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Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any false forgiveness in your life. Ask the Spirit to pour out His love in your heart (Rm 5:5) so you have His power to forgive.

**Prayer:** Father, may forgiveness mean for me what it means for You.

**Promise:** "None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master. While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die we die as His servants." – Rm 14:7-8

Praise the risen Jesus, our Peace! (Eph 2:14)

## Parish Council Meeting

### This Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

### 7 pm—Rectory



*And don't forget  
to pray for Pope Francis.*

# THE VOICE

September 17, 2017

*24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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**Vigil - Saturdays**

St. Catherine, Fossil 5:00 pm

**Sundays**

St. Francis, Arlington 8:00 am

St. John, Condon 10:30 am

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Donna McIntosh

**One Bread, One Body -  
Reflection for September 17, 2017**

## False Forgiveness

*"My heavenly Father will treat you in exactly the same way unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart." – Matthew 18:35*

Many Christians don't forgive others because they have been deceived into thinking they have already forgiven. This deception about forgiveness results in our being handed over to the torturers (Mt 18:34) and not being forgiven ourselves (Mt 6:12). Therefore, we are doomed if we are deceived about having forgiven.

One of the best indicators of false forgiveness is anger. Before and after the writer of Sirach commands us to forgive (Sir 28:2), he teaches us that "wrath and anger are hateful things" (Sir 27:30) and that anger prevents us from being healed (Sir 28:3, 5). We may not even feel angry with the persons who have hurt us, yet anger in any area may be an indication of unforgiveness toward someone.

Another indication of false forgiveness is not being very aware of the impossibility of human beings forgiving. The old saying is absolutely true: "To err is human; to forgive is divine." We cannot forgive; only God can forgive. Humanly speaking, we have a bear-hug on anger and unforgiveness (see Sir 27:30). We will never break this hold by our own power. By the Lord's power, however, we can forgive everyone for everything.

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**This Weekend: September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>  
24<sup>rd</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**5:00 pm Vigil Mass - St Catherine**

Reader: Kathryn  
Cup: Volunteer

**8:00 am Mass - St. Francis**

Reader: Lyn  
Cups: Volunteers

**10:30 am Mass - St John**

Reader: Juli  
Server: Volunteers  
Cup Holders: Kathy & Kay  
Coffee: Jane Campbell



**Next Weekend: September 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>  
25<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**5:00 pm Vigil Mass - St Catherine**

Reader: Sabine  
Cup: Volunteer

**8:00 am Mass - St. Francis**

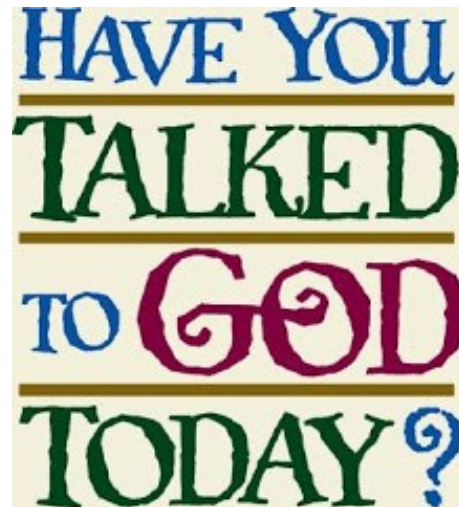
Reader: Larry  
Cups: Volunteers

**10:30 am Mass - St John**

Reader: Dorothy  
Server: Volunteers  
Cup Holders: Bob & Cindy  
Coffee: Veronica Sandoval



St. John Church  
is open  
8:00 am—6:30 pm  
Please enter via the  
side door.



**Volunteers Wanted for HOPE 2017**

Homelessness is not always easy to see in rural American communities. Home 4 Hope knows homelessness takes on many different forms and affects all ages. To truly and accurately know our homeless population, in Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla and Wheeler counties, we are asking for volunteers who will actually walk/drive the streets, roads, parks, rivers of their communities to find those who are homeless and complete a survey with each one. Unless we actually get out and look we are not able to say we do or don't have a homeless population. Please consider helping us with HOPE...

HOPE (Homeless Outreach Population Estimate)

Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017

7.30pm to Midnight

Interested in volunteering? Signup online: <http://goo.gl/TBnzsi>

The statistics we gather can aid community stakeholders with:

- Raising public awareness about the issue of homelessness;
  - Accurately measuring and identifying the needs of populations that are the hardest to serve (chronically homeless);
  - Demonstrating a need for resources in an area;
  - Measuring performance in eliminating homelessness, particularly chronic homelessness;
- and
- Service planning.

Questions? Contact Sean at CAPECO [541-276-1926](tel:541-276-1926)

**September**

Money Counters

**Kay Hassing**

**&**

**Nichole Schott**



**September 2017** Parish Collections

Date	St. John	St. Francis	St. Catherine
9-3-2017	\$ 2,234.00	\$ 535.00	\$ 855.00
9-10-2017	\$ 915.00	\$ 497.00	\$ 120.00
9-17-2017	\$	\$	\$
9-24-2017	\$	\$	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,149.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,032.00</b>	<b>\$ 975.00</b>