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 Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. - 9:00 A.M., Tue. - 7:00 P.M.

Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Tuesday - after mass

First Friday Devotions - after morning mass First Saturday Devotions - 8:30 A.M.

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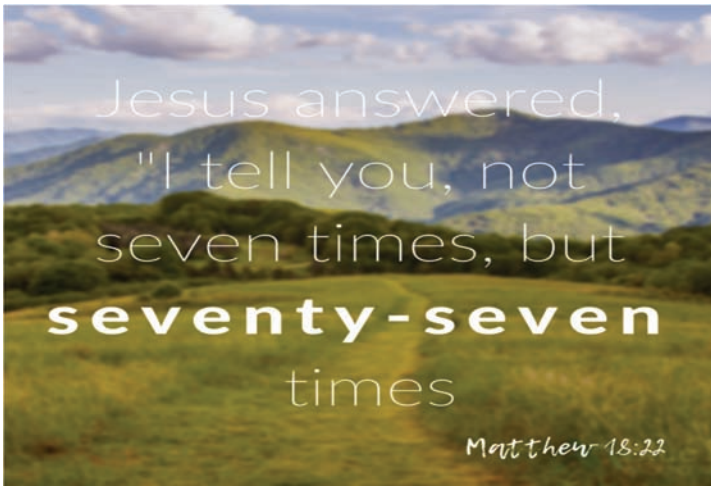
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Mercy and Salvation: What Is the Connection?

Krishna J. V. Santhakumar



In today's Gospel readings we learn about the importance of forgiveness, and the gravity of the sin in failing to be forgiving. It is a legitimate question to ask when we ought to be merciful, and to what extent. Is there any wrongdoing, no sin or injustice committed against oneself or another, that cannot be forgiven? Our Lord tells us that no sin that He cannot forgive exists. That part is easy to understand. What is difficult to grasp, let alone live out, is how we mere mortals are supposed to be so merciful. By being called to imitate the life of our Lord we are obligated to follow his example. This includes forgiving those things we think are unforgivable, those things that bring anger and disruption to our hearts. Such a grace often does not come overnight (although, through God, anything is possible). How do we grow in this kind of mercy that transcends the natural world? Learning to forgive for less important things is a good start (e.g. moving past grudges). When wrongdoings are committed against oneself, learning to forgive instinctively, rather than responding vengefully or spitefully is also a good habit to practice. Paying attention to instances or relationships in our lives where we can be more merciful is crucial to discerning where we can be more merciful in our lives. A few important notes must be made, however. Forgiveness does not entail the permitting of wrongdoing. One can both forgive someone for damaging their property, for instance, while simultaneously receiving compensation for the damages. Justice and forgiveness are compatible, but there may be times when the former is unobtainable. Indeed, this is when forgiveness can be most difficult. This leads to my second note: the most important thing one can do to grow in forgiveness, especially in areas where it is most needed, is prayer and the sacraments. If we can be as merciful as the Lord only by imitating him, and receiving His grace is the only way we can become like God, then prayer and sacraments are necessary in virtue of being the mediums through which we grow to be like Christ. The Church's sacraments and our prayers are indispensable if we are to become like God Himself. Lastly, it is important to note what the Gospel says about those who fail to show mercy to others, especially if mercy has been shown to oneself. We are to pay back the debts of our wrongdoing if we are not to forgive the wrongdoings of others. But, so what? What if you're someone that does not do wrong things often? To think in such a way misses the point entirely. Each and every one of us humans are sinners, and our sin permeates our nature quite deeply to the extent that we often times aren't even aware of it. If we are forgiven by our Father in heaven for wrongdoings that we often don't intend, or even recognize as wrongdoings, then ought we not do the same for others? If we are forgiven for all our sins, ought we not try and be just as merciful towards others? Indeed, how grand an act of love such mercy truly is!

C. S. Lewis once said "Everyone says **Forgiveness** is a lovely idea until he has something to forgive." We would do well to acknowledge how difficult most of us find this challenge especially if our hurts and resentments run deep. When Peter questioned the Lord, "How often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?" he was more than surprised with the response: "Not seven, I tell you, but seventy times seven".

Everyone inflicts wounds and everyone needs to be forgiven. Just as God shows us mercy and forgiveness we in our turn are expected to be merciful and forgiving to each other. Life is too short to be wasted on stoking the fires of resentment. Only when we have grasped the immense mercy of God in forgiving us our own sins can we truly offer forgiveness to those who have offended us.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Michael McCloskey Soul of Catherine Lee Sing
Tuesday	Soul of Virginia Gorizzan Soul of Joseph Kmet Soul of Marika Schmoll Soul of Tom Dermody Soul of Catherine Lee Sing
Wednesday	Soul of Serena BangRan Kim
Thursday	Intentions of Andrew D'Souza
Friday	Soul of Maria Lai Keok Kwee

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- a TALK featuring Alexandra Lee Hoy;
- TESTIMONIES;
- FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP; and
- FOOD & REFRESHMENTS.

DATE: Sat Sept 23

TIME: 9 AM to 2 PM

LOCATION: Parish Hall

REGISTER: Parish Website

QUESTIONS? email Alan at ahoy@archtoronto.org



The **KNITTING GROUP** at St. Luke's Parish are looking for wool. If you have any un-finished projects or extra wool to donate, please contact Helen at: 905-770-7823



The **Knights of Columbus** are sponsoring Latino dance classes **Tuesday evenings in September** in the parish hall beginning at 8:00pm. You will learn the basic steps of Salsa, Bachata and Cumbia & practice basic routines. Please register by sending an email to: gk4393@ontariokofc.ca

SOCIAL DANCE EVENT

There will be another Social Dance event, organized by the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, September 23rd beginning at 7:30pm. The evening will include a variety of Latino & Ballroom dance music as well as line-dancing performances.

Please reserve a spot on the flip chart in the narthex or email Luis Santalla at: gk4393@ontariokofc.ca

Flyers containing more information are available on the information table.

HOLYLAND RELIGIOUS ITEMS



The main income for the Christian community of Bethlehem – the birthplace of Jesus – is selling their handcrafted olive wood religious items to the pilgrims who visit the area. The past few years have been difficult ones for the community with some Christians having to flee the Holy Land.

This weekend, Jenny from Holy

Land Wood Art is in the parish hall offering a variety of religious items for sale. Join us before & after mass to view a selection of rosaries, bracelets, carved figurines & many gift ideas.

Every purchase helps strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE SEPT 23/25 & SEPT 30/OCT 1 WEEKENDS

Thanksgiving is fast approaching! As we reflect upon the many blessings God has given us, let us remember the less fortunate. This year we are again collecting non-perishable food items. Please bring your donations of canned foods, cereals, pasta, rice, flour, baby food, coffee etc. to the church. Your donations enable the Georgina Food Bank to assist the hungry in their community. Please make any financial donations in the form of a cheque made payable to: **Georgina Community Food Pantry**.

Thank you for your support of this important program.

The CWL White Elephant Sale will be held the weekend of Sept 30-Oct 1st. See the information table for more information.

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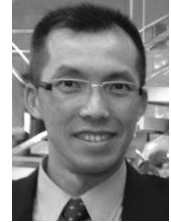
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