



# St. John The Apostle Catholic Church

## September 13th      Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Opening      For the Beauty      #594**

1. For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to you we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,  
Sun and moon, and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to you we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

**Reading 1      SIR 27:30—28:7**

Wrath and anger are hateful things,  
yet the sinner hugs them tight.  
The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance,  
for he remembers their sins in detail.  
Forgive your neighbor's injustice;  
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.  
Could anyone nourish anger against another  
and expect healing from the LORD?  
Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself,  
can he seek pardon for his own sins?  
If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath,  
who will forgive his sins?  
Remember your last days, set enmity aside;  
remember death and decay, and cease from sin!  
Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor;  
remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

**Responsorial Psalm      PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12**

**R. (8) The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul;  
and all my being, bless his holy name.  
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and forget not all his benefits.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

He pardons all your iniquities,  
heals all your ills.

He redeems your life from destruction,  
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

He will not always chide,  
nor does he keep his wrath forever.

Not according to our sins does he deal with us,  
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he put our transgressions from us.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

## **Reading 2**

**ROM 14:7-9**

Brothers and sisters:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord,  
and if we die, we die for the Lord;

so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life,  
that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

## **Alleluia**

**JN 13:34**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:  
love one another as I have loved you.

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## **Gospel**

**MT 18:21-35**

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.

That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king  
who decided to settle accounts with his servants.



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When he began the accounting,  
a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount.  
Since he had no way of paying it back,  
his master ordered him to be sold,  
along with his wife, his children, and all his property,  
in payment of the debt.  
At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said,  
'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.'  
Moved with compassion the master of that servant  
let him go and forgave him the loan.  
When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants  
who owed him a much smaller amount.  
He seized him and started to choke him, demanding,  
'Pay back what you owe.'  
Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him,  
'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.'  
But he refused.  
Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison  
until he paid back the debt.  
Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened,  
they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master  
and reported the whole affair.  
His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant!  
I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to.  
Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant,  
as I had pity on you?'  
Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers  
until he should pay back the whole debt.  
So will my heavenly Father do to you,  
unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

## Offertory

## Ubi Caritas #479

1. We gather together in the love of Christ;  
let each one be glad in him and rejoice.  
Our God is alive, the God of love is near;  
so love one another with a heart sincere.
2. We, the many, become one body as the Spirit binds,  
and we seek to be one in Christ and one in heart and mind.  
Let all quarrels, all division, all our conflict cease;  
then will Christ truly dwell among us as our Lord of Peace.



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**Communion**

**Christians Let Us Love**

**#475**

1. Christians, let us love one another,  
As we share the true living bread.  
Jesus is our God and our brother;  
With his flesh and blood we are fed.  
Ev'ryone who loves is born of God.  
Jesus is our life. God is love.

2. We who break this bread are one body,  
We who share this cup are all one.  
Children of our Father in heaven,  
We are heirs with God's only son.  
Ev'ryone who loves is born of God.  
Jesus is our life. God is love.

3. We who eat and drink at this table  
Die and rise again with our Lord.  
Drawing from our Rock living water  
Giv'n to all who thirst for accord.  
Ev'ryone who loves is born of God.  
Jesus is our life. God is love.

4. On the path of life we may falter,  
Earthly food alone leaves us weak;  
Always you invite from the altar,  
"Hungry souls their food here must seek."  
Ev'ryone who loves is born of God.  
Jesus is our life. God is love.

5. Wheat and grape incarnate a myst'ry:  
Jesus is the true living bread.  
Let us eat with joy and thanksgiving,  
Trusting in the word he has said.  
Ev'ryone who loves is born of God.  
Jesus is our life. God is love.

6. Jesus is the vine, we the branches;  
We are grains of wheat, Christ the bread.  
Those who eat this bread live forever,  
One with Christ, our Lord and our Head.  
Ev'ryone who loves is born of God.  
Jesus is our life. God is love.



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## Spiritual Communion Prayer

At Thy feet, O my Jesus, I prostrate myself and I offer Thee repentance of my contrite heart, which is humbled in its nothingness and in Thy holy presence. I adore Thee in the Sacrament of Thy love, the ineffable Eucharist. I desire to receive Thee into the poor dwelling that my heart offers Thee. While waiting for the happiness of sacramental communion, I wish to possess Thee in spirit. Come to me, O my Jesus, since I, for my part, am coming to Thee! May Thy love embrace my whole being in life and in death. I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee. Amen. (This prayer is attributed to Servant of God Rafael Merry del Val. This cardinal is known for having promoted the Litany of Humility.)

## Closing      City of God      #385

1.      Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!  
         A new day is dawning for all those who weep.  
         The people in darkness have seen a great light.  
         The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

*Let us build the city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing!  
For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night into day!*

2.      We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.  
         the One who has loved us has brightened our way.  
         The Lord of all kindness has called us to be  
         a light for his people to set their hearts free.