



Forgive and Forget?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS


Terry Anderson was an American reporter in Lebanon when he was abducted by terrorists in 1985. He was held captive by them until his release in 1991. After his release he was asked if he forgave his captors. His response? "I'm a Christian and a Catholic, and it's really required of me that I forgive, no matter how hard that may be."

It's been said that forgiveness is the most difficult thing we have to do, simply because all too often we do not feel like forgiving. Nor is forgiveness about overlooking the injury as if to say, "Oh, that's OK. Don't worry about it." Forgiveness may not even mean being able to be nice. Sometimes the pain may be too much. Forgiveness as Jesus lived it is a choice one makes to care about the other. It is the gift of wanting what is best for the other even at times in the midst of our own pain. "Forgive and forget" is not always possible. At times the pain not only lingers but also throbs as if the wound continues to ooze and weep. Then we cannot forget. Yet it is possible to make the choice to care.

What do we do if we cannot even bring ourselves to do that much? Perhaps then we can at least ask God to bring goodness into that person's life. And if that seems too difficult, then ask God to do what we cannot. That simple choice may very well be the seed that eventually sprouts into healing and peace in our own spirit. ✱

Reflect

When have you been able to forgive even though memory of the pain lingered?



Peter...asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?"

MATTHEW 18:21



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Mass Schedule & Intentions

We welcome our parishioners and visitors who have come to St. Michael's to worship this weekend. May you be blessed by your presence here today

MINISTRIES...

SEPTEMBER 16/17TH - THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Lector: Alberta Canonneir EM: Peter Marsh
10:00AM Lector: Willie Forbes EM: Pat Robinson
 Collection: Karen Marsh

SEPTEMBER 23/24TH - THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Lector: Kathy Anderson EM: Alberta Canonneir
10:00AM Lector: LaVerne Lau EM: Joyce Lee
 Collection: Carolos DeFrias

MASS INTENTIONS...

SEPTEMBER 16/17TH - THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Barbara Foland +
10:00AM For all School Children, Teachers and Staff

SEPTEMBER 23/24TH - THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Veronica & Herman Tucker +
 Martin Kevin Cusack +
10:00AM For the Intentions of St. Michael's Parishioners

You are welcome to attend Morning Masses at

St. Theresa's - 7:30^{AM} Mon.—Fri.

St. Anthony's - 8:00^{AM} Tues.—Fri. | St. Patrick's - 8:00^{AM} Mon.—Fri.

ST. THERESA'S 7:30am Masses are live streamed via the Diocesan Website and their Facebook Page

Stewardship talent
 growing vision support giving planning
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September 10/11: My apologies, will provide next week. KM.

2nd Collection for Maintenance will take place THIS WEEKEND

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MADE to St. Michael's Church's BNTB Account # 2000 6060 081824 100. YOUR Weekly, monthly or quarterly transaction is appreciated.

When making your online transaction, be sure to include your name and "collection" as your memo on your banking transaction.

Thank you to those parishioners who continue to answer our call for stewardship to St. Michael's.

Bishop's Corner...

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

1st of October brings the liturgical commemoration of St. Theresa of Lisieux who is the Patroness of our Cathedral Church and of our Diocese. After the years in which the pandemic was not allowing us to celebrate this Feast in a very special way as it occurred in the past, I am happy that this year we are able to return to the usual form. I am glad to let you know that I invited Bishop Matthias König of the Archdiocese of Paderborn, Germany, to be our Guest Preacher and Presider on this occasion.

On Saturday evening, 30th of September, at 7:45pm, there will be a special St. Theresa's Dinner in the Cathedral Hall. I hope that it will not only make us enjoy good food, prepared by Bella Vista Restaurant, but will also create the space to personally meet Bishop König and other guests.

The tickets are available at St. Theresa's Parish Office and at the sacristy after Masses. This Dinner will, moreover, have a very particular element as our beloved Mrs. Florenz Maxwell will receive a Diocesan Award for her lifelong engagement in support of Justice and Peace.

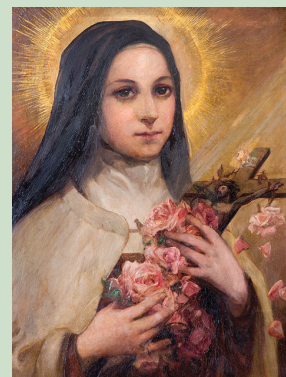
I invited Her Excellency the Governor to attend the Saturday Mass and Dinner and am waiting for her response.

I want to invite you to join me, our distinguished guests and honouree in celebrating St. Theresa and asking for her intercession for our Diocese.

Saint Theresa, pray for us.

Have a restful weekend and a good week!

+ *Wes Jurewicz*
 Bishop Wes



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



As I was celebrating Mass, I paused, touched by a phrase... from the book of Sirach.... "Remember the end of your life, and cease from enmity." A beautiful phrase! Think of the end! Think that you will be in a coffin...and will you take hatred there? Think of the end, stop hating! Stop the resentment.

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Sunday Readings

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sirach 27:30-28:7 / Romans 14:7-9 / Matthew 18: 21 - 35

COLLECT

Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

FIRST READING – Sirach 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 PSALM – Psalm 103: 1-4, 9-12

R. 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).*

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

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).*

For us 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).*

SECOND READING – Romans 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord;
love one another as I have loved you. Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL – Matthew 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."

Dear Padre,

Why are churches doing away with the confessionals?

In many churches, when it is feasible, the traditional confessional box is modified or even replaced by a more spacious, less darkened reconciliation room. In 1974, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops decreed that "small chapels or rooms of reconciliation be provided in which penitents might choose to confess their sins through an informal face-to-face exchange with the priest, with the opportunity for appropriate spiritual counsel." Later, a further elaboration recommended austere furnishings and decoration in this space, "with nothing superfluous in evidence beyond a simple cross, table and Bible. The purpose of this room is primarily for the celebration of the reconciliation liturgy; it is not a lounge, counseling room, etc. The word 'chapel' more appropriately describes this space." If a reconciliation chapel does not provide a fixed screen or grille between the penitent and confessor, it must be offered elsewhere, according to canon law. "The purpose of this norm is...to afford the penitent anonymity if he or she desires and to make certain that there is no suspicion of impropriety in the confessor-penitent relationship" (Code of Canon Law, 964 commentary).

Ideally, the environment of the reconciliation chapel helps the penitent and confessor feel they are "on holy ground" (Exodus 3:5) in encountering God in this sacrament. It offers an inviting sacred space to celebrate a powerful expression of God's mercy and unconditional love. ✱



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MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Dear Friends,

I would like to advise you that due to my absence, there will be **NO 9:00am Portuguese Mass** at St. Theresa's on Saturday the 9th & 16th of September.

Also, the Portuguese Mass at St. Patrick's will resume on Wednesday, 20th of September at 7:00pm.

Peace and blessings,
Bishop Wes

- **ST. PATRICK'S:** Wednesday's morning Rosary continues throughout the summer months. Everyone is welcome.
- **The 12:10 Mass at St. Theresa's Cathedral** resumed on Wednesday, September 7th. Please join us for 12:10 Mass each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. All are welcome.
- **ST. THERESA'S FEAST, the Patroness of our Diocese and Cathedral,** will be celebrated on weekend 30th of September/1st of October. Our guest preacher will be Bishop Matthias Koenig from Paderborn, Germany. There will be a special dinner on Saturday, 30th September, at 7:45pm, at the Cathedral Hall. More details will be provided next week.
- **LECTIO DIVINA** takes place every Monday evening at 7pm via Zoom. Franz Wohlmuth is the contact person, gwohlmuth@logic.bm. You will receive a Zoom link contact number along with the following Sunday readings. Monday evening meetings are led by Bishop Wes.
- **ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP:** Regular opening hours 10am - 2pm each Tuesday and Saturday. Stop by for a visit.


Thank you for your continued patronage.

Dear Friends,

We will be hosting **Fr. Jacob Swapan Gomes** from Bangladesh in our Diocese. During my absence he will be helping to celebrate the Masses at St. Theresa's and Stella Maris. He will also be having some pastoral meetings and services with our Bangladeshi community. Fr. Jacob has been sent to this part of the world by his Archbishop with the task to possibly collect funds to support the parishioners of St. John's Parish in Dhaka, who are trying to build a new church. Thirty percent of the construction work is still undone due to a shortage of funds.

I believe that we should assist our sisters and brothers in their effort to build their new church. Therefore next weekend, 16th/17th of September, there will be a second collection in all our churches that will be intended to help finance the construction of this parish church.

Many thanks for your understanding and help.

+ Wes 
Bishop Wes

- **Emmaus Bible Study** restarts on Tuesday, September 13th at 4:00pm and each week following in the Pastor's office. Email Fr. Joe at stmichaelsbermuda@gmail.com or call 705 0236 if you are interested in attending.
- **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** will be Tuesday, September 19th and the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6pm.
- **St. Michael's Liturgical Feast Day** Mass will be held the weekend of September 23/24th.

PARISHIONER LOOKING FOR A PLACE

This person needs a place right away since he works in the heart of Hamilton. He is currently paying \$600 inclusive of basic amenities like water, electricity and internet. He needs just a 1 bedroom apartment or a small studio preferably in Hamilton or somewhere close to Hamilton. If you know of anybody who can help him, please phone Fr. Joe with the details at 705-0236. Thanks, Fr. Joe

TO CELEBRATE ITS

95th ANNIVERSARY

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH,
IN SOMERSET
WILL HOST AN

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on

SUNDAY, 15th OCTOBER 2023

at the

ST. JAMES CHURCH HALL
IN SOMERSET

FROM: 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Entertainment will feature
Tony Bari, Elca Maranzana, and Seri Fisher

To Reserve Tickets

Tickets: \$40

Call: Elizabeth Card - 234-0872

Email: lizatstjosephs@gmail.com

Ticket sales will close on 30th September, 2023

No walk-ins

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