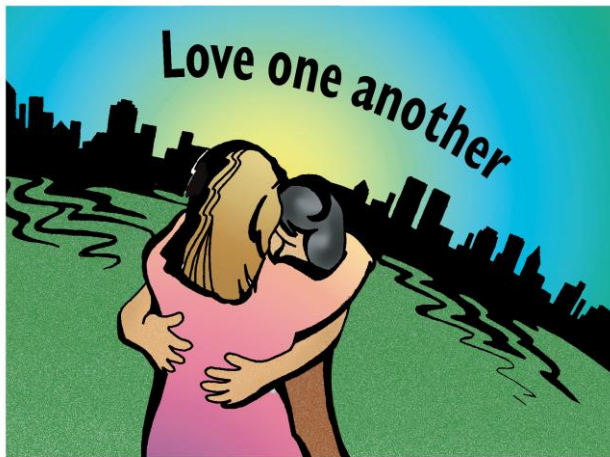


Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Loving Confrontations *We grew up in a tight-knit neighborhood. If one of the neighbors saw us riding our bikes in the street, or throwing matches on a pile of dry leaves and twigs, or fighting, you can be sure they called our mother or marched us home themselves. We listened to those other mothers. They carried the same clout as our own parents. And our parents had no problem correcting neighborhood kids either. Our neighborhoods are not much like that anymore. Many neighborhoods look like ghost towns from nine to five. And even if people are home, they don't know their neighbors all that well and certainly don't get involved in the behavior of neighborhood children. We no longer speak up when we see things going wrong in our neighborhoods.*

The readings today urge us to live like we did in the old neighborhoods—not in an arrogant and powerful way, but in a humble and caring way. We need to confront the offenses we see.

COMMENT

The message is clear in Ezekiel and Matthew that we are obligated to speak up when we see something or someone going wrong. In Ezekiel, we are not only told to correct the wrongdoer, but if we don't and the person dies a sinner, his or her blood will be on our hands. That's an enormous responsibility for anyone who doesn't want to get involved! And Matthew's Gospel says the same thing. If something isn't going right, we are told to go directly to the person. Matthew continues with a plan that explains what to do if Plan A doesn't work. "Take one or two others along with you," he says. But in all things, we are bound

by love. That is why Paul, in his letter to the Romans, reminds all Christians of the commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves. So while we may need to correct our neighbor, we need to do it in a loving way. And while we notice the sins of our neighbor, we are reminded by Paul to be mindful of our own behavior.

REFLECTION

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that we are committed to one another and that we are responsible for the good of all people. Each of us is responsible for the other's salvation. We sometimes forget these things. All too often, we feel that our hands are full just getting ourselves and our loved ones to heaven. But there is no mistaking the message: Love your neighbor as yourself; and speak up against sin.

How do we do these two things at the same time? We tend toward arrogance when we are the ones who are right and want to correct someone who is wrong. We are challenged to do two things in that situation. First we need to look into our own heart and see our own faults. We need to ask ourselves if it is possible that we are wrong and not the other person. If we are certain that the other person is doing something wrong, then we need to confront him/her in a loving manner. We need to separate the sinfulness but still respect the person as a brother or sister in Christ.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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 13:6;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17;
Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14b,
23-24; Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12;
Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18;
Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

BINGO PRIZE DONATION REQUEST

The Jamaica committee is accepting donations of prizes for our Bingo game during the Jamaica. If you would like to help, we kindly ask that all donated items be new and unused so that everyone has the opportunity to win a wonderful prize.

Some ideas include gift cards, home décor, kitchen items, games, candles, snacks, seasonal items, or other new gifts. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and helps make this event fun and successful for our parish community. Please drop off all prizes at the parish office. Thank you for your kindness and support. May God bless you for your generosity!



ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE HERMANAMIENTO - Bishop Michael Sis has decided that this year, the Day of Prayer for the Hermanamiento partnership between dioceses in Texas and Honduras will be on September 11, 2026. This celebrates the date the covenant was signed 25 years ago and also calls our attention to pray for international peace, since this year is also the 25th anniversary of 9/11.

OCIA – Classes started last week, September 3rd. If you are needing Sacraments or would like to learn more about the faith, you may still sign up to attend. Classes are held on Thursdays, 6:00pm, Holy Family Hall.

WEDNESDAY – Confessions begin at 5:15pm followed by Mass at 6:00pm & Adoration until 8:30pm at IHM.

ULTREYA MEETINGS

Sunday, September 6th - 6:00pm (*English*)

Monday, September 7th - 7:00pm (*Spanish*)

at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don't have to be a cursillista to attend. For information on the Cursillo movement, please visit

<http://www.sanangelocursillo.com/home.html>

CCD RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027

Classes Start:

- Wednesday, September 9th: 7th to 11th Grades
Class Time: 7:00-8:30pm
- Sunday classes September 13th - Pre-K to 6th Grades
Class Time: 9:30-10:40am

• **PLEASE NOTE: NO REGISTRATION on WEDNESDAYS or SUNDAYS when CLASSES start.**

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COLLECTION DATA August 29/30, 2026

ENVELOPES/CHECKS.....	\$3561.00
LOOSE PLATE.....	1404.59
College & University Campus.....	962.50
TOTAL COLLECTION.....	\$5928.09

"Thank you for your generosity"

Saturday, September 5th -

5:00PM-IHM – For Guadalupanas living and deceased; +Gloria Castro, Delia Sparkman, Rudy Torres, Nellie, Dolores, Francisco, Frank, Jr., Velia, Juana, Tony y Patricia Gomez; +Claudio & Francisca Ceballos

7:00PM-Roscoe- Por la Gente de Nolan County

Sunday, September 6th –

8:00AM – IHM +Paul Carrillo and +David Garcia; +Ezequiel, Albina, Delia y Teresa Gonzalez; Ebelio Solis, Rafael y Concha Acevedo; En acción de gracias por los cumpleaños de Eduardo Carlos, Rosa Zermeño, Gabriel Cerven, Kaitlyn Acevedo, Conchita y Mikaela Rico, Maria y Miguel Rangel

11:00AM – IHM – In thanksgiving for Matthew Falana's birthday; +Martina Herrera; +Juan and Isabel Huerta

Tuesday, September 8th

+Macario y Martina Martinez

Wednesday, September 9th 6:00PM - IHM

For the health and well-being of Lisa Soto

Thursday, September 10th

+Marcelina Martinez

Friday, September 11th

In Thanksgiving to St. Jude

Saturday, September 12th -

5:00PM-IHM – +Estela Perez Gomez;

+Alma & Frances Solano;

For our seminarians, Cameron Moore & Martin Luna

Sunday, September 13th –

8:00AM – IHM +Cirilo, Victoria y Lucia Chavira; +Sarah Gomez, Eulalio y Sarita Olvera, Ysidro y Elvira Navarrette; En acción de gracias por el cumpleaños de Jenny Medellin

11:00AM – IHM – For the People of Nolan County

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

September 12 – _____ September 19 Misioneros

LABOR DAY – The parish office will be closed Monday, September 7th, in observance of the holiday.

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Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



September 8

More than nineteen hundred years ago there dwelt in the little Galilean Village of Nazareth a holy couple of the royal race of David, whose names were Joachim and Ann. They were already far advanced in years, and had almost ceased to hope that God would bless them with a child, when the long-felt desire of their hearts was gratified by the birth of a daughter, who would be forever blessed among women and make the names of Joachim and Ann known and honored through all future ages. The child was called Mary, the chosen one of Adam's race, destined to be the Mother of Jesus Christ, Who became her Child, to redeem and save the world.

The Feast of September 8 in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary originated at Jerusalem, as did the Solemnity of August 15. It is a case of the Feast of the basilica known at the end of the 5th century as the basilica "of holy Mary where she was born," and now known as the basilica of St. Ann.

On this feast the Church unites in spirit with the Patriarchs and Prophets of the Old Law, with all who during long centuries of expectation watched and prayed for the coming of the Just One, Whose advent and work of redemption had their beginning in the birth of His Immaculate Mother.

PRAYER *God, give Your servants heavenly grace, so that as the Birth of the Blessed Virgin marked the beginning of salvation, this feast of her Nativity may serve to obtain peace for the world. Amen*