

# September 27 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“He said in reply, ‘I will not,’ but afterwards changed his mind and went.”*

**At times we refuse your asking.  
We say no to what you bid,  
but later we actually do as you ask.**

**And at other times we say yes,  
but alas, our lives spell out a big no.**

**Jesus, please change our minds  
to always say yes.**

**Let feet follow words.**

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## 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: October 4

### **God of Surprises and Second Chances**

If you asked somebody to do something and they didn't do it, you might give them a second chance. If they failed to do it the second time, your patience might be stretched a bit. You just might ask them a third time. But if they failed the third time, you would definitely give up on them. Thankfully, our ways are not God's ways. God clearly has more patience with us than we have with ourselves and each other.

Jesus tells the chief priest and the elders the parable of the owner sending workers into his vineyard to collect the harvest. Like all the parables, this parable is held up to us so that we can see ourselves in it and learn from it. Through the life, mission, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God offers the chance to reap an endlessly abundant harvest of love, mercy and forgiveness. They are offered to us freely out of love. Like those in the gospel, we have to choose freely whether to accept or decline God's generous offer. We are the tenants today and God has certain expectations of us. God looks to us to produce the fruits of love, mercy, compassion and the values of the Kingdom of God. The question from this parable to us today is simple but challenging: **what sort of fruits and harvest are we producing through our ordinary daily lives as followers of Jesus?** (Michael Moore OMI)

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

September 27 – Fr. John Geis  
October 4 – Angel Frances Spreckelson  
October 11 – Allie and Anna Walke

### MASS INTENTIONS

September 26 – Harriet Kunz  
September 27 – Wanda Barnes  
October 3 – Ada Meister  
October 4 – Lucille Simon  
October 10 – Harriet Kunz  
October 11 – Bonnie Harlemert

### 9/9/20-9/22/20 PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday Collection	\$5296.00
Capital Improvement Donations	\$ 186.65
Religious Ed Collection	\$ 320.00
Catholic University Collection	\$ 112.00
Donations in Memory of Phil Gehl	\$ 50.00

<b>Electronic Giving for August</b>	<b>\$1,935.00</b>
<b>Total Sunday &amp; Holy Day Collections (7/1/20 - 8/31/20)</b>	<b>\$29,832.40</b>
<b>Amount Required to Meet Budget (7/1/20 - 8/31/20)</b>	<b>\$30,600.00</b>

### **Thank You For Your Continued Giving!**



Live the  
Gospel of *Life*

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October 2020

This year, the Church celebrates the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the pro-life encyclical *The Gospel of Life*. Written by Pope St. John Paul II, this document passionately reaffirmed the Church's constant teaching on the value and sacredness of every human life.

This year's theme for Respect Life Month is **“LIVE the Gospel of Life.”** Continue to respond to the call to actively live out the Gospel of Christ, which necessarily includes cherishing, serving, defending, and protecting human life. May we always strive to “see in every human face the face of Christ” and treat each person as we would treat Christ Himself.

**REST IN PEACE** – St. Maurice parishioners extend sympathy to the family of Wayne Schutte, who died on September 19 and whose Mass of Resurrection was celebrated on Tuesday, September 22. May Wayne know the joy of seeing his God face to face!

**WELCOME** – St. Maurice parishioners are delighted to welcome **Christopher** and **Valorie Parker** and their three sons, **Jackson, William** and **Leo**, to the parish. May God bless your family with all goodness, and welcome to the parish!

**MARY & MARTHA CIRCLE** – On Thursday, October 1, the Mary and Martha Circle will hold a meeting at 7:00 PM to make plans for the parish Drive-Through Turkey Dinner, which will be held on November 14. Any parishioners who want to help are invited to attend! If you have ideas or drive-through experience to share, please call Judy Steuri or Arlene Gehl.

**CHURCH SPACE** – There are ample spaces in church for Mass attendance if you feel safe in coming. There are also many spaces available in the parish hall. Communion is taken to the hall at the same time it is distributed in church.

**OUR SICK** – Our sick find strength from your prayers. Please remember to pray for them each day.

**CLARITY PREGNANCY CENTER** – The Pregnancy Care Center in Greensburg has changed their name to Clarity Pregnancy Center. Their complete services center is located at 920 Kathy's Way, Suite G.

They offer Christian counseling to all of their clients and offer the LOVE approach to helping their clients wherever they are in their journey. They also offer Safe Place to Sleep with a courtesy pack and play and car seat education with a courtesy car seat. They offer free pregnancy testing, free ultrasounds, baby shower in a bag for new babies and food, formula and diapers for babies. They also provide clothing up to age two.

If you know of anyone who needs their help, please pass this information to them. Their hotline number is 812-222-0367. There are also locations at Lawrenceburg and Brookville.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – All classes began on Wednesday, September 23. The next two classes will be on Wednesday, September 30, 6:45 PM, and on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Blessing of Animals** - We will NOT have the blessing of animals this year, but you can still ask St. Francis to intercede for the safety and well-being of your pets!

**JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL** – Confirmation classes began on September 13 and will continue until the reception of this sacrament on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Please keep all of our candidates in your prayers. How could we survive without the gift of the Holy Spirit?

The next class for all junior and high school youth will be on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA** – Our own Machaela Cobler is spearheading the local effort to cover as many veteran graves as possible with a Christmas wreath at our cemetery. Approximately 50 veterans are buried in the cemetery. If you would like to help by sponsoring one or more wreaths, please find a form in the vestibule of church or on our church website. Your check is to be mailed to: Machaela Cobler, 7744 N Co. Rd. 750 W, Osgood, IN 47037. Forms and checks must be received before November 11.

**CHURCH PICNICS** – **Holy Family Church Festival, Oldenburg**, on October 4, Drive-Thru Fried Chicken, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

**St. Nicholas Parish** will have a drive-thru chicken dinner on Sunday, October 11, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM, or until sold out. If interested, read more details from the flyer on the bulletin board.

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – A four-year-old boy told his father: "Dad, I've decided to get married."

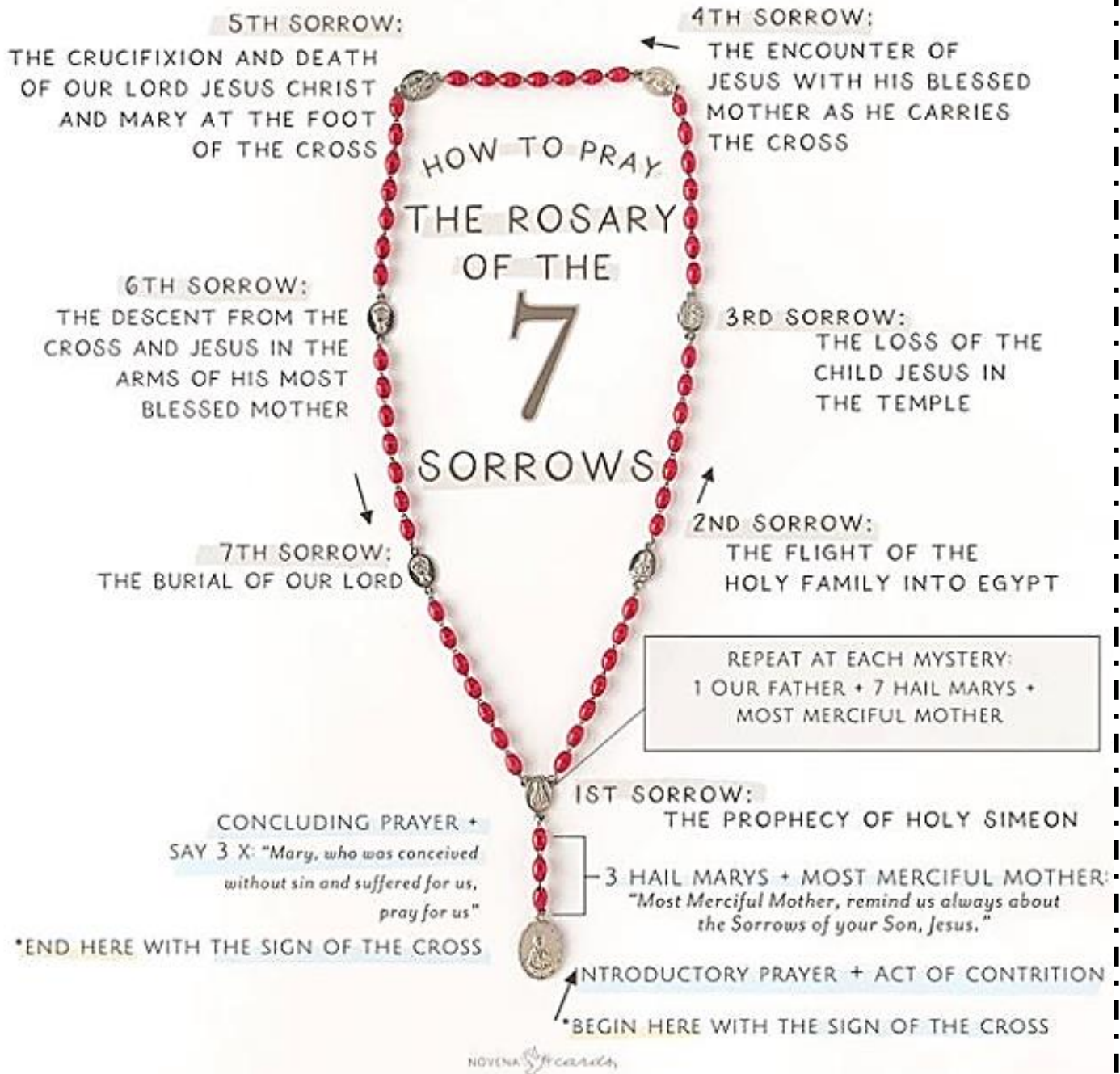
"Do you have a girl in mind?" the father asked.

"Yes," the boy replied. "Grandma! She said she loves me. I love her, too, and she's the best cook and storyteller in the whole world!"

"That's nice," the father replied, "but we have a small problem here. She happens to be my mother. How can you marry my mother?"

"Why not?" the boy replied. "You married mine!" (via George Goldtrap, Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL, The Joyful Noiseletter)

# September - Month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary



The Seven Sorrows Rosary dates back to the Middle Ages, and Our Lady requests the faithful to pray the Seven Sorrows Rosary on Tuesdays and Fridays. St. Alphonsus Liguori revealed in his book *The Glories of Mary* that Jesus has four promises for those who devote themselves to Mary's seven sorrows:

- 1) "That those who invoke the divine mother by her sorrows, before death will merit to obtain true repentance of all their sins."
- 2) "That he will protect such in their tribulations, especially at the hour of death."
- 3) "That he will impress upon them the memory of his passion, and that they shall have their reward for it in heaven."
- 4) "That he will commit such devout servants to the hands of Mary, that she may dispose of them according to her pleasure, and obtain for them all the graces she desires."