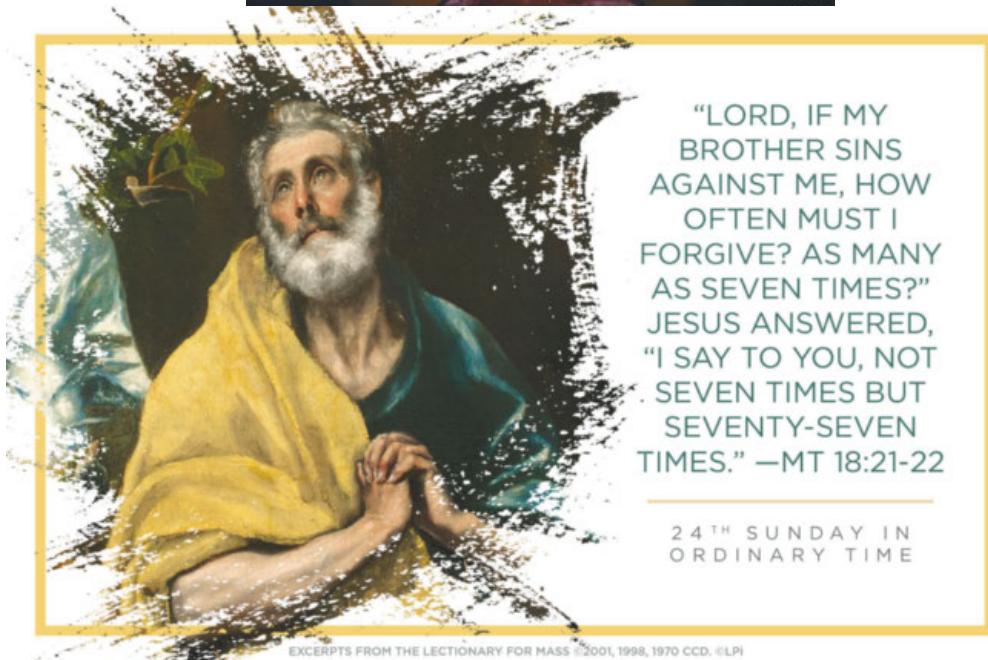


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## Welcome!

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Daily Mass

Monday | 8:30 am St. Joseph's  
Tuesday | 8:30 St Francis  
Wednesday | No Mass today  
Thursday | 8:30 am St Francis  
Friday | 8:30 am St Joseph's

#### Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4 pm St Joseph's  
6 pm St Francis  
(7/1/23-9/2/23)  
Sunday | 8:30 am St Francis  
10:30 am St Joseph's

#### Confession

Saturday | 3:15 pm St Joseph's  
Sunday | 8 am St Francis

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### Our Mission

We, the Roman Catholic community of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Joseph's are called to live the Gospel message of Jesus through Hospitality, Worship, Faith Formation and Service to others.

## St. Joseph's Mass Intentions

### Sat (16) 4 pm

Alfred Ferguson  
George Lockyer

+ Pat Ottati  
+ MaryLou Lockyer

### Sun (17) 10:30 am

Carol Hadcock  
Alfred Ferguson  
Clem Ciulik

+ Corey & Charlotte Santo  
+ SJ Altar Rosary Society  
+ Angela Fusco

### Mon (18) 8:30 am

Althiya Ganaden

+ Myrna Lyons

### Fri (22) 8:30 am

Carol Hadcock

+ Gorge & Carol Pikfo

### Saturday (23) 4 pm

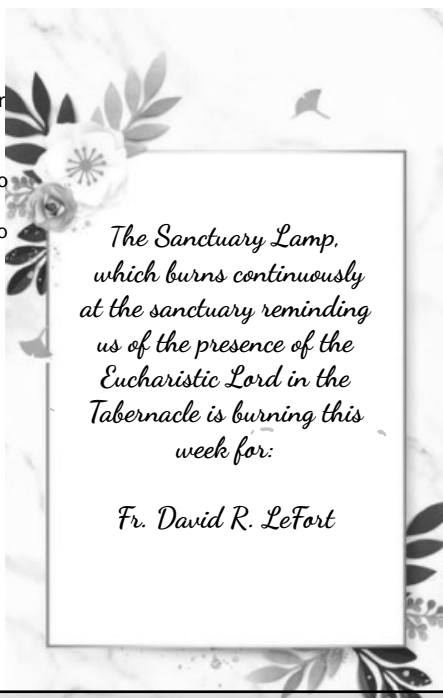
Loida Ganaden  
Millie & Gus Floria  
Alfred Ferguson

+ Myrna Lyons  
+ George & Carol Pifko  
+ Lou & Pat Mannion

### Sun (24) 10:30 am

John Gibbons  
Henry Rosenzweig  
Carol Hadcock  
Lillian Mozal  
Happy 80th birthday Charlotte Santo

+ Marilyn Gibbons  
+ Rick & Cheryl Palmer  
+ Bernie Brooks  
+ Linda Dickson  
+ the family



## St. Francis Mass Intentions

### Sun (17) 8:30 am

Roy & Esther Edwards  
Richard Paul Henriques  
Manolita Cadiz Algenio  
Alfred, Martha, Alfred III & Nancy York & Wolperterson family

+ Cynthia & Bill Cromie  
+ Amelia Henriques  
+ Amelia Henriques  
+ the Yetto family

### Tuesday (19) 8:30 am

Catherine & Vincenzo Vallone & deceased Vallone family  
+ Mary Pisanti

### Thursday (21) 8:30 am

Patrick J Collins

+ Our Parish families

### Sun (24) 8:30 am

Darren Wolfe  
Sidney Junquera

+ his family  
+ Jackie Junquera

**Introduction to the Liturgy of the day** ~ Today's readings remind us how important it is to forgive. More than that, they teach us to be forgiving people, showing mercy to all those who have wronged us, whether in matters great or small. After all, at the end of our lives we believe we will be completely reliant on God's mercy to forgive our many sins, great and small. Let us resolve to forgive our neighbor, to heal our relationships, and to live lives of kindness and mercy.

**Word of Life** ~ "Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance' (Lk 15:7)\*."

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**Gospel Meditation** ~ When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid owed me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He remembers - and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to - and forgiven by - his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets.

Father John Muir

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**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK:** Take some time to reflect on the enormity of what Christ offers us in salvation. Can we find the strength to offer just a fraction of that to our brothers and sisters?

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**Readings for the week of September 17, 2023:** Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35; Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10; Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17; Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35; Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13; Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3; Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15; Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

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