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September 17, 2023 ▪ The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Forgiveness Is the ‘Joy of God,’ Pope Says



### *Sunday Angelus in Rome with the Holy Father*

In his Sunday Angelus, the Holy Father said the “joy of God” is ultimately found in pardoning another for his wrongdoing, just as in the parable of the Prodigal Son.

“What is the joy of God? It is to forgive!” the Pope told pilgrims Sept. 15, explaining that in this teaching “is the whole Gospel, it is all of Christianity!”

Forgiveness, he warned, “is not a sentiment – it is not ‘feeling good’ – on the contrary, mercy is the true force that can save man and the world from the cancer that is sin, bad morality or bad spirituality.”

“Only love fills up the emptiness, the negative chasms that evil opens in hearts and in history,” continued the Pontiff.

God alone is complete mercy and love, while each of us is the Prodigal Son who has “squandered his own freedom following false idols, mirages of happiness, and have lost everything.”

“But God does not forget us,” the Holy Father added. “The Father never abandons us. He is a patient Father. He always respects us. He respects our freedom but remains always faithful.”

Like the father of the Prodigal Son, “when we return to Him, he welcomes us as children, in his house, because he never gives up waiting for us with love, not even for a moment. And his heart is in celebration for every child that returns.”

This “celebration” is found in the joy that God has “for each of us who returns to Him and asks His forgiveness.”

We need never fear approaching God, but should rather remember that God “always awaits us” when we seek his mercy.

However, we must be aware of certain “dangers” that must be avoided, especially acting as judges rather than leaving that to God.

“We presume to be judges and we judge others,” he said. “We judge God, too, because we

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think that he should punish sinners, condemn them to death, instead of forgiving them.”

“The devil is shrewd,” added Pope Francis. He “deceives us with the idea that our human justice can save us and save the world. In reality, only the justice of God can save us!”

God’s justice is very different from that proposed by the devil. “The justice of God is revealed in the Cross.” There we see how God judges: by “giving his life for us!”

Jesus’ sacrifice of his life on the Cross is the “supreme act of justice” and is “also precisely an act of mercy.”

Every Christian is called to this kind of mercy, exhorted Pope Francis. “Jesus calls all of us to follow this path: ‘be merciful, as your Father is merciful.’”

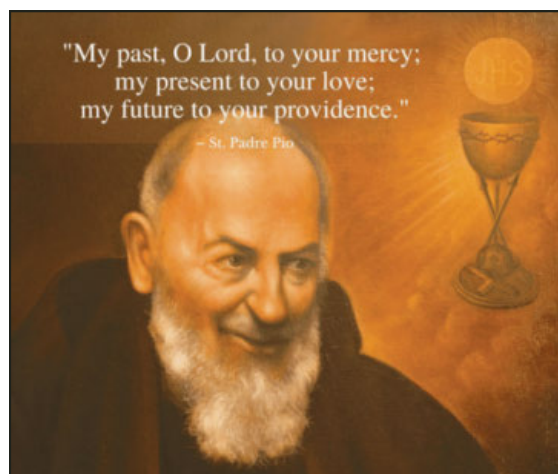
The Holy Father encouraged his audience to examine their own hearts to see where they may need to extend mercy and forgiveness.

“Everyone in silence think of someone with whom things aren’t going well: someone we are angry at, someone we don’t wish well. Think of this person, and in silence in this moment let’s pray for this person and become merciful towards this person.”

After leading the crowds in the traditional Angelus prayer, Pope Francis remembered the witness of the Argentine priest Father Jose Gabriel Brochero, who was beatified on Sept. 14.

Fr. Brochero’s service for the kingdom of God even until the end of his life as a blind leper, was a witness of “the joy of the good Shepherd,” he said.

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September 17, 2023

## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30—28:7 | Rom 14:7-9 | Mt 18:21-35

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Forgiveness. It seems like a relatively simple *concept*, doesn't it? We ask our merciful Father for it every day when we pray the Our Father: "... forgive us our trespasses..." Then reality hits, as we remember the second part of that phrase: "...as we forgive those who trespass against us ..." *As we forgive others.* Oh, that long, hard road of forgiveness! Easier said than done. Sometimes those old sayings have some merit, don't they? And when we look at today's readings, there is nothing cryptic about them: forgive *not seven times but seventy-seven times*, let go of wrath and anger, forgive your brother and sister *from your heart*. Yes, forgiveness is a simple concept, but it's not easy. Perhaps the answer is to re-read today's Scriptures and ask the Holy Spirit to give us the strength to put in the hard work if there is someone in our lives to whom we need to offer our heartfelt forgiveness.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Bishop Robert Barron, in his *Word on Fire Bible* on the Gospels, has four suggestions related to this Gospel on how to become "a better forgiver." The one that stood out to me immediately is "forgive offenses quickly." Don't let them fester and "settle deeply into your psyche." This seems like very sage advice because we can all have a tendency to "stew" about things that are bothering us, which rarely makes them better. Bishop Barron's other suggestions are: Pay attention to your own sins, go to confessions regularly, and offer forgiveness through a concrete act or sign. Which brings us back to the simplicity of it all: God will always forgive us, so we must always forgive others. Doesn't it make sense that to live in the house of our merciful Father, we must emulate him and have loving hearts rather than vengeful hearts?

**PRAY** Examine your heart and take a hard look at whether you are holding on to a wrong that was committed against you. Take it to God in prayer. The more we open our hearts to forgive others, the more at peace we can be. Ponder the last words of today's reading from Sirach:

*Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor;  
remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.*



## **Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?**

### **Matrimony**

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

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### ***Journeying Through Grief***

“Grief is not a sign of weakness. It is a tribute to the loved one who died, and a healthy response to our heart ache.”

If you would like to be part of a Grief-Support “group” or you would prefer “one on one” support, please call Rachel between 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the parish office, 727-867-3663

## **Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, September 16, Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Harper (Dec)

**Saturday, September 16, Vigil for The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 p.m. Herman and Earl Beddoe (Dec)

**Sunday, September 17, The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in OT**

8:00 a.m. Sandy Lawrence (Dec) and  
Joan Orlanda Hatley (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (Dec)

**Monday, September 18, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Margarita Brown (Dec)

**Tuesday, September 19, Memorial of Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr**

8:00 a.m. Harriet Antczak (Dec)

**Wednesday, September 20, Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, Companions, Martyrs**

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

**Thursday, September 21, Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

8:00 a.m. Carole Huff (Dec)

**Friday, September 22, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Jeannette Worrick (Dec)

**Saturday, September 23, Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

8:00 a.m. Earl W. Murray, Sr. (Dec)

**Saturday, September 23, Vigil for The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

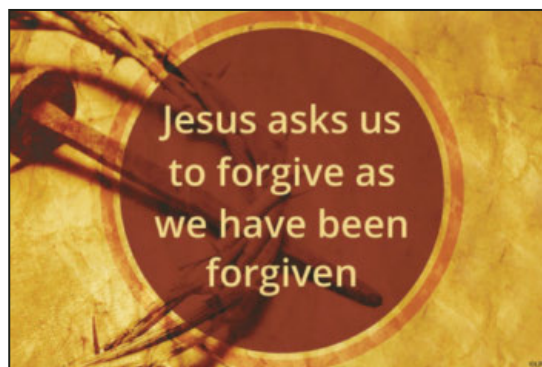
4:00 p.m. Ronald Bento (Dec)

**Sunday, September 24, The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Lisa Quintyne (Liv)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Jon Romani (Dec)



## Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

09/17 • Rev. Mikhail Kouts, OFM  
09/18 • Rev. Randall J. Meissen, LC  
09/19 • Rev. Bradley Reed  
09/20 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life  
09/21 • Shawn Young, Seminarian  
09/22 • Rev. Thomas Spillet  
09/23 • Rev. Raymond Lettre

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

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## Vocations

Are you called to serve the family of the Lord and share the Father's love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?

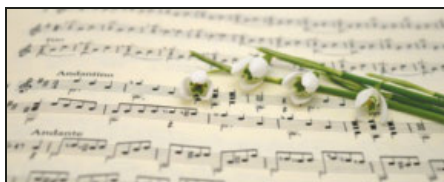
Call Father Chuck Dornquast 727-345-3452 or write: [scd@dosp.org](mailto:scd@dosp.org)

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## Scripture Class

Blessed Trinity Scripture Classes will resume on September 12th from 10:00 am - 11:30 am. We will begin with a new study from Q Place "celebrate", yes to life in Christ.

Class will be held in the Courtyard Hall and the books will be \$12.00 for 12 sessions. For further information and to confirm attendance, please call Barbara Townsend (727) 867-3605



## Music Program

The Music Program has started up once again.

Rehearsals for the Adult Choir will be on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Handbell Choir at 7:30 p.m.

The Contemporary Ensemble will have rehearsals on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m.

If you are interested in joining the choir for the first time or returning, all are welcome. I look forward to seeing everyone.

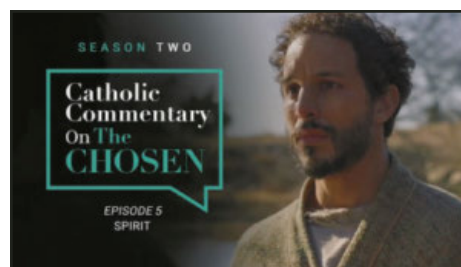
~ Wayne Dieterich, Director of Music

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## Prayer for Protection from Hurricanes

*God, Our Father, Creator and  
Lord of the universe,  
you have set the earth on  
its foundation  
and all the elements of nature  
obey your command.*

*We humbly beseech you to keep  
us safe from all dangers  
and calm the storm that  
threatens us.*

*May we be secure in your  
loving protection  
and serve you always with  
grateful hearts.*

*We ask this through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with You  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever.  
Amen.*

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Life was not always easy with my father when I was growing up. Let's just say he made many decisions along the way that led to fear, anger, and sadness for my family and me. Unfortunately, I was the only one in the family that would years later truly forgive him for his actions. My mother and sister held onto the resentment and anger they felt all their lives. For my father and me, reconciliation led to several years of a deepening relationship before his passing in 2011.

Forgiveness is not easy and I do not consider myself better or stronger because I was able to forgive and my family members could not. However, I can say that the blessings I received due to forgiveness and a renewed relationship with my father were far better than the animosity experienced by others. I also learned that forgiveness benefited me far more than my father.

As good stewards of time, we must realize that each passing day will never come again. What we do with that time is completely up to us. We can be wise and use it to build bridges, heal wounds, and cultivate love where there is hate. We can also choose to waste time in fear, resentment, and anger. I thank God often for the gift of my dad. However, I thank God more for the gift of time spent with him and the ability to see him not with my human eyes, but with the eyes of Jesus.

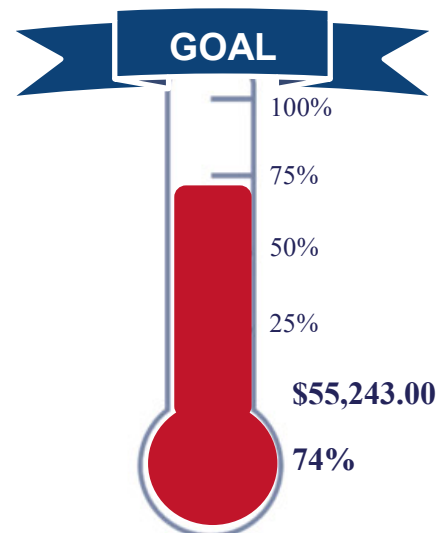
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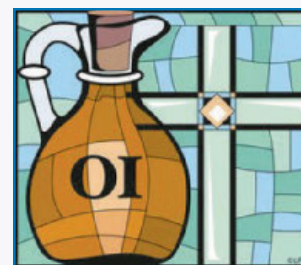
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