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Mass Times
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Mon., Tues. & Thurs.
8:30 a.m.
Thursday Novena 9:00 a.m.
Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Confessions
Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Religious Ed
Sunday - resumes in Fall
10:00 - 11:05 a.m.

Saint Katharine Drexel
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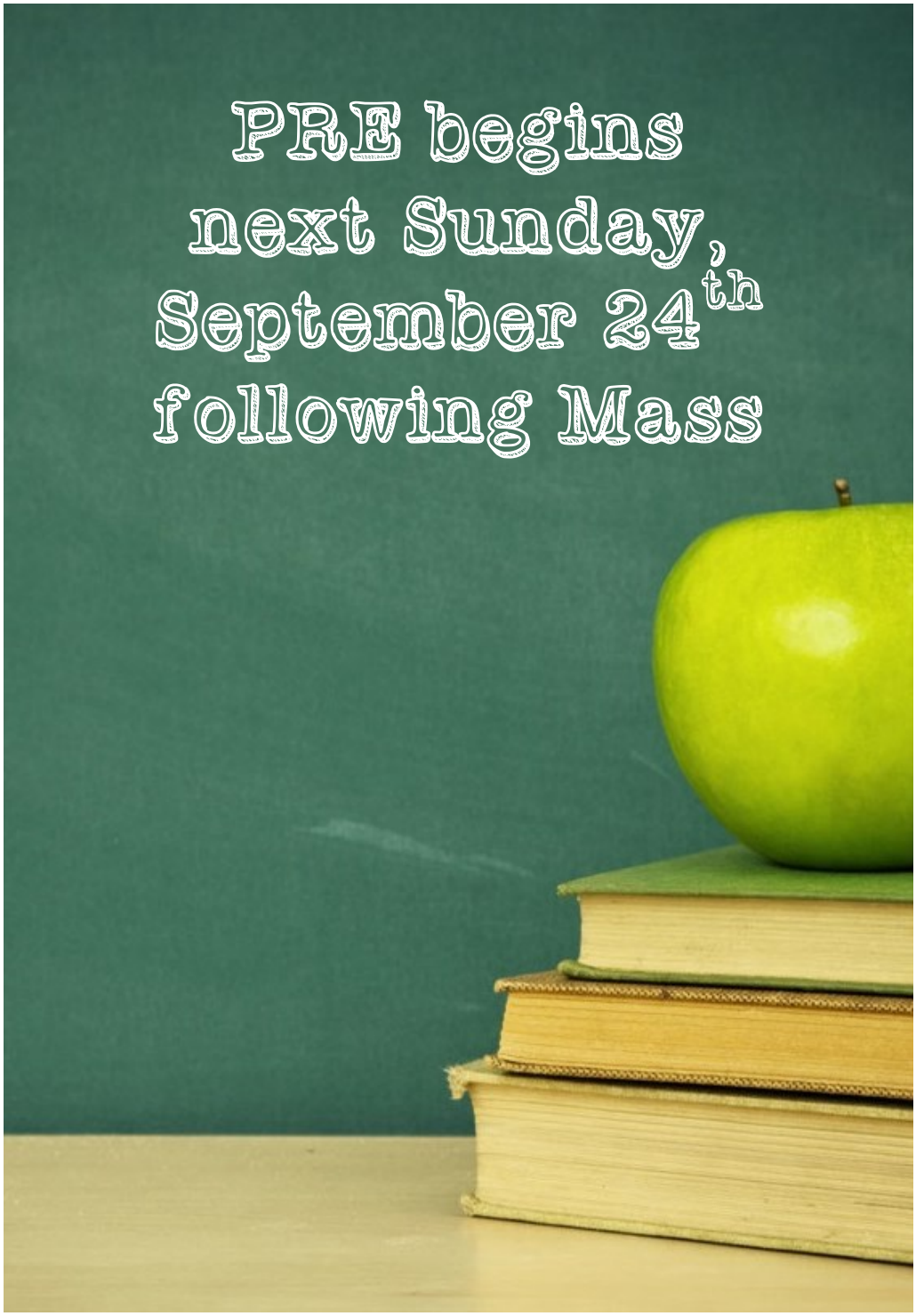
Trenton, GA 30752

Mass Times
Sunday 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday 5:00 p.m.

Confessions
Wednesday 4:30 p.m.

September 17, 2017



In an emergency

Please call Fr. Tom's cell phone directly at (423) 637-4850.

Nursery

Our nursery is open for Sunday Mass beginning at 8:30 a.m. and is located downstairs in the church.

Altar Flowers

Thank you to Joy Irwin for providing altar flowers this weekend in honor of Dr. and Mrs. John Ammer. To make changes to the schedule please visit the Ministries tab at olmcc.com.

Memorial Garden Workday

Our September memorial garden workday has been rescheduled for Tuesday, September 26th at 5:30 p.m. All are invited to join us to help maintain our beautiful garden. Please alert Nini Davenport or Sissy Tarumianz if you plan to attend so they can prepare for the social time after.

Women's Social

Please join the ladies of the parish for an evening of wine, appetizers, and fellowship Thursday, September 21st at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Beverly Short, 1515 Chickamauga Trail. The signupgenius link is available at www.olmcc.com and signups are in the narthex.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Our Adult Ed study, Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, will begin Sunday, September 24th following 9:00 a.m. Mass. Glenn and Susan Brace will lead this 8-week study. Signups are available in the narthex. Materials need to be ordered so signup soon.

Pope Francis' September Prayer Intention

Parishes at the service of the mission. That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

Mass Intentions for the Week

September 16 - Ethel Louizides (D)

September 17 - John B. Crimmins, Jr. (D)

September 19 - Jimbo Lucas (D)

Readings for Next Sunday, September 24th

First Reading	Isaiah 55:6-9
Second Reading	Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
Gospel	Matthew 20:1-16a

How different are the Lord's ways from our own! Gracious and good to all, the Lord is equally generous in compassion and love to those who are quick to respond to his invitation, as well as to those who are slow to hear his call. May the Lord Jesus always be our life.

September 18 - Ellie Mahoney

September 18 - John Scroggins

September 19 - Matt Buchanan

September 19 - Sean Coakley

September 19 - Wilkes Mazo

September 20 - Farell McGinness

September 21 - Hank Buchanan

September 22 - Kat Sabourin

September 23 - Rob Hart

September 23 - Lisa Schroepfer

September 24 - Jack Pollock

Happy Anniversary

9 years on Sep 18 - Ellie & Bo Mahoney

52 years on Sep 24 - Diane & Bill Brown

Liturgical Minister Schedules

Saturday, September 23rd

Lector:	Ruthie Towns
Eucharistic Ministers:	Rhonda Brown Lanny Haynes Suzanne Haynes
Altar Servers:	Chessie Alsobrook Emily Alsobrook August Anderson

Sunday, September 24th

Lector:	Micheline Johnson
Eucharistic Ministers:	Angela Buchanan Heather Corley Nini Davenport Maggie Estes Paul Glascock Dan Shanahan Beverly Short
Altar Servers:	Mary Kate Johnson Riggs Johnson Alden Mazo
Greeters:	Michele Silberman Harriett Whitaker

Prayer List

Ann Aiken
Brother Anselm
Greg Brown
Richard Collins
Celia Davenport
Mamie Everette
Jeff Gouveia
Fred Hale
Janie House
Nancy Maclellan
Cliff Martin
Mike McAfee
Barbara McLellan
John McLellan
Peter Mullady
Paul Palmer
Wayne Pickett
Mary Vorder Bruegge
Camilla Pollock-Flynn

Please contact the office with needed changes, including updates and additions.

The following altar servers have been promoted. Thank you for your continued service to the parish.

Sig Brown - *Corporal*
Eileen Nash - *Corporal*
Spencer Towns - Two-Star General
Katie Nash - Major
Olivia Perry - Sergeant

PRE Begins Next Week

Parish religious education will resume next Sunday, September 24th following 9:00 a.m. Mass. Registration forms can be found at www.olmcc.com. Please submit your completed forms no later than September 21st. The fees for this year are 1 student for $75 and 2 or more students $150. Fees are waived for the children of Catechists.

Need some time away from hectic schedules to enjoy God's beautiful creation? Join us at Rising Fawn Gardens on Saturday, September 30th 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. as we find God's grace in our everyday lives. Kay Satterfield from Ignatius House of Atlanta will be our guide. Lunch will be provided. A $25 registration fee is due by 9.25.17 to secure your spot. Signups are online and in the narthex. Questions? contact Mary Voges at 706-820-0680.

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend's second collection is for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Georgia. This second collection is special because each dollar raised goes not only to helping people in our parish area but also to helping people in need across the state. Our gifts to this collection go directly to provide emergency shelter, food, clothing and educational resources to those experiencing hardship and crisis with the ultimate goal of achieving self-sufficiency. Please be generous.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SIRACH 27:30—28:7

ROMANS 14:7–9

PSALM 103:1–2, 3–4, 9–10, 11–12

MATTHEW 18:21–35

REFLECTION

I remember that when my children were young, my oldest son Stephen enjoyed wrecking the Lego structure his younger sister, Elizabeth, built. The result of this destruction was Elizabeth crying and running to tell me. If I saw this, I would instantly get mad at Stephen and tell him sternly to say he was sorry to his sister. I can still hear the unrepentant tone of Stephen's voice as he said, "Sorry, Elizabeth." Have you ever said you were sorry, but didn't really mean it? Or have you ever experienced actually accepting another person's apology, only to discover that, deep inside you, were still really angry with the person? It seems like forgiveness is tricky business. Today's Gospel addresses the complexity of forgiving and forgiveness. How often are we like Peter, so hopeful that we have the "correct answer" only to find out that we are far from the truth? In this case Peter recognizes the importance of forgiveness by asking whether he should forgive seven times, a symbolic number of completeness. However, he, like many of us, often fails to recognize the extent that forgiveness should have in our lives. As Jesus' parable points out, the first and foremost message is that the Master forgives the servant who fell down and pleaded for forgiveness. When the servant says, "Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full" (v. 26) the master, who represents God, is filled with compassion and forgives his debt. So the first lesson about forgiveness is the good news that God forgives. Jesus' message is that God is full of mercy and compassion.

But of course we know that to be forgiven by God is just the beginning. We also need to share this forgiveness with those around us. If we do not, we are, as the First Reading says, ultimately refusing the mercy and healing of the Lord. In fact, the master gets angry at the servant who was unwilling to forgive others after having been forgiven by the master.

ACTION

During your prayer time, think about the different people in your life whom you need to forgive in both big and small ways. Spend some time in prayer asking for the grace to forgive them and a way for you to show that forgiveness to them.

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- What are the faults in your life that you are holding on to and refusing to be forgiven?
- Who are the people in your life whom you need to forgive in order for you to fully live in the Lord?

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