



Forgive and Forget?

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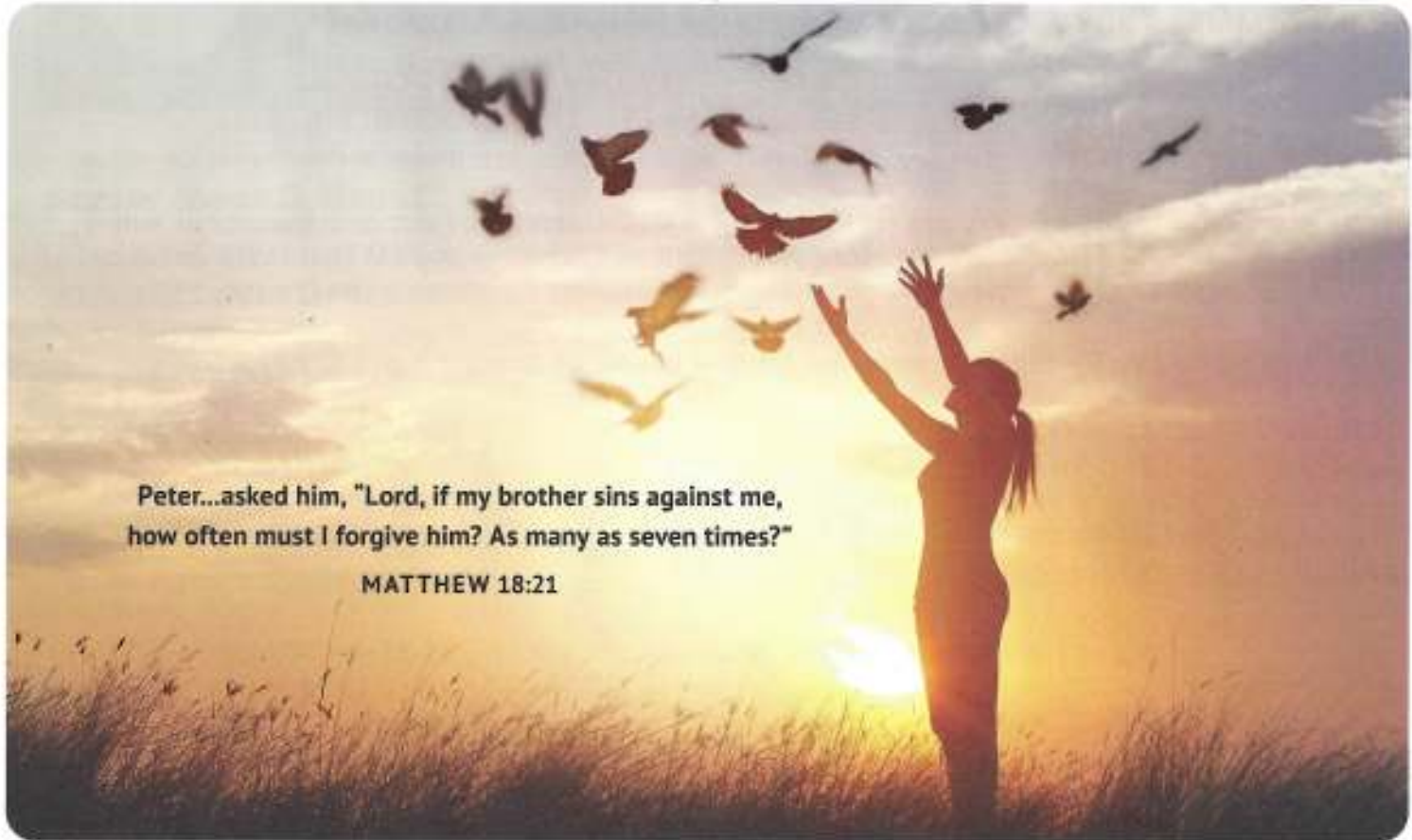
Terry Anderson was an American reporter in Lebanon when he was abducted by terrorists in 1985. He was held captive by them until his release in 1991. After his release he was asked if he forgave his captors. His response? "I'm a Christian and a Catholic, and it's really required of me that I forgive, no matter how hard that may be."

It's been said that forgiveness is the most difficult thing we have to do, simply because all too often we do not feel like forgiving. Nor is forgiveness about overlooking the injury as if to say, "Oh, that's OK. Don't worry about it." Forgiveness may not even mean being able to be nice. Sometimes the pain may be too much. Forgiveness as Jesus lived it is a choice one makes to care about the other. It is the gift of wanting what is best for the other even at times in the midst of our own pain. "Forgive and forget" is not always possible. At times the pain not only lingers but also throbs as if the wound continues to ooze and weep. Then we cannot forget. Yet it is possible to make the choice to care.

What do we do if we cannot even bring ourselves to do that much? Perhaps then we can at least ask God to bring goodness into that person's life. And if that seems too difficult, then ask God to do what we cannot. That simple choice may very well be the seed that eventually sprouts into healing and peace in our own spirit. ●

Reflect

When have you been able to forgive even though memory of the pain lingered?



Peter...asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?"

MATTHEW 18:21



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Wedding Renewal Mass
Sun, Sept 24th | 2:00 pm | RSVP

Emergency Number for all 3 Churches 779-248-2164

9:45 am - 11:00 am at Cherry Church Hall

Sunday, September 17th - 5th thru 8th grade

Sunday, September 24th - K thru 4th grade & Confirmation class



We are still looking for **volunteers** to be either a **teacher or helper**.
If interested please call Michelle Bickett 815-751-2656 or email
holytrinitycherry@gmail.com or contact the church office.

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of September 18, 2023

Monday	9/18			+ No Mass
Tuesday	9/19	9:00 am	STM	+ Judy Guerrini
Wednesday	9/20	5:30 pm	HT	+ Alan Hahn
Thursday	9/21	9:00 am	HT	+ Jack & Theresa McCallum
Friday	9/22	9:00 am	STM	+ Connie Lauer

Mass Intentions for the weekend of September 23-24, 2023

Saturday	9/23	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	+ Mindy Taber
Sunday	9/24	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	+ Special Intention
		10:30 am	St Patrick	+ For The Parishioners
		5:00 pm	St Thomas More	+ No Mass - Renewal Mass @ SP

2023 ADA Campaign FAQ

How much of my gift goes for administrative cost?

The Annual Diocesan Appeal strives to be the best possible stewards of your gifts. Ninety eight cents of every dollar goes directly to the critical work of the schools, parishes, agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Peoria. The Appeal operates at an efficiency of two cents per dollar including all administrative and fundraising expenses.



Are ADA funds used to pay legal fees or settlements from sexual abuse cases?

The Annual Diocesan Appeal supports the work of the Church in the Diocese of Peoria. All funds raised will be used exclusively and solely to support the programs and ministries of the Diocese. No monies donated to the ADA have been or will be used to defray expenses related to misconduct issues.

Will I receive a tax receipt?

Everyone that contributes to the ADA will receive a tax letter in January.

Is there a minimum I need to donate?

There is no minimum. All gifts are gratefully accepted and valued. As stewards, we should take the time to reflect on our God given gifts of time, talent and treasure. Charitable giving is a reflection of our Christian Stewardship of treasure.

How can I make my gift?

You may make a one-time gift, or pledge over eight months.



Hallow App is Coming Soon!

Hallow helps people deepen their relationship with God through audio-guided prayers, sleep meditations, Bible readings, meditations, and music. The app has over 5,000 sessions including a daily Rosary, daily Gospel, daily saint, novenas, exams, Father Mike Schmitz's Bible in a Year, The Chosen's Jonathan Roumie's audio Bible, Bishop Barron's Sunday Sermons, peaceful Christian music, Gregorian chant, and so much more. All Priests, Deacons, and Religious will have a free subscription, as well as all of our HS students and faculty. Watch your email for details.

Senior Meet & Greet

LaSalle Catholic Charities will be having a "Meet and Greet" for people age 55+ from the LaSalle area. If you are 55+ we would love to meet you and see how we can grow together. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 26th at 10:30am at St. Patrick's parish conference room on the second floor of the parish at 725 4th St. LaSalle IL 61301. Refreshments will be provided.



LATEST OFFERING'S

SEPT 10TH WEEKEND

HT - \$ 992.00
SP - \$ 398.00
STM - \$ 1,006.00



Sunday, September 24th at 2:00 pm

St Patrick Church ~ Arlington

Please RSVP to Lauren Koch 815-252-2334

CONFESSIONS

NEXT CONFESSIONS WILL
BE SAT. SEPT 23RD
10:30 - 11:15 AM AT
ST THOMAS MORE
IN THE HALL

Dear Padre,

Why are churches doing away with the confessionals?

In many churches, when it is feasible, the traditional confessional box is modified or even replaced by a more spacious, less darkened reconciliation room. In 1974, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops decreed that "small chapels or rooms of reconciliation be provided in which penitents might choose to confess their sins through an informal face-to-face exchange with the priest, with the opportunity for appropriate spiritual counsel." Later, a further elaboration recommended austere furnishings and decoration in this space, "with nothing superfluous in evidence beyond a simple cross, table and Bible. The purpose of this room is primarily for the celebration of the reconciliation liturgy; it is not a lounge, counseling room, etc. The word 'chapel' more appropriately describes this space." If a reconciliation chapel does not provide a fixed screen or grille between the penitent and confessor, it must be offered elsewhere, according to canon law. "The purpose of this norm is...to afford the penitent anonymity if he or she desires and to make certain that there is no suspicion of impropriety in the confessor-penitent relationship" (Code of Canon Law, 964 commentary).

Ideally, the environment of the reconciliation chapel helps the penitent and confessor feel they are "on holy ground" (Exodus 3:5) in encountering God in this sacrament. It offers an inviting sacred space to celebrate a powerful expression of God's mercy and unconditional love. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
September 18	September 19	September 20	September 21	September 22	September 23	September 24
Weekday	Weekday	Sts. Andrew Kim	St. Matthew,	Weekday	St. Pius of	Twenty-fifth
1 Tm 2:1-8	1 Tm 3:1-13	Tae-gŏn, Priest,	Apostle and	1 Tm 6:2c-12	Pietrelcina,	Sunday in
Lk 7:1-10	Lk 7:11-17	and Paul Chŏng	Evangelist	Lk 8:1-3	Priest	Ordinary Time
		Ha-sang, and	Eph 4:1-7,		1 Tm 6:13-16	Is 55:6-9
		Companions,	11-13		Lk 8:4-15	Phil 1:20c-24,
		Martyrs	Mt 9:9-13			27a
		1 Tm 3:14-16				Mt 20:1-16a
		Lk 7:31-35				

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

As I was celebrating Mass, I paused, touched by a phrase... from the book of Sirach.... "Remember the end of your life, and cease from enmity." A beautiful phrase! Think of the end! Think that you will be in a coffin...and will you take hatred there? Think of the end, stop hating! Stop the resentment.

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