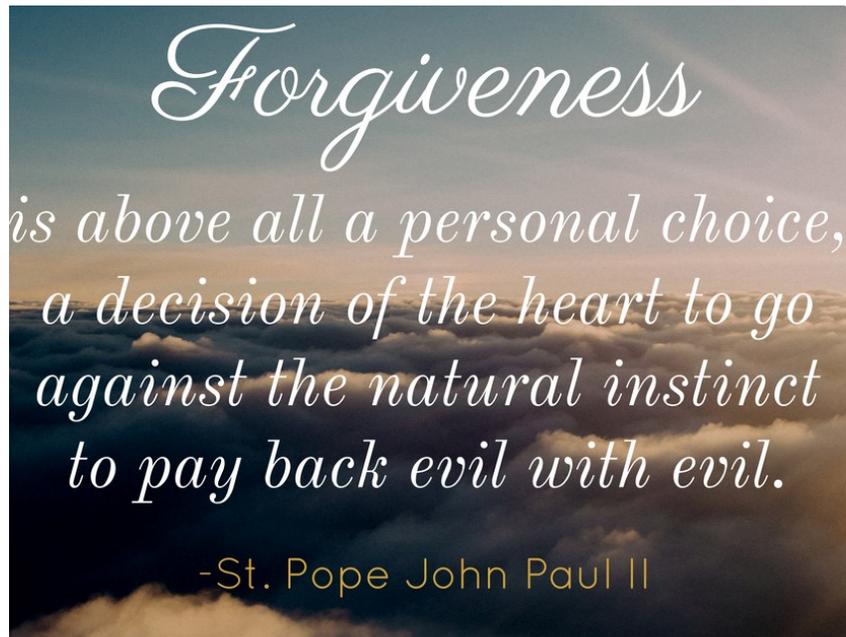


24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13, 2020



Prelude: Fantasia on "Septemberfest"

Entrance Antiphon

*Grant peace to those who are waiting for you, O Lord.
So that the prophets may be proved trustworthy;
hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.*

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest.
And on earth peace to men of good will.
We praise You. We bless You. We adore you. We glorify You.
We give You thanks for Your great glory.
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.
O Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son.
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father:
you Who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
You Who take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
You Who sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are holy. You alone are the Lord.
You alone, O Jesus Christ, are most high.
with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Reading 1: Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.

Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could

anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin!

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

Responsorial Psalm 103

The Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful, slow to
an - ger, and rich_ in com - pas - sion.

*Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.*

*He pardons all your iniquities,
heals all your ills.
He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion.*

*He will not always chide,
nor does he keep his wrath forever.
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.*

*For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so surpassing is his kindness toward
those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he put our transgressions from us.*

Reading 2: Romans 14:7-9

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.



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.”



Offertory Hymn: We Come With Joy

*We come with joy in Jesus Christ, who knows our human need;
Who, moved with pity for the poor, would every hunger feed.
He blessed the fish and barley loaves till food was multiplied;
His bounty overflowed their want and all were satisfied.*

*A little bread is all we have, so meager our supply;
A little time, a little love can hardly satisfy.
But let us bring the best we have, despite our poverty;
And offer all our gifts of Christ, imperfect though they be.*

Communion Antiphon

*Bring up your sacrifices and come into his courts.
Adore the Lord in his holy temple.*

**My Jesus,
I believe that you are truly present
in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things
and I desire to possess You within my soul.
Since I am unable at this moment
to receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as being already there,
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.**

Communion Anthem: Eat This Bread

*Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.*

Recessional Hymn: Salve Regina

*Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
Hail our life,
our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry,
Poor banished children of Eve;
To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley
of tears. Turn then, most gracious
advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us;
And after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy
womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O
sweet Virgin Mary.*



Communion Meditation: Psalm 130
With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.