



The Debt We Have in Common

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As we hear today's Gospel of the servant whose enormous debt is forgiven, yet who refuses mercy to a fellow servant owing far less, we cannot help but ask: how can this be? This is the first question that comes to mind. How could a person be forgiven so much and then, just a few minutes later, refuse to forgive something inconsequential in comparison? Selfishness doesn't really explain it. Being so full of oneself doesn't explain it. Being completely dense and obtuse is perhaps closer to the truth, but even that explanation comes up short.

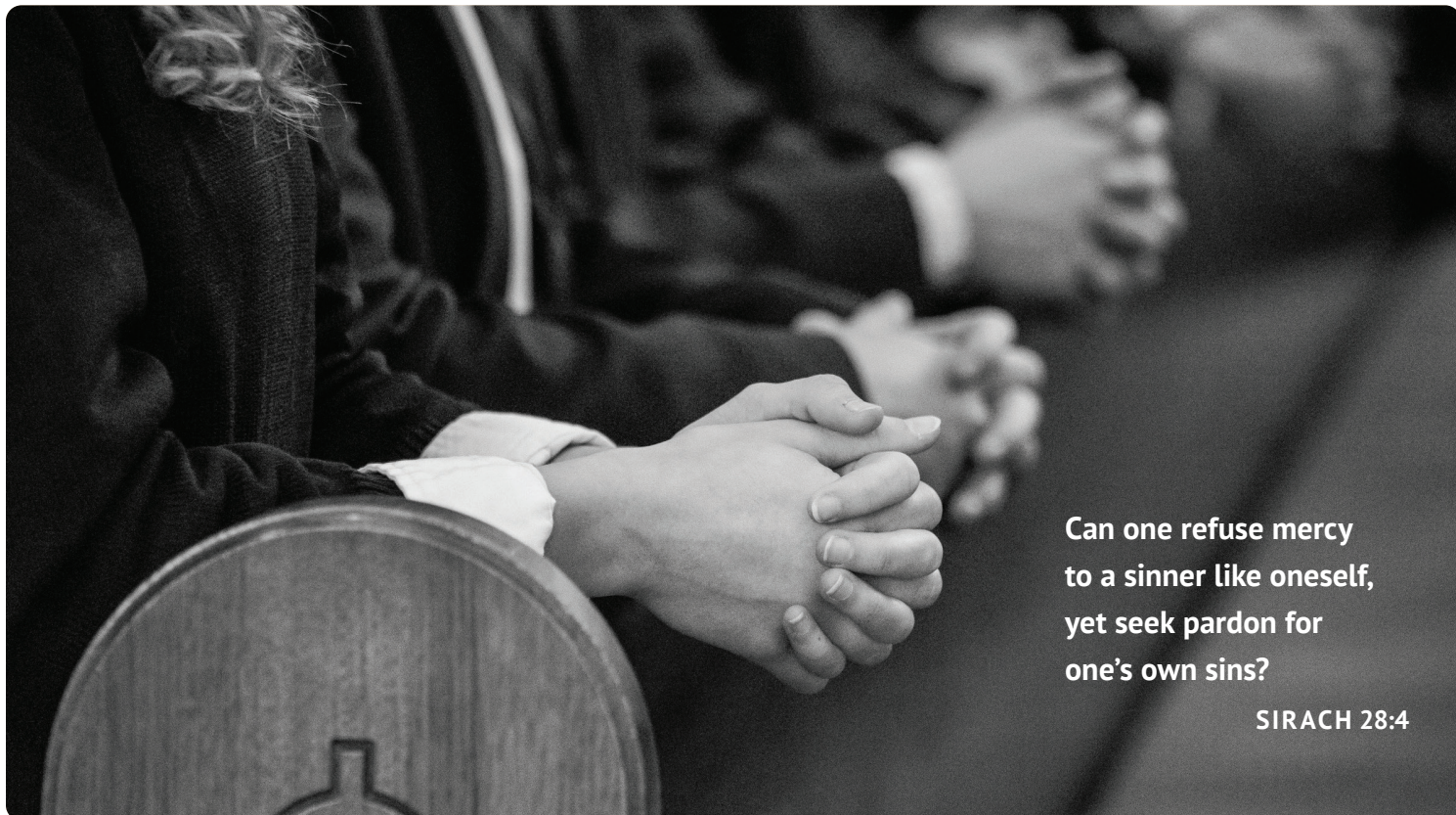
The truth is that the exaggeration of the debt is secondary to the story. What is essential to the story is the invitation to reflect on what it means to be a human being. It is to acknowledge that, when all is said and done, everyone owes a huge debt. No one is exempt from gratitude. An honest acceptance of who we are—completely and totally dependent on God who created us—is the core truth. To be so disconnected from this truth as to not recognize one's own dependence and be completely unaware of the need to be grateful—that is the real challenge the story considers. ●



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Reflect

How am I at forgiveness—with others and with myself?



Can one refuse mercy
to a sinner like oneself,
yet seek pardon for
one's own sins?

SIRACH 28:4



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Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

Sept 12	6:15 pm	Parishioners of St. Anthony
Sept 13	11:30 am	Peter Farge
Sept 15	8:30 am	
Sept 16	8:30 am	
Sept 17	8:30 am	
	7:00 pm	The Stigmata of St. Francis Mass
Sept 18	8:30 am	
Sept 19	6:15 pm	Parishioners of St. Anthony
Sept 20	11:30 am	Bernardino Moura Moreira+

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Collection Counters, Parish Council members, etc. If you can assist kindly let a member of the Parish Council know or call Pat Rodrigues at 524-1026

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box Donations

Please use: BDA # 2000 6060 4767 11100 or

US # 8400 7847 30010

Cash donation - please use the SVDP envelopes and place them in the collection baskets at the weekend Masses.

Any amount goes a long way to support those in need.

Holy Rosary

Please note that the Holy Rosary is recited every Wednesday morning at St Patrick's Church at 10:00 am. Please join.

Bulletin – September 12/September 13, 2026

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

Aug 29/30 \$ 1,920.00

Sept 5/6 \$ 690.00

Maintenance Collection: \$500.00

Online payments can be made directly into the Bank account of St. Anthony's – Butterfield Bank –

BD \$ Current A/c – 20006060061567100 and

US \$ Current A/c - 20006840061567100.

Please make sure to indicate what the donation is for in the memo field when making the payment online – i.e., General collection; Maintenance; Mission Sunday, etc. Multiple payments can be made for those times when you are away or on vacation. Please note that we are charged \$20 for US checks drawn on a US Bank. Kindly **do not** place Canadian, British or any old Bermuda currency in the collection baskets.

Maintenance Collection – first weekend of the month

St. Anthony's Ministry Schedules

Counting Ministry Sept 13: Annette and Anna

Sept 20: Annette and Gabby

Saturday Sept 12

Lector: Jackie Tailford

Eucharistic Minister: Levy Rodrigues

Collection: Pat Rodrigues and Alice Astwood-Smith

Hospitality: Jackie Tailford

Sunday Sept 13

Lector: McKenna De Sa

Eucharistic Ministers: Anabelle Saunders, Julita Looby & Louise Vizion

Collection: Kenrick Shillingford & Sylvester Augustine

Hospitality: Denis Thornhill

Saturday Sept 19

Lector:

Eucharistic Minister: Levy Rodrigues

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Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow Catholics,

On the 17th of September every year, the Franciscan Family celebrates the feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis, commemorating the marks and the manifestation of the wounds of the Passion of Jesus on the body of St. Francis. The Saint of Assisi is known for great devotion and love for the Passion of Christ. He spent many hours contemplating the immense, merciful love of Christ who for the love of us accepted to live and die in extreme poverty in order to redeem us. The mountains were always his favourite spots for prayer, away from the noise of the city, alone, contemplating "Love is not loved" for days and hours on end.

The Saint of Assisi received the stigmata — the bodily wounds of Jesus Christ — on the 17th of September 1224, during a retreat of prayer on Mount La Verna in Tuscany, Italy. As the biographer describes, "Francis saw a six-winged seraphic angel that held the figure of a crucified man. He felt a sudden, burning pain as marks resembling nails appeared on his hands and feet, along with a deep gash on his right side. He is the first person in recorded history to officially receive the stigmata.

This commemoration will provide our Diocese with the third community occasion of the community celebration of the Plenary Indulgence in the Jubilee Year of St. Francis. There will be a special Mass at St. Anthony's Church in Warwick at 7:00pm. There will be priests available for confession from 6:15pm.

May your weekend be peaceful and your week good!

Bishop Wes

PLEASE NOTE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. After the summer break, the Portuguese Mass at St. Patrick's resumes. It will be celebrated on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm starting from Wednesday, September 9th.
2. The 12:10pm Mass in St. Theresa's Cathedral has resumed and will be celebrated on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays every week.
3. Learn more about the Early Learning Program (ELP) and Kindergarten at MSA!
Join us for an Information Session on Wednesday, September 9th, 2026 at 9am. Register today:
<https://msa.bm/elpk-info-session/>



SAVE THE DATE

Missionary Childhood Rally

100th Anniversary of World Mission Sunday

"One in Christ, united in Mission"

For children ages 5 to 14

Saturday, 17th October 2026 from 9 am - 1 pm in the Mount Saint Agnes Academy Auditorium.

Please RSVP to Anna Daniel stathonyccd@yahoo.com by Monday, 21st September 2026

ST. ANTHONY'S FRIDAY CLUB/CCD

Our Friday club will start on Friday, 2nd October at 6.30pm. If you have a child or know of a child/children who would like to join our Friday club, please send an email to stathonyccd@yahoo.com or call me at 236-2438.

Parents with children born in 2019 and who wish to celebrate First Holy Communion, please contact me asap.

Deadline for all registrations is Friday, 29th October 2026.

Thanks, Anna Daniel

St. Anthony's Jubilee Year Celebrations

During this Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi 2026, the following Masses are to be held at Anthony's Church:

Thursday, 17 September, 2026:

- The Stigmata of St. Francis at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, 3 October, 2026:

- St. Francis' Passing at 11:00 a.m.

Monday, 12 October, 2026:

- St. Carlo Acutis - Liturgical Feast at 7:00 p.m.

We look forward to your participation and support.



Dear Padre,

If Catholics say the Confiteor at Mass, then why do we still need to go to confession?

Recall when Jesus told Simon and his fishing companions to lower their nets after they had caught nothing. (See Luke 5:1–11.) When their boats began to sink with so many fish, Simon fell at Jesus’ feet and said, “Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” Likewise, at Mass, we’re so filled with awe upon entering the presence of God that we become aware of our own sinfulness.

The penitential act prepares the assembly to enter the celebration in a proper spirit of humility. The priest and the faithful observe a period of silence to acknowledge their sinfulness and confess their awe of Christ’s love and mercy. This is expressed in different forms, one of which is the Confiteor, a general confession that invokes the support of the communion of saints and the specific community gathered at Mass. It includes the instruction to strike one’s breast, an ancient gesture of humility and penitence. (See Luke 18:13; 23:48.) The rite concludes with the priest’s absolution, but it “lacks the efficacy of the sacrament of penance” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 51). Thus, the penitential act isn’t a substitute for absolution from sins confessed in the sacrament of penance, particularly serious, mortal sins. Rather, it prepares the faithful as a unified community to properly listen to God’s word and celebrate the Eucharist worthily (*GIRM* 46). ●

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In the Church there is...a place for everyone, and... every Christian is called to proclaim the gospel and bear witness in every environment.... Thus,

this people shows its catholicity, welcoming the wealth and resources of different cultures and, at the same time, offering them the newness of the gospel to purify them and to raise them up.

**GENERAL AUDIENCE,
ROME, MARCH 11, 2026**

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Monday

September 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b–9
Phil 2:6–11
Jn 3:13–17

Tuesday

September 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a
Jn 19:25–27 or
Lk 2:33–35

Wednesday

September 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Cor 12:31–13:13
Lk 7:31–35

Thursday

September 17
Weekday
1 Cor 15:1–11
Lk 7:36–50

Friday

September 18
Weekday
1 Cor 15:12–20
Lk 8:1–3

Saturday

September 19
Weekday
1 Cor 15:35–37, 42–49
Lk 8:4–15

Sunday

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