24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 17th, 2023



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First Reading: Sirach 27: 30 & 28: 7 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103: 1-2,3-49-

10,11-12

Second Reading: Romans 14: 7-9
Gospel: Mathew 18: 21-35

1. HEAR

Grab your bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries you can see all the Readings **HERE**

To watch a visual representation of the Gospel, click **HERE**

To watch a visual representation of the Gospel for children, click **HERE**

2. PRAY

After listening to the readings carefully, let us take a moment to "listen with the heart" to Jesus' words in the gospel.

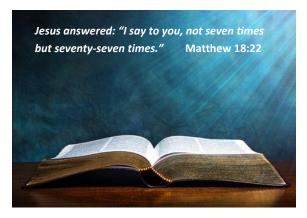
Personal dialogue with Jesus: Jesus, today I offer you my sins and my weakness. I know you want to forgive me. That is why I come with great confidence. I want to be an instrument of your forgiveness. Give me this grace. I know that forgiveness is the solution to many of my problems. Help me to be humble and accept my own shortcomings and those of the people next to me. Help me to be an apostle of your forgiveness!

Now close your eyes. Think that you too like Peter, but in your world today, you ask him: Jesus, how many times should I forgive?

Share with us how you are living out your faith at home. Use #LACatholicsBelieve and tag @OREinADLA on social media.

Listen to the words of Jesus speaking to you, directly to your heart.

After your personal dialogue with Jesus, as a family or individually, take a moment to thank Jesus who always forgives you. The following song can help you with your personal meditation: <u>Song</u>



When finished, invite your family to pray together: Lord Jesus, You died for me on the cross to deliver me from my sins. Help me to recognize them and ask for your forgiveness with a humble heart! Give me the grace to forgive others as you forgave me!

3. TALK

As a family, reflect and share the following questions:

- With which character do I identify, with the merciful king or with the ruthless servant?
- Why is it so difficult to forgive?
- How do we accomplish reconciliation in our family?
- What is the best way to approach forgiveness and forgetting?

Together, listen to this **Song**

Family Week Challenge: Think of a person or situation with whom you need to reconcile and ask the Lord to help you forgive from the heart.



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