forgive forgive

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE RITE - Sirach 10:6-7; Ephesians 4:32

- V. No matter the wrong, do no violence to your neighbor, and do not walk the path of arrogance. Odious to the Lord and to men is arrogance, and the sin of oppression they both hate.
- R. Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.
- V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
- R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE 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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

A Sabbath Thought

For believers forgiveness is not an *option*. It is the very air we breathe as church. God's forgiveness has made us who we are. Our forgiveness must be equally creative to others.

About Today's Bible Readings

SIRACH 27:30-28:7

There is an acid more powerful than any chemical. It is the hatred that corrodes the human heart and reduces it to an unfeeling stone.

Responsorial Psalm: 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

ROMANS 14:7-9

For believers there is one principle in life - and in death. It is the Lord for whom we live, for whom we die in order to live forever.

MATTHEW 18:21-35

The bottom line is that there is no bottom line. When it comes to forgiveness, numbers cease to exist.

Worship Services

TODAY – Sept. 17th 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM - HOLY MASS

Intentions for the remembrance of the 53rd Wedding Anniversary of Ruth Mechowski and our beloved, departed Pastor Father Frederick Mechowski and the 57th anniversary of his ordination.

SUNDAY – Sept. 24th 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM - Deacon's Service of Worship and Reception of The Holy Eucharist.

Deacon's Service of Worship

I will not be here next Sunday, September 24, 2017. My wife, Beverly, and I will be visiting our daughter Danielle at college for the fall Parent's Days events. Deacon Michael Seward will be here and will conduct a Deacon's Service of Worship, (remember those?).

Sponjia Sunday

September 24th, the fourth Sunday in September each year, is designated by the Church as Sponjia Sunday. Traditionally the intentions for the Mass on this day are for the departed members of Sponjis. Since I will be away and Deacon Seward will be here, we will observe the intentions the following week, October 1, 2017.

Autumn Breakfast

Today, September 17th, we will hold our annual Autumn Welcome Back Breakfast. It will be at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Tickets will be: AULTS - \$10:00 and CHILDREN (Under 12) - \$3:00

I hope that everyone will be able to join us for good food, good fun and Christian fellowship as we welcome back everyone from their summer travels and vacations.

100th Anniversary Breakfast

Our 100th Anniversary Breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2017, after the 9:00 AM Mass. Mark your calendars, save the date, plan to attend, bring your families, loved ones, friends and neighbors. This a very special event, glorifying God and giving thanks to Him for blessing us by allowing us to serve Him for one hundred years and trusting in His goodness for another hundred years.

Disaster Relief

We will once again take up a special collection as you leave so that we may join with the National Church in offering our financial aid along with our prayers for those impacted by the recent natural disasters. Please be as generous as you can. Spread God's Love.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters: Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish; For the health and wellbeing of Jules Nagy, Bill Rush, Howard Friedman, Bernice Muha, Stanley Sostak, Rose Kubik, Janet Caruso, Nunzie Sospetti, Robert Paterson, Michael Havrilla, Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank Fisher, Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Carol Parker, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Sally Urban, Duane Schulte, Ruth and Michael Pivovarnick, Bernice Biroscak, Patrick Toner, Frank Gonzales, Gary Graham, Jackie Bayak, Berne Bloom, Joan Mainzer, Bob Agans, Victor McAlanis, Tom Goff, June Didun and Stefan Revesz, Stephanie Besterci and David Potts. Our Father...

Today's Hymns

The Hymns listed below can be found in the Blue Hymnal Books in the pews.

<u>Please, join with the Choir in making a joyous noise unto the Lord!</u>

Silence is much worse than singing off key!

Processional Hymn

#1 - Hymn Of Faith

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 - Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

#159 - Jesus, My Lord And Savior

Communion Hymn
SOLO - Ruth Mechowski
"He's Only A Prayer Away"

Recessional Hymn

#26 - Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence