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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 06, 2020

The beginning of today's Gospel, offers a specific process for reconciling with a brother or sister who has offended us. The Gospel's ending offers Jesus' beautiful promise, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." The beginning is about forgiveness, and the ending is about Jesus' presence. When we place these two parts together, we realize that the Gospel is telling us that it is in the presence of Christ that we become able to forgive.



The brothers, Johnny, Tommy, and Sammy were close to each other. Johnny was seven; Tommy was eight; and Sammy was nine. One day they had a fierce argument over a video game. They were shouting and yelling at each other. Their parents did their best to calm the situation, but the three boys went to sleep that night still angry at each other. Around two in the morning a huge storm passed through the area. The house was repeatedly shaken by loud peals of thunder. The boys' father came to check on them. But when he opened their bedroom door, they were not to be seen. Concerned, he called out, "Boys, where are you?" Small voices responded, "We are all in the closet, forgiving each other."

When something shakes us, we become ready to forgive. When we have been hurt, it hardens us. The pain and anger which comes from the offense becomes a focus in our lives. "How could she have said that to me? How could he treat me that way after all I did for him? Who does she think she is?" We lose sleep. We plan how to get even. Our hurt controls us. Forgiveness is out of the question. But when thunder strikes, when something shakes us, we become able to see that there are more important things than our hurt.

People who realize that death is near want to get things in order. They often reach out to make peace with those who have hurt them. People who experience deep loss or failure often lose the energy to hold onto a grudge. The blow they receive softens them for forgiveness. When life humbles us, we become ready to reconcile with those who have offended us.

Today's Gospel tells us that we can be humbled not only by tragedy and loss but also by Christ's love. We can be shaken not only by thunder but by the enormity of God's grace. If we become aware of how much we have been given, how deeply we have been blessed, it humbles us. When we remember how fortunate we are to have our health, our children, our job, our friends, it can loosen our hurt and our grievance towards others.

Christ's love for us is deep enough to shake and change us. Yes, we have been hurt. Yes, we still bear the wounds of ingratitude and rejection. But when we gather in Christ's presence, His love is greater than our pain. When we are shaken by what Christ has done for us, it is not time to hold a grudge, it is time to huddle together and start forgiving each other.

Fr. Joseph Le

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..." (Ezekiel 33:7)



Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, especially the one that means the most to us.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat - Sep 05 (Anticipatory Sunday Masses)	4 pm - FOR PARISHIONERS 6 pm - † Rosemary Webber
23 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Sun - Sep 06	8:30 am - Vocations 10 am - Pro Life Intentions (Group B) 11:30 am - † Shau Yin & Hoo Yin Chung 1:00 pm - † Gisela Wegner
Mon - Sep 07	9 am - † Eilleen McCarthy
Tue - Sep 08 <i>The Nativity of the BVM</i>	9 am - † Gabriella Micallef 6:30 pm - † Teresina Ho
Wed - Sep 09	9 am - † John & Margaret Micallef
Thu - Sep 10	9 am - † Fr. Scott
Fri - Sep 11	9 am - † Gina Charles
Sat - Sep 12 (Anticipatory Sunday Masses)	9 am - For Thanksgiving 4 pm - † Maria Micallef 6 pm - † Sebastian Mukasa & Dorothea Nakate
23 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Sun - Sep 13	8:30 am - FOR PARISHIONERS 10 am - Sp. Int. of Deacon Tony Gray (Group B) 11:30 am - Sp. Int. of Anne Gulenchin 1:00 pm - † Rosa Lam

MASS TIMES**Saturday:** 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm (anticipatory Masses)**Sunday:** 8:30 am, 10:00 am ([live streamed](#)), 11:30 am, 1:00 pm (MUST pre-register via office to attend, 50 max. per Mass and entry at downstairs entrance only)**Weekday:** Monday-Saturday (including holidays): 9:00 am & Tuesdays 6:30 pm and 7:00 pm on First Fridays. (must register upon arrival at the Church)**Morning Prayer (Lauds):** Monday-Saturday: 8:20 am**Adoration:** Thursdays: 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm & First Fridays: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, and following 7:00 pm Mass until 7:30 am Saturday.**Benediction:** Thursdays: 8:00 pm & First Fridays: 4:00 pm and the following morning at 7:30 am.**Confession Times:** Monday-Saturday: 8:40 am & Saturday: 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm[Click here](#) to Sunday 10:00am Live Streamed Mass[Click here](#) to the daily Mass readings[Click here](#) to Sunday Donations**24-hour Fast and Pray for Young Adults**

Join other young people (ages 19-39) in fasting and praying for the world, the Church, the marginalized and your personal intentions on Friday, **Sept. 11 from 5:00 pm until Saturday, Sept. 12 at 8:00 pm**. This is also a fundraiser for the poor. You have a choice to participate either entirely online or a mix of online and in-person. Registration required. For details or to register, go to 24hourfast2020.eventbrite.ca.

New Beginnings Online Retreat

Join us for a weekend of healing and hope for people who have suffered the pain and isolation of divorce. Find love and joy again at New Beginnings' online summit. Takes place from **Friday, Sept. 11 at 5:30 pm until Saturday, Sept. 12 at 3:00 pm**. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.newbeginningsevents.org>.

Upper Room Conference 2020

At the Upper Room Conference, you will hear from incredible speakers, be able to connect with other disciples and gain insight and resources on how to live out your missionary call in your homes and communities. We'll have times of worship, prayer, community, and hear from amazing speakers like Dr. Mary Healy, Fr. John Riccardo, Pete Burak, Matt Maher, and Archbishop J. Michael Miller.

The Upper Room Conference will be streamed live on Saturday, **September 19 from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm**. You can join from the comfort of your home or gather safely with other intentional disciples at a host parish near you. Registration coming soon to upperroomvancouver.com.

Into the Deep: Annulment and the Marriage Tribunal

Join us on **Friday, Sept. 25 at 7:00 - 8:30 pm** on Zoom as Dr. Robitaille explains the process of annulment and the role of the Marriage Tribunal. She will also answer questions such as, "What happens when a marriage breaks down?" and, "Is an annulment just a 'Catholic Divorce'?"

Register online at beholdvancouver.org/events**FACE MASKS IN CHURCH**

We encourage you to wear a face mask when attending Mass or visiting the church to help prevent the transmission of COVID-19. Wearing a mask demonstrates our charity for one another during the pandemic. We wear a mask for our fellow parishioners. It is also recommended by the public health experts. Thank you for your participation.

Fr. Gary and The Parish Leadership Team