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**MASS SCHEDULE
HORARIO DE MISAS**

Saturday/Sábado
5:00 pm English

Sunday/Domingo
10:00 am English
12:30 pm Español

Tuesday-Thursday / Martes-Jueves
8:15 am English

First Friday/Primer Viernes
10:00 am English

CONFESSION/CONFESIÓN:
Saturday/Sábado
4:00-4:45 pm or by appointment. *O con cita*

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY/
SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO**
Please call the Parish Office for appointment (6 months of marriage preparation required).
Favor de hablar a la oficina para una cita (6 meses de preparacion requerida).

BAPTISM/BAUTISMOS
Please call the parish office. *Favor de hablar a la oficina.*

MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS
Please visit the parish office. *Favor de hablar a la oficina.*

CONFIRMATION/CONFIRMACIÓN
Confirmation is every year with a 2 year preparation. *La confirmacion se realiza cada ano con una preparacion de 2 anos.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Grades K-6/Grados K-6:
Sundays/Domingo 11:00 am -12:15 pm
Grades 7-12/Grados 7-12:
Wednesdays/Miércoles 7:00 pm

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION/PRIMERA RECONCILIACIÓN Y PRIMERA COMUNIÓN
Children in first grade must be enrolled in the Parish School/Parish School of Religion (PSR) to receive the sacrament in second grade. *Los niños en primer grado deben estar inscritos en la Escuela Parroquial/Escuela Parroquial de Religión (PSR) para recibir el sacramento en segundo grado.*

EMAUS: Invites you to pray the Holy Rosary every Saturday at 7:50 am. *Se les invita a rezar el Santo Rosario cada sábado a las 7:50 am.*

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Please remember St. Lawrence Church and School in your will.

Parish Mission Statement/ Misión Parroquial

"We children of God and the Catholic community of St. Lawrence parish are committed to the worship of God and the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through education and our living example of love and concern for all the people of our area."

"Los hijos de Dios y la comunidad Católica de la parroquia de San Lorenzo estamos comprometidos con la adoración a Dios y la difusión del Evangelio de Jesucristo a través de la educación y nuestro ejemplo vivo de amor y preocupación por todas las personas de nuestra área".

OCIA INFORMATION

Order of Christian Initiation Adult (OCIA) classed begin on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 7:00 pm and continue every Tuesday. It is our obligation by Baptism to evangelize. Please invite friends, family, and coworkers to find out more about the Catholic Faith. If you have questions, contact the office or Ed Laning at (760)250-4143.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

September 6, 2026

Envelopes/Loose Checks	\$4,672.00
Loose Bills/Change	\$901.40
Children's Collection	\$38.00
Votive Candles	\$23.00
Mass Offerings	\$140.00
School Support	\$825.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$100.00
Maintenance Fund	\$425.00
Religious Good Store	\$40.00
Stole Fees	\$420.00
Sacred Heart Reimbursement	\$2,346.46
Totus Tuus	\$5.00
PSR	\$520.00
Total	\$10,455.86

2026 DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND

To date, our parish has given **\$23,736** toward our **\$30,123** goal. Please add your gift, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given by returning a pledge card.

PSR INFORMATION

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Class Schedule:

- Grades 7-12 Wednesdays starting September 9th at 7pm
- Grades 1-6 Sundays starting September 13th at 11:15am

Enrollment and Tuition:

- **Enrollment is now open!!!**
- Cost is \$50 for 1 child; \$80 for 2 children; \$90 for 3 or more children
- **Important:** Parish Registration and payment must be completed before the first class
- **No registrations will be accepted on the day of class**
- If you need financial assistance, please contact Jim Haston

PICNIC GIVING BASKET

Everyone is encouraged to donate items needed for the parish picnic by choosing items from the picnic basket in the church and filling out the donation form. Please bring the purchased item(s) to the church office by Monday, September 14!



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PARISH Picnic!

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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 **2:00 PM to 6:00 PM** **ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH MONETT, MISSOURI**

FUN FOR ALL AGES!

- FOR THE KIDS**
 - Hula Hoop Competition
 - Egg Race
 - Water Balloon Toss
 - Playground
 - Bubbles, Chalk
 - Glow Sticks & More!
- FOR EVERYONE**
 - Catholic Trivia
 - Quilt Raffle
 - Bake Sale
- FOR 21+ Beer Garden**
 - Relax, connect, and enjoy with friends!

Everyone is Welcome!
Let's celebrate our St. Lawrence Parish Family!

Any questions? Contact the Parish Office | 417-235-3286 | stlawrencemonett.com

SCHOOL NEWS

Respect towards parents and grandparents fills the home with lights and warmth. CCC 2219 "Grandchildren are the crown of the aged" Prov 17:6 This week was full of preparations for our all school mass and celebration of Grandparents day! We value and love our grandparents and we thank them for their love and sacrifices for us! God's beautiful plan for families to reflect His goodness is realized in harmony among families. We pray this week for all Grandparents and for peace in all families at our school and in our parish.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join us Thursday, September 17th at 6 pm for the next Theology on Tap event at Briar House Brewery on Broadway in Monett! Deacon Jim Haston will present a talk on Forgiveness. All are welcome to come for fellowship as we learn more about our faith.

DIOCESAN NEWS**Ascend: A Day of Prayer and Formation**

Ascend is a formation opportunity open to all adults in the parish, they do not have to be actively involved in a ministry. The goal is to form intentional disciples in the home, the parish, and wider community. The day will begin at 9am and end at 12:30pm, a light lunch is provided. The day is free of charge, thanks to the generosity of donors to DDF. Dates and locations are as follows:

- **Sat., Nov 7—Holy Trinity Parish, Springfield**
- **Sat., Nov 14—St. Lawrence Parish, Monett**

To register contact Lynn Melendez, Sr. Janine Tran or Simon Elfrink at the Diocese Center.

Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J Sheen

The Beatification Mass for Archbishop Fulton J Sheen will be held **Thu., Sept. 24th, 2pm** at the Dome at America's Center, St. Louis, Mo. Tickets for the Beatification Mass are now on sale and selling fast! Limit of 10 tickets per person. An additional allotment of seats are now available, including floor seats. **If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please purchase ASAP!!**

Society of Our Mother of Peace: Come and See Retreat

Men and women, ages 14-19 are invited to spend the day with the eremitical monastic community of the Society of Our Mother of Peace.

- **Sat., Sept. 19, 9:30am-4:30pm** at Queen of Heaven Solitude located at 12494 Highway T Marionville Mo Please RSVP by Wed., Sept 16 For more information visit www.marythefont.org. RSVP by contacting the Sons of Our Mother of Peace, CP at 636-212-5042 or 417-744-2011

Bishop Rice's September Prayer Intention

May we see the daily sufferings of life as a share in the Cross of Christ. May the Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Sept. 14, offer inspiration to those suffering from war, sickness, unemployment or any insecurity.

Harvest Mass—Sun, Oct. 11

Please join Bishop Rice on the farm in Southwest Missouri to celebrate Holy Mass and a picnic in honor and recognition of our farmers, **Sun., Oct. 11, 1pm**. The outdoor Mass will be held at Kleiboeker Crop Services, 3797 Lawerence 2220 in Pierce. The meal is being provided by St. Mary PCCW, Knights of Columbus and Outreach Group, with assistance from area PCCW. Please bring a chair. For more information please contact St. Mary Parish Office, 417-476-2827.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mickey Allcock, Barbara Alvarez, Fredia Brown, Irene Cavazos, Juan Cecenas, Brooks Clarfelt, Lou Clennan, Lita Cruz, Bob DeGraff, Debbie Erwin, Susan Garcia, Alan Garner, Marjorie Gripka, Erin Hunt, Parker Laning, Maria Padilla, Regina Peterson, Maria Rueda, Corey Sandwisch, Rosemary Schmidt, Tammy Watson, Kenneth Wroblewski To put a name in the bulletin or arrange a visit for sick or home-bound parishioners, please call the parish office.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request, please call Joan McNerney (417) 235-3836 or Marlene Hayes (417) 235-5524

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & LADIES AUXILLARY**

- ♦ Meetings held every 1st Sunday of the month at 6:00pm in the church basement.
- ♦ Join us in praying the rosary, every Saturday before Mass at 4:30pm and before Mass on the 5th Sunday at 9:30am.

FINANCIAL CORNER**Start of New Fiscal Year 2026-2027****Financial Corner****July 2026****Regular Operations**

Sunday Contributions	\$ 21,249.31
Other Income*	\$ 2,274.25
Endowment/Grant/Cemetery/School Support	\$ 8,005.00
Collections for Diocese projects	\$ 820.00
2nd Collections/Non-revenue/Other	\$ 2,351.46
Total Operational Income	\$ 34,700.02

Expenses

Operational Expenses	\$ 26,593.97
School/Parish Education Expenses	\$ 13,354.13
Payouts to Diocese/2nd Collections	\$ 1,563.73
Total Expense	\$ 41,511.83

Net Income (Net Loss) **\$ (6,811.81)**

**Masses/Stole fees, Votive candles, Religious goods, Advertising*

ENGLISH LECTORS

Saturday 5:00pm

- **September 12th.....**Patricia Randall
- **September 19th.....**Al Dohmen
- **September 26th.....**Nikki Pierce

Sunday 10:00am

- **September 13th.....**Youth
- **September 20th.....**Angie Madison
- **September 27th.....**Sonie Probstfield

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday 5:00pm

- **Sept. 12th—**Deacon Jim, Marilyn Ceselski, Michelle Cornell, Ashley Ceselski, Geri Carey
- **Sept. 19th—**Deacon Jim, Teresa Verhoff, Aaron Holmes, Al Dohmen, Kirk Verhoff
- **Sept. 26th—**Deacon Jim, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Patty Allcock, Jason Ceselski

Sunday 10:00am

- **Sept. 13th—**Youth
- **Sept. 20th—**Bridget Outhouse, Anyone, Jerry Hudson, Judy Hudson, Ann Saunders
- **Sept. 27th—**Ed Velten, Lynda Velten, John Velten, Cathy Velten, Deacon Jim

SERVERS 10AM MASS

- **Sept. 13th—**Youth
- **Sept. 20th—**Francisco Salas, Fernando Salas, Osiel Cenicerros, Memphis Matheson
- **Sept 27th—**Joseph Velten, Sydney Garcia, Brooklynn Outhouse, Jordan Garcia

September 13, 2026

1st Read: Sirach 27:30; **Psalm:** Psalm 103: 1-4,9-12; **2nd Read:** Romans 14: 7-9; **Gospel:** Matthew 18:21-35

September 14, 2026

1st Read: Number 21:4-9; **Psalm:** Psalm 78:1-2,34-38; **2nd Read:** Philippians 2:6-11; **Gospel:** John 3:13-17

September 15, 2026

1st Read: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27-31; **Psalm:** Psalm 100:1-5; **Gospel:** John 19:25-27

September 16, 2026

1st Read: 1 Corinthians 12:31; **Psalm:** Psalm 33:2-5,12,22; **Gospel:** Luke 7:31-35

September 17, 2026

1st Read: Corinthians 15:1-11; **Psalm:** Psalm 118:1-2,16-18; **Gospel:** Luke 7:36-50

September 18, 2026

1st Read: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; **Psalm:** Psalm 17:1,6-8,15; **Gospel:** Luke 8:1-3

September 19, 2026

1st Read: 1 Corinthians 15:35-37,42-49; **Psalm:** Psalm 56:10-14; **Gospel:** Luke 8:4-15

WEEKLY CALENDAR/ CALENDARIO SEMANAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH: THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY; BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

4:00 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Mass - Monett +Marion Dohmen and Dr. Tom McClure

6:30 pm Misa - Verona - Spanish Mass

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH: 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am Mass - Verona

10:00 am Mass - Monett +Doris Case and Marion Dohmen

11:15 am PSR

12:30 pm Misa - Monett - Spanish Mass +Zenon Meza R, Arturo Meza D, Francisca Perez, Omar Alberto y Por las almas del Purgatorio

2:00 pm EMAUS Meeting

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH: THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

6:00 pm Prayer Group

6:30 pm PCCW Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH: OUR LADY OF SORROWS

8:15 am Mass - Monett +Barbara Bauer and Albin W Dohmen

6:00 pm Rosary (Spanish)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH: SS CORNELIUS AND CYPRIAN

8:00 am Mass -Verona

6:30 pm Youth Group

7:00 pm PSR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH: SS. ROBERT BALLARMINE; ST. HILDEGARD OF BINGEN

8:15 am Mass - Monett +George Ballay, Juana, Quirico and Adela Apostol, and Jerry Dierker

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

8:00 am Mass - Verona

1:00 pm Dominoes/Puzzles - Church Basement

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH: ST. JANUARIUS; BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

4:00 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Mass - Monett +Irene Fiffe and Deceased members of the Fiffe and Hecker Families

6:30 pm Misa - Verona - Spanish Mass

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH: 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am Mass - Verona

10:00 am Mass - Monett +Father Peter and Samuel Andrews

11:15 am PSR

12:30 pm Misa - Monett - Spanish Mass

2:00 pm EMAUS Meeting

THEOLOGY ON TAP

¡Acompáñenos el Jueves 17 de septiembre a las 6:00pm en el próximo evento de *Theology on Tap* en la cervecería Briar House, ubicada en Broadway, Monett! El Diacono Jim Haston ofrecerá una charla. Venga a compartir en comunidad mientras aprendemos más sobre nuestra fe.

CANASTA DE REGALO DE PICNIC

Se anima a todos a donar los artículos necesarios para el picnic parroquial eligiendo artículos de la canasta de picnic en la iglesia y llenando el formulario de donación. ¡Por favor, lleva el/los artículo(s) comprado(s) a la oficina de la iglesia antes del lunes 14 de septiembre.

Fondo Diocesano de Desarrollo 2026

Hasta la fecha, nuestra parroquia ha donado **\$23,736** para nuestra **meta de \$30,123**. Por favor, agrega tu donación, sea cual sea la cantidad, en unidad con quienes ya lo han hecho devolviendo una tarjeta de promesa.

INFORMACION SOBRE EL PSR

¡YA ESTAN ABIERTAS LAS INSCRIPCIONES PARA LA ESCUELA PARROQUIAL DE RELIGION (PSR)!

Horario de clases:

- Grados 7-12: Miércoles a partir del 9 de septiembre a las 7:00pm
- Grados 1-6: Domingos a partir del 13 de septiembre a las 11:15am

Inscripcion y matricula:

¡Ya están abiertas las inscripciones!

- El costo es de \$50 por un niño, \$80 por dos niños y \$90 por tres o mas niños.

Importante: La inscripción en la parroquia y el pago deben completarse antes de la primera clase.

No se aceptaran inscripciones el día de la clase.

Si necesita ayuda económica, por favor comuníquese con Jim Haston.

NOTICIAS ESCOLARES

El respeto hacia los padres y abuelos llena el hogar de luz y calidez. CIC 2219 "Corona de los ancianos son los nietos" (Prov 17:6) ¡Esta semana estuvo llena de preparativos para la misa de toda la escuela y la celebración del Día de los Abuelos! Valoramos y amamos a nuestros abuelos, ¡y les agradecemos su amor y los sacrificios que hacen por nosotros! El hermoso plan de Dios para que las familias reflejen su bondad se hace realidad en la armonía familiar. Oramos esta semana por todos los abuelos y por la paz en todas las familias de nuestra escuela y de nuestra parroquia.



Herald Street

Forgiveness and the Narrow Gate

A reflection on Matthew 18:21-35

In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus a question that has echoed through the centuries: *"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?"* Jesus answers, *"I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times"* (Matthew 18:21-22). He then tells the parable of the unforgiving servant, reminding us that those who have received mercy must also extend mercy to others.

As we reflect upon this Gospel in light of the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001, we are reminded that forgiveness is not merely a suggestion for Christian living. It is at the very heart of the Gospel. The wounds inflicted by evil, violence, hatred, and injustice are real. Forgiveness does not deny those wounds, nor does it excuse wrongdoing. Rather, forgiveness frees the human heart from becoming captive to bitterness and resentment.

As Catholics, we follow a Lord who, from the Cross, prayed, *"Father, forgive them."* Jesus teaches us that hatred has no place in the Christian life. We are commanded not only to forgive, but also to love and pray for our enemies. This can be one of the most difficult teachings of the Gospel. Yet Christian love is not primarily a feeling. Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches that to love is to will the good of the other. To love our enemies, then, is to desire their conversion, their healing, and ultimately their salvation.

Imagine what our world would look like if every person truly sought the good of the other. Wars would cease, divisions would lessen, and hearts would be transformed. Such a vision may seem beyond our reach, but it is not beyond the power of God's grace. Every act of forgiveness becomes a witness to the Kingdom of God.

The Lord also reminds us that the gates of heaven are narrow. There is no room there for hatred, vengeance, or the refusal to forgive. The heart that clings to resentment cannot fully receive the mercy that God so freely offers. We who daily depend upon God's forgiveness must become people of forgiveness ourselves.

On this anniversary of 9/11, let us pray for all who lost their lives, for their families and loved ones, for first responders, and for peace throughout the world. Let us also pray for the grace to forgive those who have hurt us, trusting that God's mercy is greater than every wound and stronger than every hatred.

May the Lord soften our hearts, deepen our capacity for mercy, and help us walk the narrow path that leads to eternal life.

Deacon Jim

Herald Street
El perdón y la puerta estrecha
Una reflexión sobre Mateo 18:21-35

En el Evangelio de este domingo, Pedro le hace a Jesús una pregunta que ha resonado a lo largo de los siglos: «*Señor, si mi hermano peca contra mí, ¿cuántas veces debo perdonar? ¿Hasta siete veces?*» Jesús responde: «*Os digo no siete veces, sino setenta y siete veces*» (Mateo 18:21-22). Luego cuenta la parábola del siervo implacable, recordándonos que quienes han recibido misericordia también deben extender misericordia a los demás.

Al reflexionar sobre este Evangelio a la luz del 25º aniversario del 11 de septiembre de 2001, recordamos que el perdón no es simplemente una sugerencia para la vida cristiana. Está en el corazón mismo del Evangelio. Las heridas infligidas por el mal, la violencia, el odio y la injusticia son reales. El perdón no niega esas heridas, ni excusa las malas acciones. Más bien, el perdón libera al corazón humano de quedar cautivo de la amargura y el resentimiento.

Como católicos, seguimos a un Señor que, desde la Cruz, oró: "*Padre, perdónalos.*" Jesús nos enseña que el odio no tiene cabida en la vida cristiana. Se nos manda no solo perdonar, sino también amar y orar por nuestros enemigos. Esta puede ser una de las enseñanzas más difíciles del Evangelio. Sin embargo, el amor cristiano no es ante todo un sentimiento. Santo Tomás de Aquino enseña que amar es querer el bien del otro. Amar a nuestros enemigos, entonces, es desear su conversión, su sanación y, en última instancia, su salvación.

Imagina cómo sería nuestro mundo si cada persona buscara realmente el bien de la otra. Las guerras cesarían, las divisiones disminuirían y los corazones se transformarían. Tal visión puede parecer fuera de nuestro alcance, pero no está fuera del poder de la gracia de Dios. Todo acto de perdón se convierte en un testimonio del Reino de Dios.

El Señor también nos recuerda que las puertas del cielo son estrechas. No hay lugar allí para el odio, la venganza ni la negativa a perdonar. El corazón que se aferra al resentimiento no puede recibir plenamente la misericordia que Dios ofrece tan libremente. Nosotros, que cada día dependemos del perdón de Dios, debemos convertirnos nosotros mismos en personas del perdón.

En este aniversario del 11-S, oremos por todos los que perdieron la vida, por sus familias y seres queridos, por los primeros intervinientes y por la paz en todo el mundo. Oremos también por la gracia de perdonar a quienes nos han hecho daño, confiando en que la misericordia de Dios es mayor que cada herida y más fuerte que todo odio.

Que el Señor ablande nuestros corazones, profundice nuestra capacidad de misericordia y nos ayude a recorrer el camino estrecho que conduce a la vida eterna.

Diácono Jim

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If you want to be forgiven...

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the story of a king whose servant owed him a lot of money. The king was going to punish the servant, but when the man knelt down and begged for mercy, the king forgave him. Then that same man went and punished a servant who owed him money. When the king found out about this he was very angry.



SORRY I RIPPED
YOUR BOOK
A BIT.

In this story Jesus is telling us that if we want God to forgive us our sins then we have to forgive the people who have hurt us.



Has anyone ever done something mean to you? How do you feel when that happens? Do you feel loving toward that person? Jesus tells us that we must forgive those people, even when they really hurt us, because we want God to forgive us too. Every time we sin we offend God, and He will still forgive us if we are sorry. If we want God to forgive us, then it's only fair for us to forgive others.

I'M SORRY FOR
TALKING RUDELY
TO YOU.



The Kids' Bulletin

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13th, 2026

*What did the king in today's parable do to the servant who owed him much but asked for forgiveness?
Use the numbers to sort the letters and find out!*

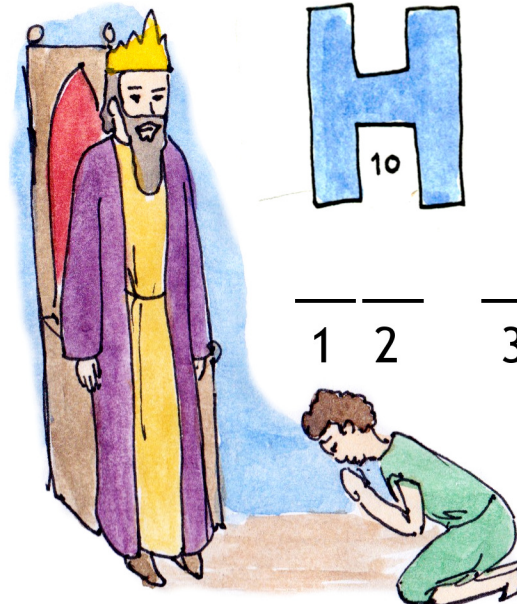
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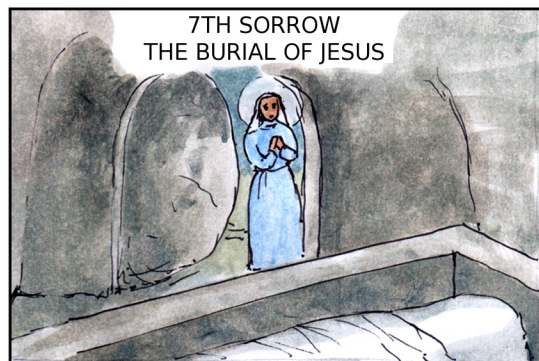
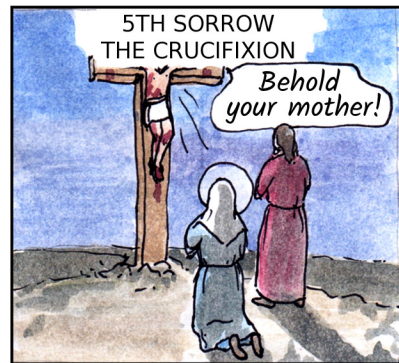
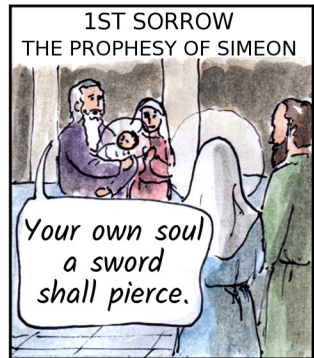


Answer to Sort-out-the-Pictures:
top to bottom: 4,6 3,1 2,5

Answer to puzzle on front:
He forgave him.

Our Lady of Sorrows

September 15



WHEN YOU REALLY LOVE SOMEONE YOU WILL FEEL SAD WHEN THEY ARE HURT. OUR LADY LOVED JESUS MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE EVER COULD, AND SHE ALSO SUFFERED MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE. BUT SHE WAS HAPPY TO SUFFER FOR JESUS. WE SHOULD PRAY TO OUR LADY TO HELP US TO LOVE OUR LORD, EVEN IF WE HAVE TO SUFFER.

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The Unforgiving Servant

sort-out-the-pictures

What happened in today's parable?
Figure out the order of the story
and put the numbers from 1 to 6 in the boxes.

