómo ves a la familia, comunidad y sociedad en general en cuestión de perdonar? ¿Puedes ser tú instrumento de Dios para llevar el perdón donde se necesite? No olvides que: "El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso" (Salmo 102).

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