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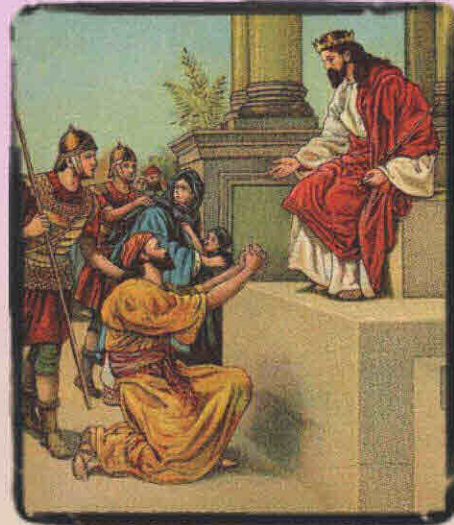


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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MT 18:21 - 22 - Peter came and said to Jesus, "**Lord, how often should I forgive** my brother or sister if they sin against me? **As many as seven times?**" Jesus said to him, "**Not seven times, but** I tell you, **seventy-seven times**".

MT 18:35 - So **my heavenly Father will also do** to every one of you, **if you do not forgive your brother or sister** from your heart."

Readings for the Week:

First Reading: SIR 27:30-28:7

Second Reading: ROM 14:7-9

Gospel MT 18:21-35



The Lord is merciful and gracious; slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Psalm 103

MASS INFORMATION

Dear Parishioners,

This is to inform you that all those who are coming as **walk-ins for the weekend Masses**, kindly **come 30 minutes before the start of the Mass**. We are experiencing long line-ups, 10 to 15 minutes before the start of each Mass. It takes time to write down your contact information and in allocating seats for you.

The Mass must **start 10 minutes before**, so that I can give some instructions before the start of the Mass. When walk-in parishioner come close to the start time of each the Mass, **the registration volunteers** (who are taking down your names) **are not able to come for the Mass on time**. We **must close the church doors** before the start of the Mass **as per the diocesan rule**.

I would **highly recommend** that all of you **pre-register for the weekend Masses** so that it is faster at the registration table and you need not wait for a long time at the entrance.

Confession time will continue to be on **every Saturdays from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm** in the library.

PARISH OFFICE TIME

This is to inform you that we are back to **our regular parish office hours**. Since I am looking after the parish office, the office hours will be from **10.00 am to 4.00 pm** from **Tuesdays to Fridays**. Office is **closed on Mondays**.

MASS TIMING

WEEKDAYS MASSES - **Tuesdays to Saturdays** at 9.00 am. (NO Mass on Mondays)

WEEKEND MASSES - **Saturday** at 5.00 pm, **Sunday** at 9.00 am **and** 11.00 am.

Read this self-assessment tool questions before coming to Mass. The volunteers at the entrance will ask you just 3 questions:

1. Do you have any of the symptoms?
2. Did you return from travel outside of Canada?
3. Have you been in close contact with somebody who is confirmed as having COVID-19?

If you fail to read them at home, then these questions are placed at the inside church entrance doors. You need to just read them before approaching the first volunteer, for hand sanitizing; who will ask just the above 3 questions.

SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL QUESTIONS

ARE YOU OR ANY MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD EXPERIENCING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

1. FEVER
2. NEW COUGH OR WORSENING CHRONIC COUGH
3. NEW OR WORSENING SHORTNESS OF BREATH
4. NEW OR WORSENING DIFFICULTY BREATHING
5. SORE THROAT
6. RUNNY NOSE
7. CHILLS
8. PAINFUL SWALLOWING
9. STUFFY NOSE
10. HEADACHE
11. MUSCLE OR JOINT ACHES
12. FEELING UNWELL IN GENERAL, NEW FATIGUE OR SEVERE EXHAUSTION
13. GASTROINTESTINAL SYMPTOMS (NAUSEA, VOMITING, DIARRHEA OR UNEXPLAINED LOSS OF APPETITE)
14. LOSS OF SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE
15. CONJUNCTIVITIS, COMMONLY KNOWN AS PINK EYE

Fr. Paul's Column

ROUTINE SINS FIRMLY CONDEMNED BY JESUS CHRIST

1. **ANGER**

MT 5:22a - But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement.

It is our routine action to get angry, and we are often taken over by our anger. Jesus warns us that actions based on anger can lead us to judgement.

2. **PROFANITY**

MT 5:22c - and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire.



We often use some socially offensive language on daily basis. Mostly we are not worried about such. Jesus warns us that such behaviour can lead us to hell.

3. **PRIDE**

LK18:11-12 - The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity - greedy, dishonest, adulterous, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.'

Pride is a sin. Jesus is teaching us that our pride could be one of the reasons, that our prayers are not being heard.

4. **UNFORGIVENESS**

MT 6:15 - But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions.

We do struggle to forgive one another; whole heartedly. Jesus has clearly taught us in the prayer 'Our Father', that we need to forgive one another to get the forgiveness of God fully.

5. **UNTRUTHFULNESS**

MT 5:37 - Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one.

Jesus said, "He is the Truth" and as his followers we are also called to be truthful. Jesus warns us that the untruthfulness comes from the evil one and often from devil who is prince of lies.

