

IGNORANCE OF SCRIPTURE IS IGNORANCE OF CHRIST –ST. JEROME

MATTHEW 18:21-35

1. What might have prompted Peter's question?
2. Do you think the disciples were ever angry at each other?
3. Place yourself in the parable.
If you were the master...
 - a. Why do you plan to sell your indebted servant and everything connected to him?
 - b. Why do you forgive the loan rather than give the servant more time to pay it back?
 - c. Do you have any misgivings about forgiving the entire debt?
 - d. What do you feel when you hear how the servant treated someone indebted to him?
 - e. What will happen to that servant once he goes to the torturers?
If you were the first servant...
 - f. How did you accumulate such a large debt?
 - g. What do you think of your master?
 - h. How do you feel when your debt is erased?
 - i. What all runs through your mind when you attack the man indebted to you?
 - j. How do you react when your master finds you and has you arrested?
5. What might the disciples have said to one another privately about this story?
6. What does the parable teach you about yourself?
7. What does the parable reveal about God?

THE GOSPEL READING

Setting limits

Peter wants rules about how much to forgive. Jesus replies that forgiveness is the rule. Given the teaching right before this one, however, it seems that Jesus is telling us to forgive someone who repents. He also wants us to pray in order to know how to respond to a persistent sinner (vv.19-20).

Lamech

In Genesis 4:23-24 a man (Lamech) declares that if anyone hurts him he will take revenge "seventy-fold," which means that his revenge is limitless. Jesus stands against such endless vengeance. His followers must be like God, whose mercy is

without limit. If we want to be part of God's kingdom, we must imitate God who reigns over it.

Community adhesive

This passage is the last one in a section on how to be church (18:1-35). By placing it at the end, Matthew emphasizes the necessity of forgiveness. People sin and make mistakes. If we hold grudges against each other, our faith community won't survive.

Change of heart

The parable doesn't quite fit Peter's question. It doesn't describe forgiving someone many times but forgiving them on a large scale. The debt of the first servant is so great that he couldn't have ever repaid it. The second servant owes an amount that could be repaid.

The situation of the first servant changed but not the servant himself. His heart was unmoved by his experience of having his debt forgiven. Because he didn't share the forgiveness he received, he lost it. The parable warns us that God's gift of forgiveness must be shared if we are to keep it.

PRAYER

by St. Catherine of Siena

Merciful Lord,
it does not surprise me that you forget completely the sins of those who repent.
I am not surprised that you remain faithful to those who hate and revile you.
The mercy which pours forth from you fills the whole world. It was by your mercy that we were created, and by your mercy that you redeemed us by sending your Son.
Your mercy is the light in which sinners find you and good people come back to you.
Your mercy is everywhere...
Your justice is constantly tempered with mercy, so you refuse to punish us as we deserve.
O mad Lover!
It was not enough for you to take on our humanity; you had to die for us as well.

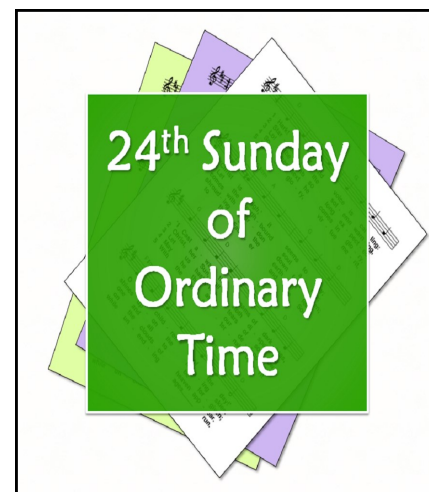
Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 13, 2020



Monday Sept. 14th
No Mass
Tuesday @ St. Anthony Sept. 15th
12:15pm †Fr. Andy Kuykendall
Wednesday @ St. Rose Sept. 16th
5:30pm †Joyce Fisher
Thursday @ St. Anthony Sept. 17th
12:15pm First Communion Class
Friday @ St. Rose Sept. 18th
8:30am †David & Leroy Zerr
Saturday @ St. Rose Sept. 19th
5:30pm Sharon Jones
Sunday @ St. Anthony Sept. 20th
10:30am †Cheryl Holder
@ St. Rose
Kay Sigle

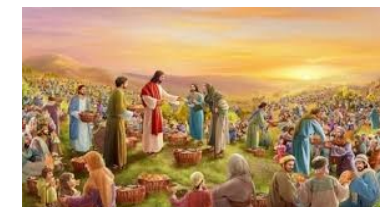
CONFESSION TIMES:
5:00pm to 5:20pm on Saturdays at St. Rose & 8:00am to 8:20am on Sundays at St. Anthony
or by appointment



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St. Rose
September 6, 2020
Contributions.....\$ 1,427.00
Capital Campaign.....\$ 25.00
Cemetery.....\$ 15.00
Total Collections.....\$ 1,467.00
Avg. Weekly Expense.....\$ 2,447.70

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September 6, 2020
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Candles.....\$
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Total Collections.....\$ 4,496.00
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Wednesday 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm

PSR Director:

Frances Unruh 620-794-5843



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Please Pray For

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Pope’s Intention

- Respect for the Planet’s Resoures. That the planet’s re-soures will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.
- “Thank you, Jesus, for your work in the lives of your servants, my brothers and sisters. Help me to see you in them and to treasure each of them.”

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 SIR 27:30—28:7

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the LORD’s vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor’s injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High’s covenant, and overlook faults.

Responsorial

R. (8) The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Reading 2 ROM 14:7-9

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord,

and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Alleluia JN 13:34

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord; love one another as I have loved you.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel MT 18:21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.’ Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, ‘Pay back what you owe.’ Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’ But he refused.

Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?’ Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.”