

From the Desk of the Pastor

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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Mathew assumes that his audience is familiar with Jewish customs and scriptures. (Refer to Genesis 4:24). Jesus directly reversed this teaching, so his parable employed a 'dramatic overstatement' to show that He meant what He said, in response to Peter's question about forgiveness.

He points out that the sum of money owed by the first servant is unimaginably large; what his fellow servant owes him is a mere pittance. While the first amount is forgiven, how come, the second is the cause for being thrown into prison? Obviously, an absurd inequality:

This brings us to the heart of Jesus' message: Our total inability to earn forgiveness for our sins in the face of divine justice, contrasted with the pettiness of our refusal to forgive those who have transgressed against us in much smaller ways.

The parable packs a double punch. It emphasizes the enormity of God's grace and at the same time indicts anyone who refuses to live out of the same gracious mindset. Jesus teaches us in prayer, "Our Father" to ask for a measure of divine forgiveness in accordance with our own willingness to forgive.

When a label on a piece of clothing says 'One size fits all,' it is ordinarily taken to understand that it has enough fabric to cover (what my mother used to describe as) 'a multitude of sins.' The garment must be versatile enough to fit every type of body, from the smallest to the largest. God's forgiveness is abundant enough to cover our sins with fabric to spare.

Why then are we so stingy in sharing the forgiveness we have received?

Do we pay for it by the yard?

Do we think there will not be enough left over to cover our own sins?

What do we gain by refusing to forgive?



VIGÉSIMO CUARTO DOMINGO
DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

San Mateo supone que su audiencia está familiarizada con las escrituras y costumbres judías. (Consulte Génesis 4:24). Jesús directamente le da vuelta a esta enseñanza, para que su parábola utilice exageración dramática para demostrar lo que quería decir en respuesta a la pregunta de San Pedro acerca del perdón. La suma de dinero debida por el primer servidor es inimaginable grande; lo que su fiel servidor le debe no es más que una miseria. Que la primera cantidad es perdonada mientras que la segunda es causa para ser arrojado a la cárcel implica una desigualdad absurda.

Esto nos lleva al corazón del mensaje de Jesús: Nuestra incapacidad total de obtener el perdón por nuestros pecados ante la justicia divina, en contraste con la mezquindad de nuestro rechazo a perdonar aquellos que han transgredido contra nosotros en formas mucho más pequeñas. La parábola empaca un golpe doble. Destaca la enormidad de la gracia de Dios y al mismo tiempo acusa al que se niega a vivir de la misma mentalidad amable. Jesús nos enseña en la oración, "Padre nuestro" a pedir una medida de perdón divina en conformidad con nuestra propia voluntad de perdonar.

Cuando una etiqueta en un pedazo de ropa dice 'talla única', normalmente se toma por entender que tiene suficiente tela para cubrir (lo que mi madre solía describir como) 'una multitud de pecados.' La prenda debe ser lo suficientemente versátil como para adaptarse a cada tipo de cuerpo, desde el más pequeño a el más grande. El perdón de Dios es lo suficientemente abundante para cubrir nuestros pecados con tela de sobra.

¿Por qué entonces somos tan tacaños en compartir el perdón que hemos recibido? ¿Pagamos por ella por la yarda?

¿Creemos que no sobraré lo suficiente para cubrir nuestros propios pecados? ¿Qué ganamos en negarnos a perdonar?

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

August 31 — September 6, 2026

Weekday Masses Offerings.....\$ 104.00

Weekend Mass Offerings.....\$1,903.12

Reserve Fund.....\$1,636.00

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS

September 13 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

September 20: Church of Latin America

September 27: Priests' Retirement

October 4: Reserve Fund

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Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

We urge you to help us meet our goal:

Parish Assessment:	\$32,295.00
YTD we paid:	\$14,780.65
Balance we owe:	\$17,514.35
Pledges Balance:	\$ 439.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass Intentions Book for 2027 is Now Open

You are invited to come to the Parish office with your request for Mass Intentions for the year 2027. Please bring a written list with all the names, mass dates and times that you would like to request along with the stipend. The process is on a “first come, first serve basis”.

The Archdiocese of San Francisco has traditionally regulated Mass stipends for announced and unannounced mass intentions. The suggested donation for an announced mass is \$10.00; for an unannounced intention it is \$5.00.

Mass intentions are published in the Parish bulletin with the deadline for printing are on Monday afternoons. The Parish Office is open for business from Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

El Libro De Las Misas Para El Año Nuevo 2027
Ya Está Abierto

Usted está invitado a venir a la oficina de la parroquia con sus intenciones de Misa para el año 2027. Por favor traiga una lista por escrito con todos los nombres, fechas y horas que desea solicitar junto con su donación. El proceso será más rápido si usted tiene esto listo antes de venir a la oficina.

La Arquidiócesis de San Francisco ha regulado tradicionalmente las donaciones para misas anunciadas y no anunciadas. La donación sugerida para una misa anunciada es de \$10.00; para una intención no anunciada la donación sugerida es \$5.00.

Las intenciones de misa se publican en el boletín parroquial con la fecha límite para imprimir el lunes por la tarde. La oficina parroquial está abierta de lunes a viernes de 8:30am a 5:00pm.

San Lorenzo Ruiz 9-day Novena

The Filipino Community is sponsoring a 9-Day Novena in honor of their patron Saint, San Lorenzo Ruiz starting on

Sunday, September 20th and ending on Monday, September 28th.

On weekdays from Monday to Saturday, we begin with the morning Mass at 9am, followed by the daily recitation of the Rosary and the Novena Prayers.

On Sundays, the Rosary will begin at 9:15 am, followed by the Novena Prayers Before the 10am Mass.

We invite everyone to come, join and sponsor in support of the day-to-day expenses of our Church. The Sponsorship Envelopes will be made available after Mass.

Thank you for your generous donations and care of St. John the Evangelist Church!



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12 TO SEPTEMBER 19

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
September 12, 2026	September 13, 2026	September 14, 2026	September 15, 2026	September 16, 2026
9:00am ✝ Mary Redublado 4:30pm Young Men’s Institute	8:00am Parish of St. John 10:00am Marie Espino ✝ ✝ Tupac Shakur ✝ ✝ Aurora Conner ✝ Clem Childress ✝ Thomas Noel Magee ✝ Hugh Long 12:00pm ✝ Maria Angela Martinez ✝ Elba Rivera	9:00am Rose Rachel Garcia ✝ ✝ Virginia E. Bargo ✝ ✝ Sulpicio A. Eule Cresencia Hernandez ✝ ✝ Nerio Hernandez & Victoria Nicolas	9:00am ✝ Evaristo Villacarlos Kenzo R. Santiago ✝	9:00am Parish of St. John
		THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		September 17, 2026	September 18, 2026	September 19, 2026
		9:00am Living members of The Young Mens’ Institute	9:00am ✝ Albert & Michael Gagnani	9:00am Deceased members of the Young Mens’ Institute 4:30pm Parish of St. John

