

September 13, 2020

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

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: Psalm 103

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger,
and rich in compassion

Second Reading:

Romans 14 : 7 -9

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For as 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 – 25

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? 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."

Reflecting on the Word

Peter asked Jesus, "How often must I forgive?" Jesus responds very clearly, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." This is a maxim, a simple phrase that is a code or rule of how to live as Jesus wants us to live. Here, Jesus is teaching us about radical forgiveness—that not only must we forgive, but also forgive fully and completely. Not an easy task for children or adults, especially when we experience suffering and betrayal. But Jesus teaches that God will forgive us and wants us to forgive others, so that we might love as God loves us.

Living and Praying the Word

Holy Spirit, we open our hearts to you. Fill us with your courage to love so that time after time, even when we've been hurt, we forgive. We pain you often. You have forgiven us so many times, Don't let hard-heartedness choke us. We offer you those people and those issues that bother us. Please put them on a log and let them float down your river. Then bubble up within us and restore our joy!

CONGRATULATIONS!

This Sunday at a Special Mass for our Saint Anthony School students they will receive their Sacraments of Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist at a Special Mass at 1:00pm this Sunday, September 13th.

Congratulations ~

*Rafael **Christian** Balasan*

*Aubrey Makai **Mary** Burgart*

*Isla Elizabeth **Mary** Burgart*

*Iokepa Keahe'olu **Iokepa** Celebrado*

***Kaikuolo** Chang*

*Braelyn Kailey **Clare** Ayako Dadiz*

***Colton** Fahey*

*Adelyn Miari **Cecilia** Simone Reyes Leong*

***Aila** Yzabelle Queja*

*Aiden **Gabriel** Salaguinto*

*Tale'a 'Iwalani **Rose***

Hekeiki'olaikameheuonakupuna Sparks

*Xavier **Luke** Somday Unemori*

Blaze Ho'ea Ho'eakauila Wong Leong

***Christa** Lea Marie Llanes*

***Liliana** Duarte*

*Kyshalee **MaryAnn** Valdez*

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FOODLAND GIVE ALOHA

After the initial first week of this annual campaign, St. Anthony School has about \$300 in donations received including \$100 from a shopper at Foodland Kailua. Monetary donations accepted at any Foodland, Sack n Save or Foodland Farm on any Hawaii island. Use your Maika'l card and designate each time (#77870). Donations accepted through Sept 30th. You can also make a donation when you do online shopping OR with your Maika'l reward certificate donate that \$5.00 value – when redeeming your MY Rewards certificate, ask the clerk to convert into a Foodland Gift Card, THEN, donate that amount to SAS. For more information contact Art Fillazar at 244-4190 ext. 232

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3. Discernment for what your marriage needs most
4. How to value the precious gift that is your beloved, your spouse.

The Online Sessions will happen every Friday night from 7pm to 9:30pm beginning October 2nd through November 13th. A special bonus evening will be held on November 20th. Application fee is \$100. Financial Assistance is available. To apply go to www.hawaiiwwme.org or call Brian & Claudine Perry at 808-276-5721.

Welcome our NEW Acolytes

St. Anthony's welcomes the newly trained Acolytes: Liliana Duarte and Caytlin Shim and our adult acolytes: Jo-Ann Hoopii, Stephen Kealoha, Letty Mariscal & Val Standing.

Mass Intentions

Gregoria Trinitaria – Birthday
Amelia Domondon – 90th Birthday
In Thanksgiving – Jovielyn Ollero
9/11 – Helen Kocis
9/12 – Walter+ & Christine+ Azevedo
9/15 – Frank+ & Mary+ Pires
Frances Garcia+
Andrew Manegdeg+
Frances Oshiro+

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