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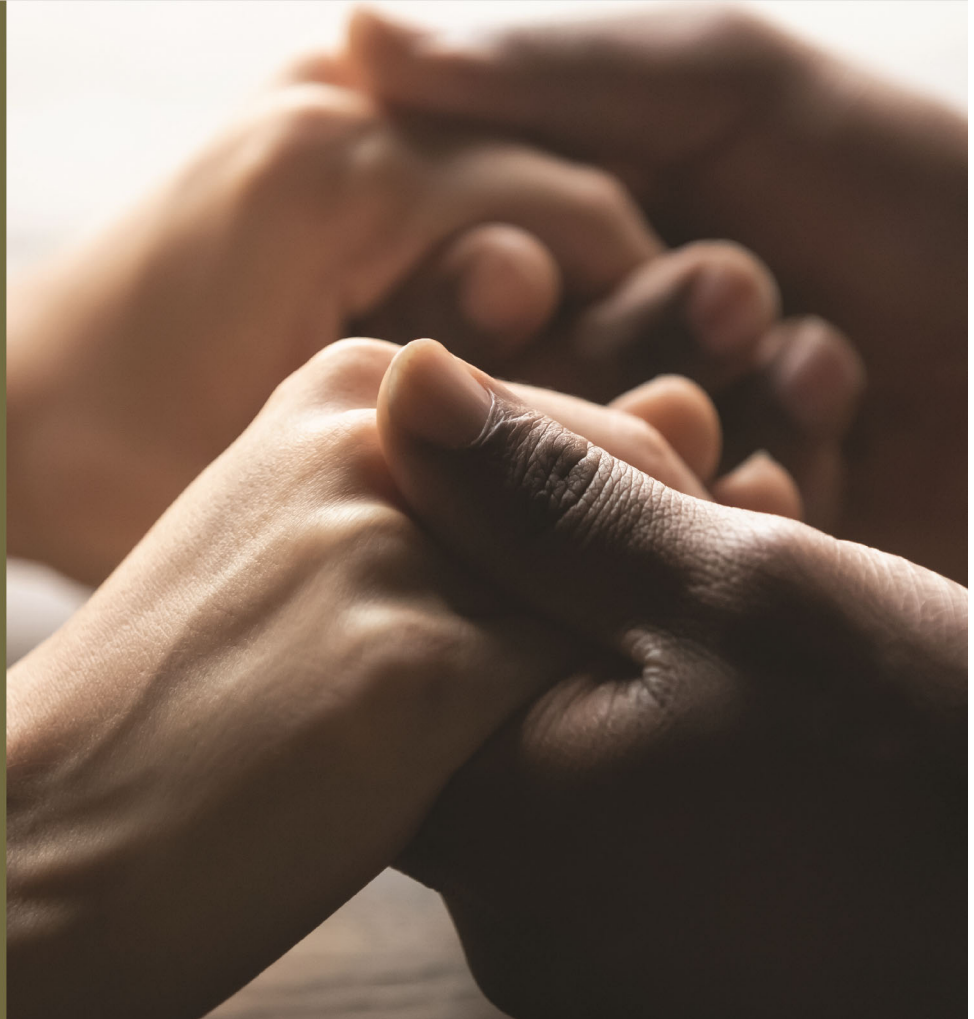
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Jesus said,
"Where two or three
are gathered together
in my name,
there am I
in the midst of them."

MATTHEW 18:20

TWENTY-THIRD
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 6
2020



The truth is, love is sometimes wonderfully charged with light and life, but it also often requires us to confront wrongdoing and injustice, to be patient and forgiving, and to work for peace and reconciliation. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to reflect the love of God which desires the best for every person and for all of humanity. Jesus was so committed to this mission of God's love that he gave himself as an offering of pure sacrifice. This is not easy love. It is compelling love, the sort of love that transforms and draws us toward the light and life that in our hearts we know we seek, and which we are called to share.

IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE

Where does this leave us when we experience conflict with others? As in all times and seasons, the best place to begin is in prayer. Listen for the voice of God in personal prayer, at Mass, in sacred scripture and other

devotional reading, with trusted faithful and faith-filled friends. Listen with the compassion of the Lord in mind. And when you hear God's voice, pay attention! This sounds self-evident, yet how many of us hear God's voice but ask that we not be called to the challenge and discomfort of the situation, desiring instead to hope that things will simply get better? Perhaps they will, but perhaps you are called to bring the light and life of Christ to the situation, in love, for love, and through love, just as Jesus did. "If today you hear [God's] voice, harden not your hearts," says today's psalm. We often know the depth of love to which we are called. Today's readings invite us to listen and to act, to love our neighbor as ourselves, to desire the best for every person as God desires, and to be assured that God is in our midst.

Today's Readings: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

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LIVING pandemic

personal reflections from our parishioners about managing life during difficult times

Clotilde Doyle: Her Story

The ability to harmonize life is a blessing, and Clotilde exemplifies it.

For 83-year-old Clotilde, asthma requires her to self quarantine. As many others like her, she has gone too long without human touch, praying for the day when she can once again hug her family and friends, like those in the church's pierogi and prayer groups and choir. Clotilde freely shares that losing hugs has made for some dark and fearful days.

"I miss hugging people. I always hug my friends and children, all my grandchildren," she says.

Just as freely, though, Clotilde accesses her blessings, invoking them almost like joyful prayer.

"But--I have so much! I am one of the most blessed people. I have a house and a yard and trees and birds. I have children and people who love me. I have a God who wants me to be healthy in body, mind, and soul, who has given me everything. It is quite an honor."

Harmonious.

Clotilde cannot say where she learned this—she only knows the presence—the gift—of the Holy Spirit has "firmly" been in her life since her childhood in Morocco, which she left for America more than 60 years ago as a new bride. It possibly was planted in her through seeing the many virtues of her parents, who met and married after her father was left widowed with five children to finish raising.

"My mother was only 21 when she married my father. Then they had four more of us. I had good parents, and I am very proud of my mother. They raised (all nine) together, as one," Clotilde says.

Clotilde also remembers always being deeply connected to God's presence through the beauty of nature. She sees God's hand in each breeze and seed. "He made everything extravagantly! He chose to make everything very beautiful for us—so many colors and varieties. . . . He wants to give us everything," she says.

Clotilde also believes God knows us better than we know ourselves.

"I once went through a terrible time, and he showed me—gave me what I needed along the way. Now I am sitting on top of the world. God replenishes," she says with resolve.

Clotilde says her blessings are proof of God's replenishment, especially during pandemic. Her children and grandchildren are making sure she is well cared for with calls, packages, and socially distant visits. She also is good at entertaining herself, which she does solving crosswords, playing computer games, and "playing in mud like a kid" while working in her garden. She also corresponds with her only living sibling, a brother in France, who speaks no English and keeps her spelling in French keen.

She wants such harmony for us, too.

Her humble advice for trying times: "Prayers are important. Reading is a wonderful thing—start reading a book to redirect your thoughts. Solitaire also is therapeutic. Putting the cards in order can help you do the same. Also, try talking, out loud, to God."

Masses for the Week

SEPT. 5 4:00 P.M.	SATURDAY Margaret Harrigan† <i>(Harrigan Family)</i>
SEPT. 6 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY Rocco & Helen Rich <i>(Karen Eisenhauer)</i>
10:00 A.M.	Cork & Joann Potts Anniversary
SEPT. 7 8:00 A.M.	MONDAY Maggie & Bob Yeater <i>(Jerry & Lottie Durbin)</i>
SEPT. 8 8:00 A.M.	TUESDAY Theresa Myer† <i>(God's Children of Love prayer group)</i>
SEPT. 9 8:00 A.M.	WEDNESDAY Annie DeNoble† <i>(Rick & Robin Targosky)</i>
SEPT. 10 8:00 A.M.	THURSDAY Frank & Jennie Novel† <i>(Bob & Theresa Novel Baker)</i>
SEPT. 11 8:00 A.M.	FRIDAY Christopher Michael Fetty <i>(Fetty & Bee families)</i>
SEPT. 12 4:00 P.M.	SATURDAY Theresa Myer† <i>(Kim & Steve Starcovic)</i>
SEPT. 13 8:00 A.M.	SUNDAY Semon & Phyllis Prado <i>(Danny Prado)</i>
10:00 A.M.	Deceased members of the Hess Family <i>(Rose & John Hess)</i>

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or any other time upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. for Grades 1-12.

REGISTRATION AND CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the parish office.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekends: Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

**PRAY FOR OUR
PARISHIONERS
& FRIENDS**



Recently Sick: Jim Campbell, Joseph Grampa, Jane Klug, Eleanor Smith, Thomas Sullivan, Sara Walters, Bobby Kleinedler, Anna Mae Veronis Holiday, Sami Wilson, Bill Fowkes, Shirley Moczek, Sue Riffle, Isabella Wood, Dale Whitlatch.

Homebound: Semon & Phyllis Prado, Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Deanne Ferraro.

Nursing Homes: Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Betty Kerns, Marie Lohori, Bill Tennant, Ron Jaworski, Amelia Rynkiewich, Raymond Pennybacker, Helen Remke, Barb Meyer.

Names for those recently sick will appear for approximately two months to ensure requests stay current. Please resubmit requests after this period for those who still need our healing prayers.

LECTORS

Sept. 12 4:00 p.m. **D. Prado**
Sept. 13 8:00 a.m. **Rose Hess**
10:00 a.m. **L. Freeland**

WEEKLY OFFERING Aug. 16, 2020

Envelopes: \$2,323.00
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Online Giving:
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Bequest: \$609.47
Memorial Offerings: \$1,000.00
Attendance: 138

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OUR PARISH RUMMAGE sale to benefit the St. Vincent De Paul Society is Monday, Sept. 7, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the church parking lot. Take some time this Labor Day to find some treasures while benefiting this important mission. Thank you to those who cleaned their cupboards and closets to donate!

PARISH COUNCIL will meet Sept. 16 at 6 p.m. in the church basement.

THE ANNUAL Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Wheeling starting Monday, Sept. 14, at 7:00 p.m. The Novena will be prayed nine consecutive Mondays nights, concluding on Nov. 9. Each week offers a homily by a guest priest, exposition and benediction of the blessed sacrament, music and prayers to the Infant of Prague. This year’s theme is “Fruits of the Holy Spirit.” All are invited.

DOCTOR, DOCTOR, a weekly podcast available on **FORMED.org**, offers engaging, humorous, and



sometimes serious discussions of practical and current medical topics with a focus on the dignity of the human person—body and soul. It is an official program of the Catholic Medical Association.

Episode #162 features discussion about COVID-19 and kids and what parents need to know as the start of school approaches.

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BOB KLEINEDLER asks for prayers for the repose of the soul of his beloved sister, Mary Ann Dulesky. Mary Ann passed away Sunday, Aug. 23.

THE CATHOLIC LABOR Network will offer its first ever Labor Day Mass via livestream at 2 p.m. Sept. 7.

Washington D.C.-based CLN facilitates dialog among Catholics from all walks who are inspired by Catholic Social Teaching on labor and work. The group also promotes the cause of workers in labor unions, parishes, and other organizations.

The archdiocese of Washington recognizes the network as a private association of Christian faithful. These associations of baptized persons, clerics, and laity are provided for by canon law to foster a more perfect life or promote public worship or Christian teaching, or devote themselves to other works of the apostolate.

Bishop John Stowe of the diocese of Lexington, Ky., will be the Mass celebrant. Bishop Stowe gained renown in 2017 when he spoke out against anti-union legislation in Kentucky.

Register to join the Mass from CLN’s homepage as follows:
<http://catholiclabor.org/>

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