



23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### OUR GIVING

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| August 27th   | \$ | 390.00   |
| September 3rd | \$ | 2,038.00 |

**Sunday Mass** 9:15 AM  
**Confessions** By Appointment  
**Weekday Mass** Tuesday, 5:30 PM.  
**Hospital Visits** By Request  
**Baptism** Call Office  
**Anointing** Call Office

### YOU'RE INVITED

Parish Brunch is the weekend of *September 17th* after Mass. Bring a dish and invite someone to Mass and have them join us afterward for some great Holy Rosary Fellowship & Hospitality. We love our monthly brunch! It is an important part of the fabric of life here at Holy Rosary.

### ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on Sunday October 1, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Nativity Cathedral. Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65 or 70 years of marriage or more are welcome to attend. Registration forms can be picked up at the Sacred Heart Parish Office. *The deadline for registration by mail is September 15th.*

### HATTIESBURG YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Please join Hattiesburg's Young Adult group for our first get together of the school year. The event will be held on Tuesday, September 12 at Mugshots at 7 PM. Ray Lacy, the diocesan youth minister, will share about "Living an Authentic Christian Life". All are welcome! See you there!



**Rev. Ken Ramón-Landry, Pastor • Rev. Ignacio Jiménez Morales, Parochial Vicar**  
**Deacon Warren Goff RCIA: 601-447-3227 • Deacon Randy Duke**  
**Office hours: Please Call**

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone." Gossip has become a modern pastime. We publish magazines with the latest celebrity chatter, and create websites and blogs that reverberate with "opinions" about public and private personalities alike. Many people utilize social media to rant about the behavior of others, and the good old-fashioned coffee break still provides ample opportunity to reveal the offenses we have suffered or to dish out dirt about people who aren't present.

Although it can take many forms, at its core, gossip is about tarnishing people's reputations without giving them a chance to defend themselves. Today, Jesus recommends a different approach. He encourages us to deal directly with people, which in effect means to treat them with dignity and respect. Rather than making preconceived judgments about another's behavior, Jesus asks us to talk to the person involved ... first. Instead of running around venting our frustrations elsewhere, or even "tattling" on someone who has legitimately wronged us, we are called to address our concern head-on, with charity and compassion.

As Jesus suggests, "If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." In other words, by speaking directly to those who have offended us, we actually have the chance to resolve the situation before it grows out of proportion. Of course this doesn't always work; that's why Jesus mentions the other steps to take if necessary. But we will be the ones to blame for the continuation of the conflict unless we follow the Lord's advice and give peace a chance.

**September 10, 2017**  
**HOLY ROSARY**  
**CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**(Established 1949)**

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"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." This is a fascinating promise. Jesus enlightens us today about the power of communal faith. He emphasizes that a gathering of like-minded be-

lievers, small though it may be, has a powerful effect. As he tells his disciples, "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father."

Alright then, what are we waiting for? We should take Jesus up on this amazing offer! Going to Mass is one way to do so. When we gather together every Sunday, we do more than listen to readings and receive the Eucharist. We also PRAY together. The priest leads us in these prayers, of course, but we are meant to join with him, as the Second Vatican Council put it, with "fully conscious, and active participation" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, #14). We are to make the prayers our own by attentively joining in with them from our hearts. Mindlessly reciting "Amen" or absently whispering the words of the Our Father likely loses the effect Jesus was talking about in today's Gospel. But truly praying together with our parish community certainly fits the bill.

We need not be at church to fulfill this kind of prayer, however. It only takes two! Those of us who live with others can exercise communal prayer every day in our own homes, just by joining each other for a few moments of petition or praise. Those who live alone may need to reach out more deliberately, but it only takes a phone call to "gather together" with another believer and offer up our prayers. May we have the courage to invite others to join us as we bring our needs to God.



**September 10, 2017  
Holy Rosary Parish  
September 12, 2017  
Jay Slaughter**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Col 1:24--2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11  
Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary  
Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11/Lk 6:12-19  
Wednesday: St. John Chrysostom  
Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab/  
Lk 6:20-26  
Thursday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38/  
Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
Friday: Our Lady of Sorrows  
1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11/  
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7/  
Lk 6:43-49  
Next Sunday: Sir 27:30--28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/  
Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

To schedule intentions for Mass at Holy Rosary, contact Holy Rosary Office during office hours or leave a message at 601-583-9404. The stipend is 10.00!



| Date          | Commentator                       | Lector                      | Eucharistic Minister   |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Sept. 10      | Nikki                             | Belinda                     | Arthur, Linda          |
| Sept. 17      |                                   | Julie                       | Dominique, Voncile     |
| Sept. 24      | Charo                             | Linda                       | Shirley, Arthur        |
| Altar Servers | September 10                      | September 17                | September 24           |
|               | Avery Laverette<br>Townsend White | Avery Leverette<br>AJ Sneed | AJ Sneed<br>Adam Sneed |