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.” - Mt 18:21-22
BAPTISMS
Parents and Godparents are required to attend a class prior to baptism. Pre-registration is required. If no one pre-registers, there will be no class.

FUNERALS
Please contact the office.

MARRIAGES
Call the office at least 9 months prior to the wedding to book the date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
In the event of a serious illness or a medical emergency, call the office.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY
Please contact the office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Please contact the office

RCIA/RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
Brett Manero

Cathedral Basilica Budget
Offertory August 31, 2020 - Sept 6, 2020 $9,933.89

Projected Total Deficit June 30, 2021: $446,000
Current fiscal year: $18,424 offertory shortfall
We also incurred $45,000 in damages from recent vandalism.

Please donate at www.denvercathedral.org

Other Weekend Donations
Poor Box-SVDP $1,252.00
Food Pantry $95.00
Catholic University $40.00
Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 13, 2020
8:30 AM  Juanita Hernandez †
10:30 AM  Parishioners of the Cathedral Basilica
12:30 PM  Allison Sullivan
6:30 PM  Leslie Richardson & Family

Monday, September 14, 2020
7:00 AM  Betty Hinkens †
12:10 PM  Bonnie Montgomery †
3:00 PM  Light of the World Catholic Parish
5:30 PM  Sam Ochu †

Tuesday, September 15, 2020
7:00 AM  Travis, Frances & Suzie Robson
12:10 PM  O'Shaughnessy Family
5:30 PM  Sebastian Luke Oliver

Wednesday, September 16, 2020
7:00 AM  Rick & Terry Zaodavitch & Family
12:10 PM  Elizabeth Odum (Birthday)
5:30 PM  Jose Perez (Birthday)

Thursday, September 17, 2020
7:00 AM  Donald Trump
12:10 PM  Rita deBey †
5:30 PM  Julia Greeley Canoe

Friday, September 18, 2020
7:00 AM  Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:10 PM  Kerry Coleman †
5:30 PM  Catherine Monica Maguire †

Saturday, September 19, 2020
7:00 AM  Scott Scheller (Birthday)
4:30 PM  Anna & Emielia Black

Readings for the Week of September 13, 2020

SUN 9/13  Sir 27:30—28c/7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/
       Mt 18:21-35
MON 9/14  Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 18:16-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [47]/Phil 2:6-11/
       Lk 3:13-17
TUE 9/15  1 Cor 12:31—13:3/Ps 3:3a, 8, 9-10, 11-12 [12]/Lk 7:31-35
WED 9/16  1 Cor 12:31—13:3/Ps 3:3a, 8, 9-10, 11-12 [12]/Lk 7:31-35
THU 9/17  1 Cor 15:5-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Jn 7:36-50
FRI 9/18  1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15]/Lk 8:1-3
SAT 9/19  1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-d, 12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15
SUN 9/20  Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8, 9, 17-18 [18]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/
       Mt 20:1-16a

Observances for the Week of September 13, 2020

Sunday:  24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents’ Day
Monday:  The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tuesday:  Our Lady of Sorrows
Wednesday:  Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Thursday:  St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday:  St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
Next Sunday:  25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
FROM YOUR PASTOR

GOSSIP KILLS!

When I was in 6th Grade at Presentation School, Sister Eugene Marie RSM tried to teach us a lesson about GOSSIP. She whispered into the ear of the first student that, 'Dora has a pink transistor radio.' By the time the statement circulated by whisper through 30 kids, it came out that 'Dora is taking a vacation.' WOW!

Sister's point was...STATEMENTS GET DISTORTED as they are passed second and third hand… and PEOPLE GET HURT OR MIS-REPRESENTED along the way.

The same is true today… in OUR LIVES and in OUR CHURCH.

The SOCIAL MEDIA is full of those reporting fact and innuendo about the Holy Father, the Church, the Clergy, and Church Politics. Sometimes it looks like a World Version of Washington DC!

Discern the TRUTH about WHAT YOU READ and WHAT YOU REPEAT. While the Church is BIG, its World is SMALL. Lay and Clergy REPUTATIONS can be destroyed and their EFFECTIVENESS marginalized with inaccurate information or conjecture.

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU REPEAT!

GOSSIP is a violation of the Fifth Commandment -- You Shall Not Kill. Destroying someone's Reputation or Integrity is not only a Sin, it can kill their Spirit...and sometimes lead to measures as drastic as suicide.

And that is the NEXUS of the PANDEMIC AND GOSSIP. With more ISOLATION, we are more inclined to converse via SOCIAL MEDIA...and CYBERSPACE NEVER FORGETS. Just as things said in anger can never be taken back, similarly an INAPPROPRIATE SHARING OF CONFIDENTIAL OR INACCURATE INFORMATION can never be retrieved...and will probably be DISTORTED OR MISUSED.

BE CAREFUL HOW YOU USE SOCIAL MEDIA AGAINST YOUR SISTER OR BROTHER!

ACTIONS THAT HARM need a cooling off period. Whether it is the inappropriate IMAGE, the inflammatory STATEMENT, the unjust CONDEMNATION, the public CORRECTION, or the idol GOSSIP, the best option is to count to 10… or even a 100...or just LET IT GO.

JESUS KNOWS THE TRUTH AND WILL HANDLE THE SITUATION.

Remember, at the times you heard GOSSIP ABOUT YOURSELF that was not true, it probably hurt your feelings.

YOU DO NOT WANT TO HURT THE FEELINGS OF SOMEONE THROUGH YOUR GOSSIP.

The three most important phrases that Jesus wants to hear from you and from me 24/7 are: I LOVE YOU, THANK YOU, AND I'M SORRY.

MERCY, GRATITUDE, DISCRESSION, AND COMPASSION CONQUER GOSSIP!

+May God Bless You and Keep You+

-Very Reverend Ronald W Cattany
Please pray for all those who are sick or in need of our prayers:


Please pray for all those in our parish family who have died since Shelter in Place:

Mike Farley, Jossie Eyre, Tina Martinez, Jerry Priddy, Lou Jahde, Jessie Mangers, Kara O’Connor, Joe Vitale, Deacon Anthony Dudzic, Billy Bruce, Kathleen Davis, Bob Roach, Sam Ochu, Scott Collier, Gerald Cucio, Fr. Joe Blanco, Josephine Malesich, Louisa Orduna, Maureen Rittenhouse, Sammy Lopez, Randall Cook, Mike McBride, Peter James Chavez

**SACRED MUSIC**

*Saint Cecilia, Pray for Us*

During this time of social distancing, we have brought our Cathedral Concert Series online! Head to our website at denvercathedral.org and click on YouTube icon on the left side. See Ken Mervine’s Concert in our Playlists.

Find our concerts on our YouTube by going to denvercathedral.org
COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Pray for Us

Monday-Friday we serve around 200-300 people each day in our breakfast sandwich line, food pantry, soup and sandwich To-Go at St. Elizabeth of Hungary’s and Snacks on the Hill.

Please donate to help us keep these outreach ministries operational.

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society helps ~12 households each month with rental and utility assistance.

Thank you for your generosity.

FOCCUS Facilitator Trainings

During this time of COVID-19 quarantine, we are moving our training to an online format using live Zoom meetings. This course will train facilitators/mentor couples to use the FOCCUS Pre-Marriage Inventory with engaged couples. The training course will be scheduled as four 1 1/2 hour classes over a month. The participants are trained to:

- Administer the FOCCUS Pre-Marriage Inventory
- Interpret the FOCCUS Pre-Marriage Inventory Couple Report
- Use the Couple Report to help couples engage in marriage preparation

Course 1 - 2020
Tuesdays
7pm-8:30pm

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Course 2 - 2021
Tuesdays
7pm-8:30pm

| Feb. 02 | Feb. 09 | Feb. 16 | Feb. 23 |

Cost:
$60 - couple/individual - first time facilitator (includes manual)
$30 - couple/individual - refresher (use your own manual)

Register:
Email: Brigid@denvercathedral.org

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Office of Evangelization & Family Life Ministries

The Story and You

I recently re-visited The Forgiveness Book by Alice Camille and Paul Boudreau. Published in 2008, it remains the most beautiful book on forgiveness I’ve ever read. And it nudges me to ask some questions about how things got so out of hand with the master and his servant in this parable.

How on earth did that servant rack up a debt of what would be a billion dollars today? And how did the master let the debt get that high in the first place? Well, since the Master is God, and the servant is us, the answer is easy. Thousands of years of greed, of using the earth as our personal slave, and the willful turning away from the Golden Rule have created our unfathomable debt.

Now, the other guy in the parable owed the servant the equivalent of a quarter of a year’s income. That’s a figure we can visualize. That represents a loss of three months rent, utilities, car insurance, groceries, and Netflix. That hurts. That’s money we want to get back, and we can get pretty aggressive in hounding the one who owes it until we finally recover it, usually in nickels and dimes.

The first servant, the one with the huge debt, was a sinner. Yes, our hearts break when he and his wife and children are sold as repayment of that debt, but wouldn’t they have to be sold thousands of times in order to get close to what he owed? See, that’s us. There’s nothing we can do to repay God for our purposely hardened hearts. Unless, maybe, we start softening them through the redemptive acts of forgiving the smaller debts owed to us.

When was the last time you forgave someone? Did you feel your heart softening as you did?

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Welcome! We invite you to check out our sports leagues, find a bible study or just stop by for dinner on Sunday evenings. Families always welcome! Find us on Facebook at Cathedral Young Adult and Young Adult Families or feel free to contact our Young Adult Coordinator, Georgie Messing at gmessing@catholicsports.net

Mass for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees
Sunday, September 26th at 3pm at the Cathedral Basilica (livestream at www.archden.org/livestream)

Prayer for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2020: “Forced like Jesus to flee”

For the President of the United States and all government leaders: that the Son of God, who became human, and a migrant and refugee himself, will help them understand the great dignity of human persons, and support legislation that better protects vulnerable populations in our midst, we pray to the Lord.

For refugees in Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and elsewhere who are experiencing great suffering, that God might bring them to a place of peace and safety, we pray to the Lord.

For peace in the world and the end of all wars that create the refugee crisis impelling people to look for safety for them and their families in other countries, we pray to the Lord.

For refugees forced to leave their countries because of religious persecution and the need of freedom to profess their Christian faith, we pray to the Lord.

St. Rita’s Casual Softball Tournament: Saturday, Sept 19th! You are guaranteed at least three games and could be playing from 8-5pm. For more info and registration; www.cocatholicsports.leagueapps.com/leagues/softball

Interested in joining a Bible Study? Learn more and sign up for our studies at CatholicSports.net/bible-studies
JULIA GREELEY GUILD
Servant of God, Julia Greeley, Pray for Us

As part of her Cause for Canonization, Julia’s mortal remains were transferred to Denver’s Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception on June 7, 2017.

For more information on Julia’s life and her impact on Denver, head to juliagreeley.org

JULIA GREELEY BOOK FOR SALE

The Julia Greeley Guild is selling the book Julia Greeley: Denver’s Angel of Charity, written and illustrated by the 2018-2019 Annunciation Catholic School 5th Grade Class, as a fundraiser. The cost of the book is $15.00, and monies raised will assist in the process of the Canonization of Servant of God Julia Greeley. For additional information or to order a book, please contact Mary Leisring at the Cathedral Basilica 303-831-7010 or email maryl@denvercathedral.org.

PRAYER THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF THE SERVANT OF GOD JULIA GREELEY
Denver’s Model of Mercy

Heavenly Father, your servant Julia Greeley dedicated her life to honoring the Sacred Heart of your son and to the humble service of the poor.

Grant me a generous heart like your Son’s, and if it be in accordance with your holy will, please grant this favor I now ask through Julia’s intercession.

I pray this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Archbishop Samuel J Aquila

JULIA’S CANOE

During her life in Denver, Julia once responded to a request for prayers by saying, “I’ll put you in my canoe with everyone else that I pray for”.

Send your prayer intentions to juliascanoe@gmail.com

We Pray for the Intentions in Julia’s Canoe during special Masses scheduled:

September 17th @ 5:30 pm
October 15th @ 5:30 pm
November 12th @ 5:30 pm
December 17th @ 5:30 pm
If you were part of the program last year or want to join it now, or if your children need to receive the Sacraments, we would love to hear from you!

Due to the current circumstances the program is being adjusted, so more details will come soon, but in the meantime, please reach out to us so we can let you know as soon as we have more information.

You can call the parish office or e-mail us at ReligiousEd@denvercathedral.org

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**Saint Peter Claver**

A native of Spain, young Jesuit Peter Claver left his homeland forever in 1610 to be a missionary in the colonies of the New World. He sailed into Cartagena, a rich port city washed by the Caribbean. He was ordained there in 1615.

By this time the slave trade had been established in the Americas for nearly 100 years, and Cartagena was a chief center for it. Ten thousand slaves poured into the port each year after crossing the Atlantic from West Africa under conditions so foul and inhuman that an estimated one-third of the passengers died in transit. Although the practice of slave-trading was condemned by Pope Paul III and later labeled “supreme villainy” by Pope Pius IX, it continued to flourish.

Peter Claver’s predecessor, Jesuit Father Alfonso de Sandoval, had devoted himself to the service of the slaves for 40 years before Claver arrived to continue his work, declaring himself “the slave of the Negroes forever.”

As soon as a slave ship entered the port, Peter Claver moved into its infested hold to minister to the ill-treated and exhausted passengers. After the slaves were herded out of the ship like chained animals and shut up in nearby yards to be gazed at by the crowds, Claver plunged in among them with medicines, food, bread, brandy, lemons, and tobacco. With the help of interpreters he gave basic instructions and assured his brothers and sisters of their human dignity and God’s love. During the 40 years of his ministry, Claver instructed and baptized an estimated 300,000 slaves.

Fr. Claver’s apostolate extended beyond his care for slaves. He became a moral force, indeed, the apostle of Cartagena. He preached in the city square, gave missions to sailors and traders as well as country missions, during which he avoided, when possible, the hospitality of the planters and owners and lodged in the slave quarters instead.

After four years of sickness, which forced the saint to remain inactive and largely neglected, Claver died on September 8, 1654. The city magistrates, who had previously frowned at his solicitude for the black outcasts, ordered that he should be buried at public expense and with great pomp.

Peter Claver was canonized in 1888, and Pope Leo XIII declared him the worldwide patron of missionary work among black slaves.

The Holy Spirit’s might and power are manifested in the striking decisions and bold actions of Peter Claver. A decision to leave one’s homeland never to return reveals a gigantic act of will difficult for us to imagine. Peter’s determination to serve forever the most abused, rejected, and lowly of all people is stunningly heroic. When we measure our lives against such a man’s, we become aware of our own barely used potential and of our need to open ourselves more to the jolting power of Jesus’ Spirit.
Leave a Legacy

Creating a will is one of the most important ways to record and remember what matters most to you—personally, financially and spiritually. It is an opportunity to make perhaps the most significant charitable gifts of your lifetime to strengthen our parish and the Catholic Community. We are so grateful to the many who have gone before us and those who have chosen to remember us in their wills. Our parish partners with The Catholic Foundation to provide for our future financial needs. Please consider making a gift or designating a bequest in your will for our fund at The Catholic Foundation. To learn more, please contact Jean Finegan at The Catholic Foundation at 303.867.0613.