

Divine Savior & Our Lady of the Lakes Twenty-Fourth Sunday Prayer Reflection

Start by the sign of the cross: +

Place yourself before the presence of God by being still.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday Readings:

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

Romans 14:7-9

Gospel of Matthew 18:21-35

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/091320.cfm>

You can get the readings from: The Daily Bread Booklet, Missalettes, Bible etc.

Fr. Gideon's Reflection: God's gift of forgiveness

Our responsorial psalm today starts with the word "Bless the Lord." It's really a call to praise and be grateful for what God has done to His people. The psalmist gives us three reasons to this invitation to praise God: God has forgiven the people their sins, because of that forgiveness, they have been healed of their brokenness and finally, out of that healing, God has revived and given them a new life.

The same gift of forgiveness given to the people of Israel thousands of years ago is extended to each one of us today. It's a gift that we are given by God to extend to others, especially those close to us. It's a gift meant to heal and reconcile us with each other, mend and strengthen our relationships with others.

Creed: Pray the Creed

Intentions: Offer your personal prayers and those of your family, pray for our RCIA and confirmation candidates, pray for a deep sense of healing and peace in our country.

On the Anniversary of September 11th, pray for the safety of all First Responders, Fire-Fighters and Police, pray for global peace.

Conclude the prayers with a Hail Mary

Pray the Lord's Prayer

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Conclude with the sign of the cross: +

A few things to keep in mind:

-The Archbishop announced that on September 14, 2020, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation will expire. Please note that those at a higher risk in relation to Covid-19 are encouraged to pray from home.

-Our First Monday (though its second Monday) of the month Adoration at St. Rose Chapel will be September 14th, 2pm.

- Our cluster parishes will celebrate Confirmations at Holy Cross Church on September 19th, at the 4:30 pm Mass. Given the 25% capacity requirement, you may want to attend one of the two other cluster parish Masses.

-If you want to receive anointing of the sick or can't attend church because of health reasons and want to receive the Eucharist, please contact Fr. Gideon at the office.

-Save the date—October 4th—Our Lady of the Lakes, Random Lake, **Ham Dinner** and October 10th **BBQ Bonanza for Divine Savior School**, Fredonia.