



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.

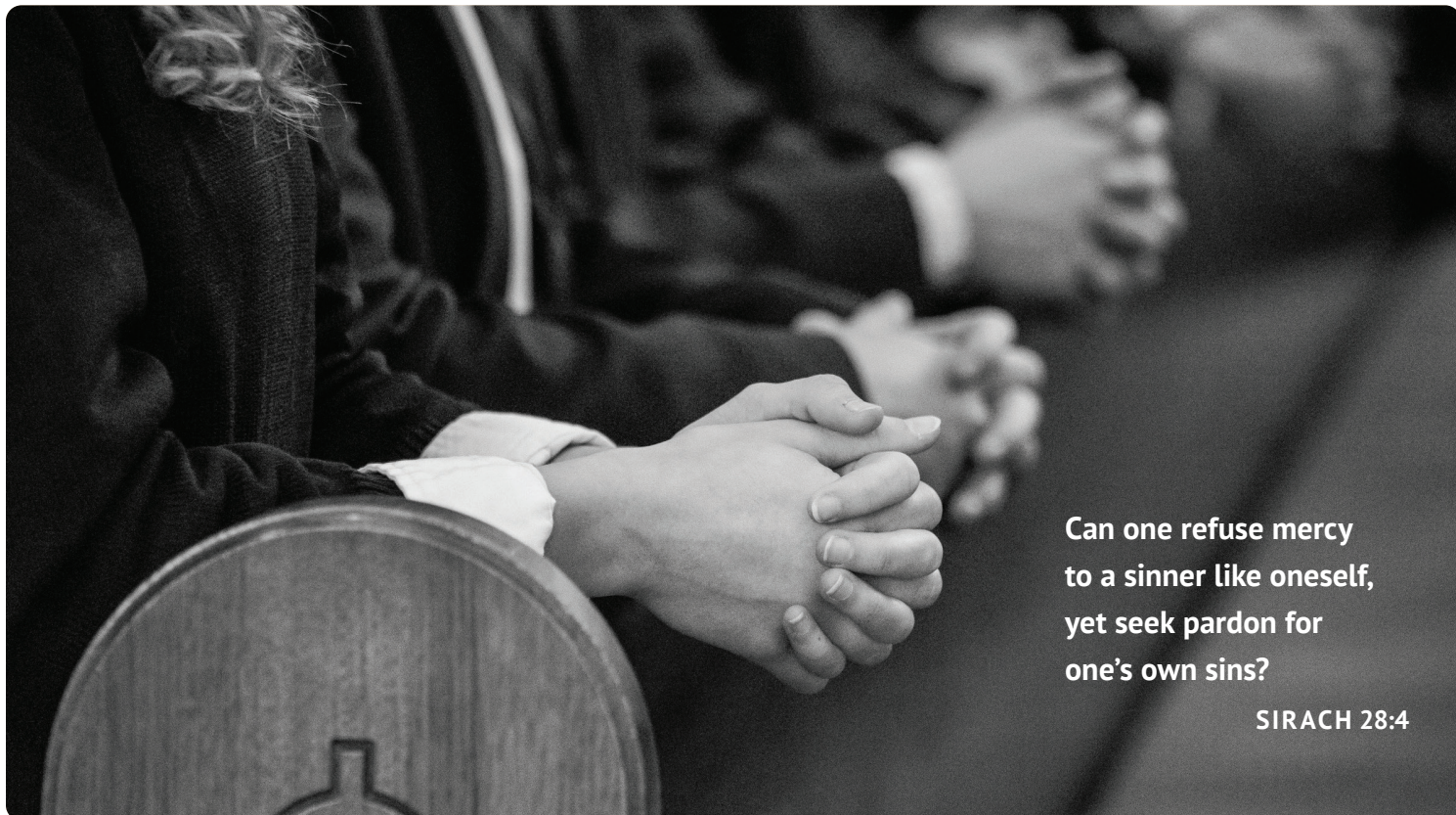
The truth is that the exaggeration of the debt is secondary to the story. What is essential to the story is the invitation to reflect on what it means to be a human being. It is to acknowledge that, when all is said and done, everyone owes a huge debt. No one is exempt from gratitude. An honest acceptance 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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Weddings: By appointment – 1 year in advance. Pre-Marriage Course is required for all weddings here or overseas

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DATES	TIMES	INTENTIONS
Sat. Sept. 12th	6:30pm	In thanksgiving for all of the CCD Volunteers, both past and present
Sun. Sept. 13th (Portuguese)	8:30am	+ Antonio & Ernestina Rebello
	10:00am	+ Jose Cunha, Natalia Pacheco, Urania Rego
	11:30am	+ Albano Cabral, Joe & Theresa Do Couto
	6:00pm	+ Manuel & Arminda Garrafa & Victor Moniz St. Theresa's Parish Family
Mon. Sept. 14th	7:30am	+ Clay David Nickerson
Tues. Sept. 15th	7:30am	Bishop Emeritus Robert Kurtz, CR, Anniversary of Ordination
Wed. Sept. 16th	7:30am	+ Joseph Spitaletto
	12:10pm	+ Manuel Bizarrio, Jose Oliveira, Maria de Lourdes & Maria Encarnacao Martins
Thurs. Sept. 17th	7:30am	Fr. Michael Morris, Healing Prayers
	12:10pm	+ Laura Rivera
Fri. Sept. 18th	7:30am 12:10pm	+ Athanasius & Grace Intentions of Orlando Scarth
Sat. Sept. 19th	6:30pm	In thanksgiving for all of the SVDP Loaves and Fishes Volunteers, both past and present
Sun. Sept. 20th	8:30am	+ Fr. Julio Blazejewski, CR, Happy Birthday in Heaven
	10:00am	
	11:30am	+ Patrick Moss, 1st Anniversary of Death
	6:00pm	St. Theresa's Parish Family

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY: September 19th & 20th, 2026

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	C. Powell	K. Scarth C. Scarth	L. Le Fevre R. Dillena	O. Anderson
Communion Ministers:	D. DeSilva C. Carreiro J. Judd	O. Scarth E. Cabral H. Cabral	P. Le Fevre E. Mosley C. Kieck	M. Billones C. Sevilla J. Sevilla
Song Leaders:	K. Judd	M. S. Brackstone	M. B. Tan	J. Amper

ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP:

FULL REOPENING: Tuesday's & Saturday's Starting Tuesday, September 15th.

Do support our little Gift Shop!



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as you've been
FORGIVEN

Matthew 18:21-35

ONLINE BANKING SUNDAY OFFERINGS & PARISH ENVELOPES:

Please make direct payments to St. Theresa's Cathedral at BNTB A/C #2000 6060 4827 32100. Also, the parish encourages the use of Sunday Offering Envelopes.

Thank you for your continued support!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

Please consider a direct deposit or cash donation to the SVDP Society.

Direct deposit to SVDP Society – BNTB BDA #2000 6060 4767 11100 or USD # 8400 7847 30010

or use the SVDP envelopes.



PASSIONIST HOUR:

Please come and join Fr. Dandy and Fr. Vivien, our Passionist priests, on **Friday, September 25th at 6pm**, for the last Passionist Hour, here at St. Theresa's Cathedral. Spend some time to get to know them, and their spirituality.



FILIPINO MASS SCHEDULE:

St. Theresa's Cathedral
7pm 1st Friday of the month
St. Anthony's Church
11am 1st Saturday of the month
St. Patrick's Church
7pm 2nd Friday of the month
St. Joseph's Church
11am 3rd Saturday of the month
Stella Maris Church
7pm Last Wednesday of the month



SATURDAY MORNING HOLY MASS:

The Saturday Holy Mass will be held in the St. Theresa's Cathedral Chapel at **9am**. This Holy Mass, in Portuguese, will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration. **Benediction** will be at **10:15am**.

LECTIO DIVINA ON ZOOM:

RESUMES Monday, September 14th at 7:30pm.

Please contact Franz Wohlmuth at fgwohlmuth@logic.bm to join.



CATHEDRAL HOURS:

Monday-Friday 7am-4:30pm
Saturday 8:30am-7:30pm
Sunday 8am-7pm



FOCUS: As God has forgiven us, so we must forgive others. Today's readings challenge us as Christians to live in God's love. They make it clear that we cannot seek pardon for ourselves yet refuse mercy to others. God invites and equips us to share the mercy we have been shown with our neighbors.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	Sept. 5th & 6th	\$3,725.50
Electronic Offering:	Sept. 5th & 6th	\$320.00
2026 Collection to Date:	Week 37	\$218,645.54

Thank you for your support!



ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL
September 13th-19th, 2026
Donation given for Two 7 Day Candles
For Good Health &
Intentions of Maclern Flannan Barreto

PARISH COUNCIL COFFEE SOCIAL:

Our next social is this **Sunday, September 13th, 2026** after the 11:30am Mass, in the Church Hall.

We look forward to seeing you there!



ST. THERESA'S FEAST & FR. DANDY'S FAREWELL DINNER:

Join us for dinner & fellowship on

Saturday, October 3, 2026 at 7:30 PM

in the St. Theresa's Hall.

Adults: \$45 Under 13: \$25

Tickets can be purchased from any Parish Council Member, Fr. Dandy and the Rectory office.



SAVE THE DATE:

Missionary Childhood Rally

100th Anniversary of World Mission Sunday

"One in Christ, united in Mission"

For children ages 5 to 14 on **Saturday, October 17th from 9 am - 1 pm** in the Mt. St. Agnes Academy Auditorium.

Please RSVP by Monday, September 21st, 2026 to our CCD leader Maria Pacheco at sttheresasccd@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you there!



ST. THERESA'S CCD PROGRAM:

The CCD Program will commence on **Saturday, October 24th from 9am-10:30am**. Children who are or will be between the ages of 6 and 13 this year are welcome to join our CCD Program. All NEW students are required to register for the CCD Program. Registration forms are available by emailing sttheresasccd@gmail.com or from our Roman Catholic Diocese website - <https://www.romancatholicbermuda.bm/ministries/religious-education-ccd>. Children who attended the CCD Program last year do not need to register. If your contact information has changed, please send this information to sttheresasccd@gmail.com. The St. Theresa's CCD Team look forward to seeing all new and familiar faces in our CCD Program in October!



THE 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 favorite 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

WEDDINGS:

We would like to congratulate **William Brennan Smith III & Emily Reynolds Dubuque** on their recent nuptials, here at St. Theresa's Cathedral, on **Saturday, September 12th, 2026!**

We wish you God's blessings of love and happiness in your life together!



ANCOP'S ONE MISSION, ONE WALK 2026:

ANCOP International (Bermuda) warmly invites you to support the 2026 ANCOP Walk on **Sunday, September 20, 2026**.

This 5K fun walk's registration fee is \$35 for adults and \$25 for students, 18 years old and under. \$5 of the Registration fee is automatically allocated to St. Vincent de Paul Society to support their Loaves and Fishes program. Your participation will directly support child sponsorship, humanitarian relief, and local ANCOP Bermuda projects, helping to transform lives and uplift communities.

For more information, e-mail us at ancopbermuda@gmail.com or visit our website at <https://ancopbermuda.com> and our Facebook page ANCOP International Bermuda.



ATTENTION:

The Portuguese Mass has resumed at St. Patrick's on Wednesdays and will be celebrated at 7:00pm.

We look forward to see you there!



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