



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. ●

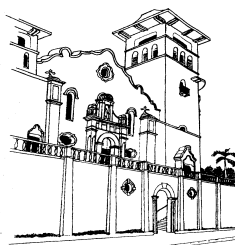
Reflect

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

A large photograph showing the silhouette of a person standing in a field of tall grass, reaching their arms up towards a flock of birds flying in the sky. The background is a bright sunset or sunrise with a golden glow.

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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	DATES	TIMES		INTENTIONS FOR
Sat.	Sept. 16	6:30 pm	+	Jeffrey Mark Medeiros
Sun.	Sept. 17 (Portuguese)	8:30 am	+	Antonio & Ernestina Rebello
		10:00 am	+	Manuel Medeiros, Maria de Jesus Andrade, Jacinta Areia, Manuel Medeiros, Maria Apparecida Ruggiero
		11:30 am	+	Nolito David
		6:00 pm	+	Stephen De Souza
Mon.	Sept. 18	7:30 am		Intentions of Christine Johnson
Tues.	Sept. 19	7:30 am		Communion Service
Wed.	Sept. 20	7:30 am		Communion Service
		12:10 pm	+	Joe & Theresa do Couto
Thurs.	Sept. 21	7:30 am	+	Fr. Julio Blazejewski, C.R.
		12:10pm		St. Theresa's Parish Family
Fri.	Sept. 22	7:30 am	+	Tim Hasselbring
		10:30 am		MSA Ring Mass
		12:10pm		
Sat.	Sept. 23	6:30 pm		Intentions of Don Johann (Birthday)
Sun.	Sept. 24 (Portuguese)	8:30 am	+	Kirby Brackstone
		10:00 am	+	
		11:30 am		St. Theresa's Parish Family
		6:00 pm	+	Maryellen Brennan

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE 23rd 24th September, 2023

	6:30PM	8:30AM	11:30AM	6:00PM
Proclaimer:	J. Judd	L. Scarth	A. Cannonier	B. Mandocdoc
Communion	C. Maiato	O. Scarth	J. Alcantara	Volunteer Needed
Ministers:	A. Machado	Volunteer Needed	G. Edwards	Volunteer Needed
Song Leaders:	SOPHIE (TBC)	F. Wohlmuth	M. Gravito	Jhocef M Len C

SUNDAY & SPECIAL OFFERINGS WITH ONLINE BANKING & PARISH ENVELOPES

Please make direct payments to St. Theresa's Cathedral at Bank of Butterfield A/C #20006060-482732100 and include “Sunday Offering” in the memo field. Also, the parish encourages the use of Sunday Offering Envelopes to promote the concept of stewardship of treasure. Thank you for your continued support in remembering the needs of the Cathedral.

Saturday Adoration in the Chapel of St. Theresa's Cathedral: 9am – Holy Mass in Portuguese followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration – 10:00am - Benediction

WE REMEMBER FR. JULIO ON THE CELEBRATION OF HIS BIRTHDAY!

On Wednesday **September 20th** it would have been Fr. Julio's Blazejewski's 88th birthday. The former Episcopal Vicar for Portuguese Ministry in Bermuda, retired after 17 years of ministry to the people of Bermuda. He returned to his home in Poland on Monday, October 17th and passed away a week later on October 24th, 2022.

Please remember Fr. Julio in your prayers this week, and may he rest in eternal peace.

COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY

Please note that *this* week there will only be a Communion Service lead by Deacon Matthew Arnold at 7:30am on Tuesday, 19th September and on Wed., 20th September, 2023 due to the absence of Bishop Wes and Fr. Dandy Traje.

NOON MASS AT CATHEDRAL

The 12:10pm Lunchtime Mass at St. Theresa's has resumed. Please join us in the celebration of the Holy Mass every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop is **OPEN** every Tuesday and Saturday from 10am to 2pm. Thank you for your patronage!



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Stewardship is not optional! "None of us live as his own master and none of us dies as his own master," says St. Paul. "While we live, we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die as we die as his servants."

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	9 th /10 th September, 2023 ..	\$ 4,691.00
	To Date: Week 37 ..	\$ 190,372.00

ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL



10th - 16th September, 2023

Donation Given for Two 7-Day Votive Candles
"For A Special Intention".

INTRODUCTION:

We are all the same flesh: fellow sinners, servants, and debtors, and God's mercy is for us all. We cannot seek pardon for ourselves yet refuse mercy to others. We must forgive as we have been forgiven. In the community of God's covenant, mercy is shared, *not seven times but seventy-seven times*, as Jesus teaches.

Dear Friends,

We are 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, this 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. Envelopes for this Special Collection were enclosed last week in your bulletin for your donation for this week's collection. Extra envelopes for this collection are also on the communion rail. Many thanks for your understanding and assistance.

Bishop Wes

ST. THERESA'S CCD PROGRAMME:

The CCD Programme will commence on **Saturday 7th October** and be lasting an hour from 9am to 10am. For Gr. 2 First Holy Communion children, the meetings will be from 9am to 10:30am. Registration forms will be given out to new

students. There will be more time for a separate group of Gr. 6 to 8 students to be still inserted in the rest of the group. Please note that CCD is free of charge. If you would like to join our CCD team, please contact Bishop Wes, Fr. Dandy or the Cathedral Parish Office to offer your assistance. No special teacher training is necessary.

ST. THERESA'S FEAST DAY:

We will celebrate the Feast of St. Theresa of Lisieux, the Patroness of our Cathedral and Diocese, on the weekend of **September 30th and October 1st**. The guest speaker for this occasion will be Bishop Matthias Koenig from Paderborn, Germany. Bishop Wes invites all parishioners to this special Celebration Mass and to the dinner on Saturday, September 30th at 7:45 pm in the Cathedral Hall. **Tickets are Adults: \$40 & Children: \$25.**



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!

Bishop Wes

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. ●



Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
September 18	September 19	September 20	September 21	September 22	September 23	September 24
Weekday	Weekday	Sts. Andrew Kim	St. Matthew,	Weekday	St. Pius of	Twenty-fifth
1 Tm 2:1-8	1 Tm 3:1-13	Tae-gŏn, Priest,	Apostle and	1 Tm 6:2c-12	Pietrelcina,	Sunday in
Lk 7:1-10	Lk 7:11-17	and Paul Chŏng	Evangelist	Lk 8:1-3	Priest	Ordinary Time
		Ha-sang, and	Eph 4:1-7,		1 Tm 6:13-16	Is 55:6-9
		Companions,	11-13		Lk 8:4-15	Phil 1:20c-24,
		Martyrs	Mt 9:9-13			27a
		1 Tm 3:14-16				Mt 20:1-16a
		Lk 7:31-35				

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

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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.

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