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Dear Padre

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

Pope Francis said, "Who am I to judge?" But aren't we supposed to hold each other to a higher standard of living and judge actions as moral or sinful?

Pope Francis is not the only one to warn about judging. He is likely drawing his guidance from Jesus in Matthew 7:1-2. Both the Lord and the pope warn us about judging others and looking down upon those we consider "more sinful." That sort of comparison can easily lead us to arrogance and hypocrisy.

The Lord teaches us there will be a final (or particular) judgment each of us will have to face. We will all have to stand before God and give an account of our actions. This teaches us that God is the only one qualified to fully know a person's heart and intentions. If we begin to act as a judge of people, then we are playing God.

However, your question also implies that among believers we are to hold one another accountable in our Christian community. This is correct (Matthew 18:15-17). In the body of Christ, there is a responsibility to help and encourage each other to follow Jesus. Among the baptized, there should be the sharing of virtues and some accountability to the Church. We call one another higher, not through accusation, but through love and service. It is my duty to help fellow believers in their discipleship, as it is their duty to help me with mine. I find that I appreciate those who care enough about me to want to help me be a better Catholic, priest, or person. In community, we should build up in fellowship, not tear down in judgment.

—Fr. Matthew Bonk, CSSR

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Monday
SEPTEMBER 18
Weekday
1 Tm 2:1-8
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 19
Weekday
1 Tm 3:1-13
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 20
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs
1 Tm 3:14-16
Lk 7:31-35

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 21
St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13
Mt 9:9-13

Friday
SEPTEMBER 22
Weekday
1 Tm 6:2c-12
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 23
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
1 Tm 6:13-16
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 24
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:6-9
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a
Mt 20:1-16a

Good News!

September 17, 2017
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Sir 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Often when we think of a judge, we think of severity or cold justice. Courtroom and criminal-justice dramas—even some news coverage of major crimes and scandals—love depicting the offender as receiving his or her just rewards, with the judge or prosecutor smugly reflecting or sighing in relief.

But in the scriptural sense, a judge is much more. A good judge is an educator, teacher, and parent. Good judges promote wise living and respect for authority and the law. Their tools are sometimes mercy, sometimes penance, but always prompted by love.

A better image to understand the judge's role is a parent educating his or her child. Sometimes education means letting something slide; sometimes it means holding the child accountable. Both can be expressions of love.

Today's readings caution us against selfish passions that prompt us to judge. One who has been forgiven much but is then harsh with others will be severely punished—or as Sirach puts it, God "remembers their sins in detail."

Mercy toward others is key to the Gospel message. Some think they are good Christians because they don't steal and haven't killed anyone. They may even be active in their parish but are highly critical of others.

Remember, as Jesus said: "The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you" (Matthew 7:2). And, "So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart."

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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Sept. 17, 2017 – Twenty- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

REGULAR MASS TIMES: Saturday 6:00 p.m., Sunday 7:30 a.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. **Confessions:** Saturday 5:00 – 5:45 p.m., or by Appointment **Daily Masses:** Tue. – Fri. 7:30 a.m. (Monday is Father’s day off.)
The Prayer Garden is available 24/7/365

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Tues. – James Maraggia (†) Margie McMullen
- Wed. – All Parishioners (SI)
- Thurs. – All Parishioners (SI)
- Fri. – Calvin Hennesey (†) Carlyne Ballard
- Sat. 6:00 p.m. – Fritz ‘Key’ Schwarting (†) Ludene Darilek
- Sun. 7:30 a.m. – Ronnie Charbula (†) Ronald & Barbara Charbula
- Sun. 9:00 a.m. – Everyone affected by the hurricane (SI)

Mass Intention Symbols

- † - In honor of deceased
- ♥ - Anniversary/Marriage
- ♪ - Birthday/Thanksgiving
- SI - Special Intentions



Free

Rosaries in Narthex

Please inform the office if you know of a St. Joseph parishioner in the hospital or that is homebound for Father Barnabas to visit.
Remember to write your prayer requests on the note cards in the corner of the Narthex and place them in the slot of the corner table.

Next Weekend’s Ministry Schedule

ALTAR SERVERS

- Sat. Allison & William Hunt, Cheyann Parks
- Sun. 7:30 A & J Koehl, S Kolodziejczyk
- Sun: 9:00 Fred & Annie Smith, McKenzie Sharp

CANTOR: M Hirschhauser

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

(The Minister listed first serves the body of Christ)

- Sat. A Marek, M Maraggia, J Marek
- Sun. 7:30: K Bednorz, L Groth, D Martin
- Sun. 9:00: M Roessler, 2 Volunteers

LECTORS

- Sat. G Wolter
- Sun. 7:30: Kolodziejczyk
- Sun: 9:00 M Hodgkinson

USHERS

- Sat. Miori, Maraggias, Volunteer
- Sun. 7:30: Koch, Horelka, Zacek, Maraggia
- Sun. 9:00: A Pokluda, B.J. Ellison, R Cedillo, D Gonzales

Church Giving Report

Father's Cake any/all donations accepted	\$375.00
CCD Program	\$230.00
Prayer Garden	\$20.00
2017-2018 Picnic Fund	\$275.00
Picnic Raffle	\$788.00
Picnic Bucket Drawing	\$195.00
Scholarship	\$30.00
Pledges - Building & Parking Lot	\$130.00
Weekly Building Fund	\$40.00
Weekly Offering	\$1,210.00
Weekly Loose/Restricted	\$630.00
Total	\$3,923.00
2nd Collection	\$794.20
Rollover 2017 to 2018 Picnic Goal	\$9,733.50
2017 DSA St. Joseph Goal	\$30,093.00
2017 DSA 2nd Collection (total)	(\$3,261.43)
2017 DSA St. Joseph Goal balance	\$26,831.57

The drawings for the general raffle and Father's cake will be @ 11 a.m. September 24th in the CCD hall. Coffee and donuts will be served after 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please continue to buy/sell raffle tickets until the day of the drawing. Donations are still being accepted for a chance to win the cake Father is baking himself using a recipe from our own Betty Yendrey.

We ask that you pick up any auction items you may have brought to the church.

Upcoming Events Calendar

- Sept. 17 – Catholic Daughter’s Meeting** after 9:00 a.m. Mass in the CCD Hall
- Sept. 17 – Moulton Church Picnic – The Hall at Moulton Oaks (former KC Hall)** Fried Chicken & Stew \$9/plate serving starts @ 10:30 a.m. (Open Air Mass 10 a.m. @ the City Park)
- Sept. 21 – Thursday Morning Bible Study – 9:30 a.m. in the Meeting Room**
- Sept. 24 – Raffle & Father’s Cake Drawing & Coffee/Donut Social** – 11:00 a.m. CCD Hall
- Sept. 24 – Sts. Peter & Paul Annual Festival** – BBQ Beef Dinner \$10 11 a.m. - Meyersville
- Sept. 24 – St. Philip the Apostle Annual Picnic** – El Campo Columbus Club (KC Hall) 11:00 a.m. BBQ Beef & Sausage dinner \$10
- Sept. 27 – 10th Grade Parent Meeting – 7:00 p.m.** – CCD Hall
- Sept 30 – Annual Inez Fire Dept. Fundraiser** – 4 p.m. – Midnight. Meal starts @ 4 pm. Free Dance
- Oct. 1 – Holy Cross Catholic Church Fall Festival & Turkey Dinner \$10** – KC Hall in Bay City
- Oct. 18 – Confirmation Sponsor Meeting – 7:00 p.m.** – CCD Hall
- Oct. 29 – Youth Spectacular - Cathedral Center** 3102 N. Laurent St. Victoria, **Reg. deadline 10.13.17** contact Wendy weggert@victoriadiocese.org or Ryan rleos@victoriadiocese.org or call 361-573-0828

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♪ Two Weeks of Happy Birthdays & Anniversary ♥

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Holy God, in the daily journey from sunrise to sunset, remind me always of your holy presence hovering near, both within me to guide me, and surrounding me to protect me. Free me from shame and self-doubt; and help me, and all of my fellow believers, to see the myriad opportunities to walk our path in the courage, honesty, and wisdom inspired by your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Upcoming Second Collections –

- Sept 24 – Goes towards St. Joseph’s obligation to the Diocesan Service Appeal**
- Oct 8 - Goes towards St. Joseph’s obligation to the Diocesan Service Appeal**