

Parish Bulletin for
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
And St Jude's

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*I give you a new commandment, says the LORD;
Love one another as I have loved you.*

Around the year 1223 a follower of Francis of Assisi wrote to him with a problem. This brother was a leader of other brothers and was getting worn down by the job—in particular, by the difficulty of dealing with brothers who sin. This letter writer considered resigning his position and going to a hermitage. Much as Francis treasured prayer and solitude, he rejected this letter writer's hermitage solution. The man needed to stay where he was and serve the others. Francis wrote: "There should not be any brother in the world who has sinned, however much he may have possibly sinned, who, after he has looked into your eyes, would go away without having received your mercy, if he is looking for mercy. And if he were not to seek mercy, you should ask him if he wants mercy."



Forgiveness (seeking it or offering it) begins in the heart long before it is expressed in word or deed. In this story, Francis was trying to plant the seeds of forgiveness in someone who apparently felt his only alternatives were a messy (and possibly unsuccessful) confrontation with the sinning brother or withdrawing to a hermitage.

In today's Gospel, forgiveness was already deep down in the king's heart and that's why he could cancel an enormous debt—a debt that the first servant had no realistic hope of ever repaying. The

Please remember in your prayers those among us who are suffering because of the virus ... this includes not only those with the virus, but those suffering depression, anxiety and other maladies due to this stressful time.

first servant, however, was clearly an opportunist—begging forgiveness for a huge debt he owed but hard-hearted about delaying repayment for a very minor debt owed to him. Jesus uses this situation to teach us about the need to offer forgiveness to others as well as to seek it for ourselves. Seeking forgiveness should prepare us to offer it to others. If

we have a sense of our own sinfulness, then we know how generous God has already been toward us

Over the years probably all of us have sought and received forgiveness from our parents, spouse, children, friends and coworkers. Shouldn't we pass on that



Adoration on Tuesday Evening from 5pm to 9pm at OLPH

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A

sirach 27:30 28:9; psalm 103; romans 14:7-9; matthew 18:21-35

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Octoberfest
SEPTEMBER 26
3-7 PM, REYNOLDS CITY PARK

JOIN US FOR A FAMILY-FRIENDLY, FUN DAY
LIVE! Accordion Music
Farmer's Market and Bake Sale
Sauerkraut with Pork and Dumplings
Brats, Hot Dogs, Pretzels, Beer, Rootbeer, Ice Cream



Take out orders will be available.
In case of a local COVID-19 breakout, the event will be exclusively take out.

mass intentions

September 2020

- 12 OLPH +Kate Adam by K/M Knutson
- 13 OLPH Mass for the people
- SJ +Millie Leddige by Walt Majkrzak
- 15 OLPH +Carla Sletten by L/M Austreng
- 16 SJ +Kate Adam by Jim Weber
- 17 OLPH Maria Steed by J/K Unterseher
- 18 SJ +Lauren Roseno by Dn J/R West
- 19 OLPH +Michelle Kuser by L/P Kuster
- 20 OLPH Mass for the people
- SJ +Avis Majkrzak by her family
- 22 OLPH +Dorothy Rakoczy by Bernadette Adams
- 23 SJ +Kate Adam by Jim Weber
- 24 OLPH +Francis Fetter
- 25 SJ +Curtis Bohl by Martha Garman
- 26 OLPH +Kate Adam by L/V Knipping
- 27 OLPH Mass for the people
- SJ +Margaret Meagher by her husband
- 29 OLPH +Arnie Krile by F/S Argenziano
- 30 SJ +Tom Meagher by his dad

future events

- Sept 27-30—Fall Priest Meeting—**
CANCELLED
- Sept 30—St Jude Religious Education starts**
- Oct 6—SJ Parish Council**
- Oct 8—OLPH Parish Council**
- Jan 12 2021—SJ Parish Council**
- Jan 14 2021—OLPH Parish Council**
- March 6 2021—Confirmation at Larimore**
(tentative)

forgiveness?

Forgiveness is based on the whole truth. In today's Gospel the first servant distorted the truth by having the second servant imprisoned for a minor debt. That first servant acted on a very selective, partial truth. Everyone who acts on a partial truth runs the same risk of receiving eagerly and giving back like a miser. Saint Paul told the Romans—and us—that we are always responsible to the Lord, as his servants.

Fashion is always an important item at weddings, As the bride processed down the aisle, a guest asked, "Doesn't the bride look stunning?" "She sure does,"

SEPTEMBER MASS SCHEDULE

5P SAT: OLPH
8:30A SUN: OLPH
10:30A SUN: SJ

responded her mate.
"And doesn't the groom look stunned."

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meets every Monday, 7pm, at St. Jude's. 3rd Monday is open meeting. Please use north entrance. Church is handicap accessible.

Al-Anon meets every Monday, 7pm, at St Jude's Catholic Church. 3rd Monday is open meeting with AA. Please use north entrance.

Offertory 2020-09-06 OLPH—\$1048.00 Online—\$260.88 / St Jude—\$889.00 Online—\$635.37

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