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PASTOR'S PEN

Greetings in Christ Jesus!

It is not always easy to say one is sorry and it is even harder to ask for forgiveness. There is no doubt that there is great value in saying sorry to someone whom you have offended in much the same way as there is value in asking for forgiveness.

Today many people are so caught up in their own little worlds, trying to see how much they can achieve in life. People have their own agendas which do not necessarily involve much concern for other people and even less about other people's feelings.

With all that's going on in the world, there seems to be an even greater need for finding ways of diffusing tension and animosity between people and nations. The Church has to play a major role in this as it seeks to bring about the healing and peace that are needed in our world.

The message for us today is pretty clear and very necessary. The message we have to hear and preach is one of forgiveness. When Peter asked how many times he should forgive his brother, Jesus answered him saying that he should forgive his brother seventy-seven times.

If we are to survive any relationship, be it on an individual basis or even at a communal level, we must be prepared to forgive those who do us wrong. There can be no limit to our forgiveness, even when it seems most difficult to do. We surely cannot expect God to be merciful to us if we ourselves cannot show mercy to those who wrong us.

God will forgive us when we sin even if we commit the same sin every time. So it is not merely about how much we are willing to forgive but, just as God does not place limits on the forgiveness he will give us, we also cannot expect to place limits on each other.

In the end what we are to recognize is that God is indeed a merciful God and is prepared to forgive us our sins even if we sin seventy-seven times. In our own forgiving of people we cannot set limits on our willingness to forgive but we must try to be merciful and forgiving as God is. In giving forgiveness we bring about reconciliation not only between individuals but also at a community level.

So how many times should we seek to forgive someone who has done us wrong? Jesus tells us that there should be no limit on our forgiveness. No doubt we are being asked to do something that is difficult but not impossible. Still, if we want to experience the mercy of God, we must be prepared to share that mercy with the people who offend us. If we want to be forgiven, then we must be prepared to do the same.

A timely reminder for today which we are encouraged to put into practice; the effect can only be good in bringing about healing between individuals, communities and even countries.

Fr.Maschio.

CHRISM MASS

Bishop Hoepfner will be offering the Chrism Mass on Thursday, September 17th in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Crookston, 3:30 pm vespers, 4:00 pm Mass. Two members from each parish are welcome to attend and receive the Holy Oils for our parishes. We are still looking for someone from St. Patrick's. If you are interested in attending, contact Father Maschio or Pam Hunt by noon on Wednesday, September 16th.

BIBLE STUDY AT ST. PATRICK'S

Starting October 15th at 9:00 am, we will begin an 8 week study of "Romans" by Andrew Safford and Jeff Cavins at St. Patrick's Church. If you are interested in joining this study, or would like to order a book, contact Pam Hunt at stpatrickshallock@gmail.com by October 1st so we can be sure to have study guides on hand.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY September 12th
 Holy Mass 5:00 PM Hallock Charlie & Lu Trudel

SUNDAY September 13th
 Holy Mass 9:00 AM Hallock Andi Olsonawski

Holy Mass 10:45 AM Lancaster Pro Populo

MONDAY September 14th
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock Charles Reese

TUESDAY September 15th
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock Mary Reese

WEDNESDAY September 16th
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock Andi Olsonawski

THURSDAY September 17th
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock Gunnar Gubbels

FRIDAY September 18th
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock Mark Rocznik

SATURDAY September 19th
 Holy Mass 5:00 PM Hallock Andi Olsonawski

SUNDAY September 20th
 Holy Mass 9:00 AM Hallock Pro Populo

Holy Mass 10:45 AM Lancaster Mark Rocznik

MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass intentions received thus far have been assigned so now is a good time to submit your Mass intentions. Masses can be requested from the parish at anytime, for the living or the dead, or for any good intention. A \$5 offering is customary for each request.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PLAN

Sunday School for the elementary students will be online for now. Check your email for the first Sunday school lesson this Sunday!

PRAYER LIST

Those who are Sick, Struggling, Recovering

Catherine Klegstad
 Elmer Hungate
 Sophie Olsonawski
 Eleanor Kraska
 Cathy Cleem
 Iver Cleem
 Janet Olsonawski
 Dion Turgeon
 Jeanette Forfang
 Kim Short
 Wayne Stewart
 LeRoy Vonasek
 Renee Stewart
 Don DeLorme
 Robb Brown

Deceased Loved Ones

Mark Rocznik
 Betty Lockman
 Susan Weaver
 Andi Olsonawski
 Walt Crummy
 H Jeannie Howe
 Louise Docken
 Kristen (Hunter) Erickson
 Verona Karboviak
 Angie Plaine
 Alice Carlson
 Lois Pantzer

Email the parish office with those you would like listed above for prayer each month.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY LIST

Saturday September 19th 5:00 PM St. Patrick
 Sacristan: Earl Karboviak
 Ministers: Volunteers

Sunday September 20th 9:00 AM St. Patrick
 Sacristan: Hank Noel
 Servers: Asher & Parker Olsonawski
 Commentator: Judy Dziengel
 Lector: Chuck Dziengel
 Ushers: Ray Hunt & Dennis Olsonawski
 Money Counters: Janice Hunt & Hank Noel

Sunday September 13th 10:45 AM Holy Rosary
 Ministers: Volunteers

BULLETIN BITS - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"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." (Romans 14:8)

This is the essence of stewardship - everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God daily and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

MINI BAZAAR

St. Patrick's Bazaar will be a little different this year. Instead of having it at the City Hall, the plan is to have a mini bazaar set up in the driveway of St. Patrick's on September 24th. There will be a bake goods and canned goods for sale as well as the raffle.

ADORATION SIGN UP

There are signup sheets in the entry of the church for adoration this Wednesday beginning at noon until 6:00 pm. Please consider signing up to spend one hour with our Lord.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit usccb.org/latin-america/collection.

ST. PATRICK'S MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION REPORT

August 2020 Charitable Contributions:

In-Church Contributions: \$6039.00
 On-Line Contributions: \$2441.67