



Forgiveness can be both the easiest and the most difficult thing a person is asked to give. Daily life is filled with moments in which we ask for forgiveness. Often a simple pardon is granted without much thought: "Don't worry about it" or "No problem" brushes off a minor transgression. But in this may not always be the case, since some moments are not so easily forgotten. Even though forgiveness may be spoken, a person may continue to harbor anger within their heart. In this case, forgiveness has not truly been granted. Some experiences may lead a person to feel so violated that they could never possibly grant a full pardon, even if they so desire it.

Sirach reminds us of the damaging effects that anger and vengeance can bring to our soul. If anger and vengeance are harboured, they violate our covenant with God. In his letter to the Romans, Paul examines the Lord's sacrifice through which we can all be pardoned. We are subsequently called to do as Christ has done, to forgive those who have transgressed against us. Finally, in Matthew's Gospel we learn that forgiveness is not finite and should never run dry. If it is perpetually poured from all people as it does from the Lord, then the cycle of anger, vengeance and hate will come to an end.

- Dana Kenny

In Our Prayers Are ...

Amelia Adamski, Marie Bomek, Jean Boutillier, Steve Bradley, Judy Bryant, Bernice Deurbrouck, Jules Declercq, Ron Ediger, Justin Enns, Rosaline Fedorkie, Eugene & Margaret Fitzpatrick, Colette Garlinski, Mildred Gareau, Jenny Hamill, Colin Hardy, Emily Jaffray, Ralph Jonasson, Angela Lau, Carol Linster, Diane Lomas, Doris McMullen, Paul Malabar, Millicent Mychasiw, Norman Mymko, Hermine Nintiema, Paul Omilanow, Walter Poruchny, Katherine Pouch, Daniel Roy, Bonnie Schellenberg, Bob Young and the homebound.

K of C Chase the Ace

At Houston's every Saturday from 5 PM to 7 PM, enjoy a meal and refreshment for \$10 and buy a Chase the Ace \$2. ticket for your chance to win 50% of the pot. Funds will go towards renovating the church kitchen.

Serra Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner

October 18th 2017. Vespers at 5pm led by Archbishop Gagnon followed by dinner and speakers, Roger & Belita Sanders - "Alongside them, I will Triump". Reservations \$35.00 from Pam at parish office or Jocelyn Kehler.

Join in Praying for Life. Each Wednesday of September the rosary will be prayed at 12:00 PM in the chapel of the Assiniboine Centre at the BRHC. The intention of these prayers surrounds the respect and dignity owed to all human life.

Praying with Pope Francis

The prayer intention of Pope Francis for September is that our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, be places where faith is communicated and charity seen.

The **St. Vincent de Paul Society** is collecting furniture and household items which it will then give to those in need. For more information contact the Parish Office at (204)-727-4728.

Christian Initiation

St. Augustine Church offers session for adults on Catholicism. Sessions focus on the teachings of the Church and prepare people to celebrate the sacraments of baptism and confirmation and Eucharist. For those with an interest in becoming Catholic or for those who are Catholic but have yet to celebrate the sacrament of confirmation contact the Office for more information.

Faith Formation of Children

Registrations for catechism classes continue to be accepted. For more information contact Sister Therma at the Office or by email (stiajoc@staug.ca).

Marriage Preparation

An expectation exists that engaged couples complete a marriage preparation course prior to marrying at St. Augustine Church. Preparation courses consist of one evening session per week over a span of six weeks. The next preparation course will be offered from 5 October to 16 November. For more information contact Bob & Annette Boucher at (204)-727-6035.

L'Arche information session

Jim Lapp who works for the L'Arche community in Winnipeg will be visiting our parish on Tuesday, September 19th at 1pm to make a presentation on L'Arche. I, invite all the parishioners who are interested to come and attend this event. Jim Lapp will discuss the process for starting a L'Arche community and explain the steps that have to be taken. (Fr. Michael)

Dear Padre: Pope Francis said, "Who am I to judge?" But aren't we supposed to hold each other to a higher standard of living and judge actions as moral or sinful?

Fr. Matthew Bonk, CSsR: Pope Francis is not the only one to warn about judging. He is likely drawing his guidance from Jesus in Matthew 7:1–2. Both the Lord and the pope warn us about judging others and looking down upon those we consider "more sinful." That sort of comparison can easily lead us to arrogance and hypocrisy. The Lord teaches us there will be a final (or particular) judgment each of us will have to face. We will all have to stand before God and give an account of our actions. This teaches us that God is the only one qualified to fully know a person's heart and intentions. If we begin to act as a judge of people, then we are playing God.

However, your question also implies that among believers we are to hold one another accountable in our Christian community. This is correct (Matthew 18:15–17). In the body of Christ, there is a responsibility to help and encourage each other to follow Jesus. Among the baptized, there should be the sharing of virtues and some accountability to the Church. We call one another higher, not through accusation, but through love and service. It is my duty to help fellow believers in their discipleship, as it is their duty to help me with mine. I find that I appreciate those who care enough about me to want to help me be a better Catholic, priest, or person. In community, we should build up in fellowship, not tear down in judgment.

In the Week Ahead

That which was collected over the weekend of 9& 10 Monday @ 7:00 PM Prayer Group September amounted to an approximate \$8,631.60 Tuesday @ 1:00 PM L'Arche Meeting @ 7:00 PM Refugee Meeting @ 7:30 PM Women of Grace The expenses of St. Augustine Church divided over 52 weeks amounts to an approximate \$ 11,000. Wednesday @ 4:00 PM Catholic School Board Mtg. For the week ending 9 & 10 September the church met an approximate 78% of its expenses. Thursday @ 9:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul Society @ 6:30 PM Catechism Classes **Sharing God's Gifts** @ 7:00 PM Choir Practice

St. Augustine Church has raised 81% of the \$49,360 Friday @ 3:00 PM Benediction Sharing God's Gifts target set by the archdiocese. Saturday @ 3:00 PM Choir Practice If you are new to the church please come in to or call

the Parish Office to register. Welcome! Sunday

Mass Schedule

Tuesday. 19 September @ 07:00 PM **Hunter Cross †** (Ken, Karen, & Steven Fitzpatrick) **Jay & Bob Brenton** (Bruce, Jackie & Brendan Miles)

Financial Report

Wednesday. 20 September @ 09:30 AM Angie Van Achte † (Irene Dheilly) James Ray † (Judy Cancade)

Thursday. 21 September @ 09:30 AM

Annette Fifi (Sally Scaletta)

Eric DePass (Ken & Gloria Heide)

@ 10:30 AM at Fairview PCH

Steve Mychasiw † (Millicent, Stan, Terry & Family)

Friday. 22 September @ 12:15 PM **Philip Schmidt & Family** (Rod Ferris) **Steven Magnusson †** (Rudy & Rosemarie Bidinosti)

Saturday. 23 September @ 09:30 AM **Robert Chapman †** (Bridget Overby)

Esben & Winnie Anderson † (Markmann family)

@ 04:00 PM

@ 9:45AM Catechism Classes

Paul & Guy Goulet † (Simone Goulet)

Michael & Jeanette Sadowski † (Grant & Joanne Allen)

Sunday. 24 September @ 09:00 AM

Tessie Dawal Uchida †(Albert & Violeta Kokonas)

Thanksgiving (Sapitula Family)

@11:00 AM

For the people... (Fr. Michael)

@ 07:00 PM

Angie Van Achte † (Ken, Karen & Steven Fitzpatrick) 11:00 AM Souris - For the people.....(Fr. Michael)



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