

If you want to be forgiven...

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the story of a king whose servant owed him a lot of money. The king was going to punish the servant, but when the man knelt down and begged for mercy, the king forgave him. Then that same man went and punished a servant who owed him money. When the king found out about this he was very angry.



SORRY I RIPPED YOUR BOOK A BIT.

In this story Jesus is telling us that if we want God to forgive us our sins then we have to forgive the people who have hurt us.



Has anyone ever done something mean to you? How do you feel when that happens? Do you feel loving toward that person? Jesus tells us that we must forgive those people, even when they really hurt us, because we want God to forgive us too. Every time we sin we offend God, and He will still forgive us if we are sorry. If we want God to forgive us, then it's only fair for us to forgive others.



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SAINT CORNELIUS
POPE OF MERCY AND MARTYR • SEPTEMBER 16



THE STORY Cornelius became pope during persecution. He taught that Christians who repented could return to the Church after proper penance.	FUN FACTS He worked with Saint Cyprian and rejected both careless leniency and hopeless severity. He died in exile in 253.
YOUR FAITH MISSION When someone is truly sorry, choose mercy. Ask God for courage to admit your own mistakes and begin again.	PRAYER Saint Cornelius, help us unite truth and mercy, forgive with wisdom, and remain faithful when life is difficult. Amen.

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A Debt Owed.

Mercy and forgiveness should be at the heart of the Christian life. Yet, as the First Reading wisely reminds us, often we cherish our wrath, nourish our anger, and refuse mercy to those who have done us wrong. Jesus, too, strikes close to home in today's Gospel with His realistic portrayal of the wicked servant who won't forgive a fellow servant's debt, even though his own slate has just been wiped clean by their master. It can't be this way in the kingdom, the Church.

In the Old Testament, seven is frequently a number associated with mercy and the forgiveness of sins. The just man sins seven times daily; there is a sevenfold sprinkling of blood for atonement of sin. But Jesus tells Peter that we must forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven times. That means, *every time*. We are to be merciful as our Father in heaven is merciful. But why? Why does Jesus repeatedly warn that we can't expect forgiveness for our trespasses unless we're willing to forgive others their trespasses against us? Because, as Paul reminds us in the Epistle, we are the Lord's. Each of us has been purchased by the blood of Christ shed for us on the Cross. As we sing in the Psalm, though we deserved to die for our sins, He doesn't deal with us according to our crimes. The mercy and forgiveness we show to others should be the heartfelt expression of our gratitude for the mercy and forgiveness shown to us.

This is why we should remember our last days, set our enmities aside, and stop judging others. We know that one day we will stand before the judgment seat and give account for what we've done with the new life given to us by Christ. So we forgive each other from the heart, overlook each other's faults, and await the crown of His kindness and compassion.

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Ecc.27:33—28:9

Second Reading
Rom.14:7-9

Gospel
Mt.18:21-35
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MASS TIMES

Gros Islet
Morning Prayers:
Mon -Fri
5:45 a.m.

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MONDAY
6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.

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TUESDAY
6:00 a.m.

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WEDNESDAY
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
G/Riviere: 6:00 p.m.

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THURSDAY
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.

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FRIDAY
6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.

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SATURDAY
6:30 a.m./6:00 p. m.

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SUNDAY
Gros Islet/G. Riviere
7:30 a.m.

Gros Islet/Monchy
10:00 a.m.

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HOLIDAY
Variable
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CONFESSIONS
Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
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by appointment

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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - September 14th

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates three historical events: the finding of the True Cross by St. Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine, the dedication of churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary, and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem by the emperor Heraclius II. But in a deeper sense, the feast also celebrates the Holy Cross as the instrument of our salvation.

Early in the fourth century, St. Helena went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre over the tomb. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman. The Cross immediately became an object of veneration. To this day the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Basilica's dedication.

The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, fifteen years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. This instrument of torture, designed to degrade the worst of criminals, became the life-giving tree that reversed Adam's Original Sin when he ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden. Pope Benedict summed it up beautifully when he said: “This feast reminds us of the meaning of this great mystery: God so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that men might be saved. The Son of God became vulnerable, assuming the condition of a slave, obedient even to death, death on a cross. By His Cross we are saved. The instrument of torture which, on Good Friday, manifested God’s judgment on the world, has become a source of life, pardon, mercy, a sign of reconciliation and peace.

By raising our eyes towards the Crucified One, we adore Him who came to take upon Himself the sin of the world and to give us eternal life. And the Church invites us proudly to lift up this glorious Cross so that the world can see the full extent of the love of the Crucified One for all, for us men. She invites us to give thanks to God because from a tree which brought death, life has burst out anew. On this wood Jesus reveals to us His sovereign majesty, He reveals to us that He is exalted in glory.

Yes, “Come, let us adore Him!” In our midst is He who loved us even to giving His life for us, He who invites every human being to draw near to Him with trust.”

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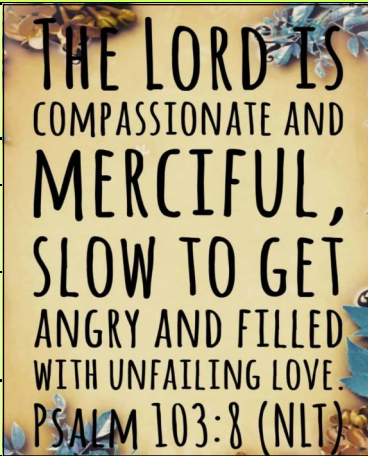
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Iris Macauldy
Claudia Joseph

DECEASED

Grissel Leon
Delia Everett
Peter Eugene
Titus Albertie
Nancy Joseph
Antoine Nelson
Auguste Tommy
Monica M. Joseph

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
Num.21:4-9
Phil.2:6-11
Jn.3:13-17
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TUESDAY
1Cor.12:12-14,27-31
Jn.19:25-27
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WEDNESDAY
1Cor.12:31-13:13
Lk.7:31-35
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THURSDAY
1Cor.15:1-11
Lk.7:36-50
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FRIDAY
1Cor.15:12-20
Lk.8:1-3
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SATURDAY
1Cor.15:35-37,42-49
Lk.8:4-15
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MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Sat Sep 12 - 6:00 p.m.		Thks: Algitha Richelieu & family B'day: Mandy Boxill Zaeda Hinkson, Suzette Dussiel Omega O'Neal, Eleanor Francis
Sun Sep 13 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		B:day: Margaret Semei Guid & Protec: Eleanor Chassang
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		B'day: 91st Philomene Lorde Kaelann Griffith Jenna & Kema Lorde
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		B'day: Vaughan Edwin Thks: John Cherubin & family
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Sep 14 - 6:00 a.m. <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	Sr. Mary Dungdung Sr. Mercy Masaka	B'day: Marilyn Herman Healing & Deliv: Dorina Jn. Marie
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Cyrillia & Althea Palton
Tue Sep 15 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Jeremy Joseph Sr. Marie Joseph	Dc'd: James & Paulina Prudent
Wed Sep 16 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Cornelius, Pope</i> <i>St. Cyprian, Bishop & Martyr</i>	Rev. Errol Frederick Sr. Rosemarie Minj	B'day: Martha Fontenelle Thks: Maureen Arlain & family
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Family of David Popo
Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Sep 17 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Yvon Tremont	B'day: Renetta Joseph-Bruce
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Taj Cazaubon
Fri Sep 18 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy Sr. Bernadette Peter	Dc'd: Martha Joseph
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Leeann Boxill Thks: Emsco Remy & family Mary Wellington & family
Sat Sep 19 - 6:30 a.m. <i>BVM</i>	Fr. Lambert St. Rose	Int: Marilyn Hyacinth & family