



## Resurrection Our Lord Church

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### Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sept 10, 2023

**Baptism** : Arrangements must be made one week in advance.  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**: Sunday from 7:15 am to 7:45 am or by appointment.

#### Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions

**Sun 9/10:** \*Thanksgiving & intention by 1 person  
\* John the Baptist Quy and Ann Sim by Soan Nguyen

**Mon 9/11:** \* Maria Tin by b. Dung family  
\* Well-being for family by Hong Au

**Tue 9/12:** \* Joseph by 1 person

**Wed 9/13:** \* Francis and Anthony by 1 person

**Thus 9/14:** \* All souls by Hong Au

**Fri 9/15:** \* All souls and unborn babies by Soan Nguyen  
\* Peter, thanksgiving & peace for family by Cao Phuong

**Sat 9/16:** \* All souls and unborn babies by 1 person  
\* Dominic and Maria by Dien family

#### Today's Gospel: [Mt 15:15-20](#) Jesus said to his disciples:

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

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#### Offering for September 3, 2023

**Total Sum. Collection \$ 3,651.00**

Capital Improvement \$ 1,405.00

Voice candles \$ 89.00

Flower \$ 280.00

#### Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

"Where two or three are gathered, there I am in the midst of them." Make Christ the center of your conversations and interactions with others.

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**If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

#### Holy Father's Intention for September:

**Abolition of the Death Penalty:** We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.** This is good to remember when we as Christians are tempted to reduce our faith to something simply between "me and Jesus". Just as in Jesus both the divine nature and a human nature fully dwell, so living one's faith in Jesus means both fully loving God, and fully loving one's neighbor. As soon as we prefer one of these to the other, our faith is no longer focused squarely in Christ. The first is that He commands us to love Him with faith. During the Exodus, God's people demanded signs from God of His power. This is what Psalm 95 is referring to directly. In our own lives each of us sins when we lose faith in God's providential love, in which all things even sin and evil work together for good, in the words of Saint Paul. We are also tempted to harden our hearts when the Lord's voice calls us to love our neighbor, especially in the form of forgiveness. Here the Responsorial Psalm ties together this Sunday's other Scripture passages. The Second Reading explains God's command that we love our neighbor.

The First Reading and Gospel Reading focus on God's command to love our neighbor by offering fraternal correction. Offering fraternal correction can easily lead to the hardening of one's heart. It can lead to cynicism and self-righteousness, or can be thwarted by our fear of the other's response. But these threats to our spiritual peace don't excuse us from the Lord's command. One of the helpful points from today's Gospel Reading is that Jesus situates our need to offer fraternal correction within the setting of the Church. In only two passages in all the four Gospel accounts does the word "**church**" appear. In fact, these two passages are very close to each other: in chapters 16 and 18 of Matthew. In both, Jesus gives His Church the power "**to bind and to loose**". In today's passage, Jesus explains that He's speaking about that power in the context of a brother's sin. Jesus is very clear about the steps that need to be taken. The first step is to speak directly with the sinner himself before discussing the matter with others. God demands that a sinner not be tried, convicted, or sentenced *in absentia*, because it's the sinner's welfare that is at stake as much as the welfare of the one who is sinned against. In our modern throw-away culture, we may not wish to love the criminal, but only the victim. Jesus is calling us to love both, as He Himself did on His Cross.

**Second Collection:** Next Sunday, September 17th, there will be a second collection to help with the fires on Maui, Hawaii over the past few weeks. **Please be prepared!**