



Resurrection Our Lord Church

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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sept 17, 2023

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Offering for September 10, 2023

Total Sum. Collection \$ 4,543.00

Capital Improvement	\$ 246.00
Voice candles	\$ 58.00
Renting Gym	\$ 200.00

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

For if we live, we live for the Lord.

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1-800-553-3321**



Baptism : Arrangements must be made one week in advance.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sunday from 7:15 am to 7:45 am or by appointment.

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sun 9/17: *Joseph by 1 person
* Louis Canh and well-being for family by Emma

Mon 9/18: * Thanksgiving by Thuy Nguyen

Tue 9/19: * Maria by 1 person

Wed 9/20: * Maria and Joseph by 1 person

Thus 9/21: * God health for Mom by Khiet Loan family
* Anthony and intention by 1 person

Fri 9/22: * 2 Joseph by Khiet Loan family
* Thanksgiving and all souls by 1 person

Sat 9/23: * Ancestor both sides by Hung Bui family
* Peter Chau, Ann Ngo and Maria Chinh by Kim Loan - Loan

Today's Gospel: Mt 18:21-35 Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. etc....."

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Holy Father's Intention for September:

Abolition of the Death Penalty: We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 18:21-35*. On reading or hearing this story of the merciless servant, each one of us would rightly judge him a mean, low type of man, a heartless man, who puts himself outside the pale of mercy. He throttled his fellow-servant for a paltry debt of ten dollars, and would not listen to the poor man's plea for mercy. When we hear what the king did to this heartless servant we heartily approve and say: "It served him right, he got what he richly deserved."

We had better stop and think for a moment today and reflect that we ourselves may be that merciless servant described in the parable. Every time we have sinned mortally we have incurred an un-payable debt to God. Each time we have received absolution we have come out of God's courtroom as free men. A weight greater than a million dollar debt has been lifted from our shoulders. A fate worse than generations of earthly imprisonment — that is, eternal slavery — has been spared us because of God's loving, infinite mercy. How then can it happen that we could be so heartless, mean, and foolish as to refuse to forgive a neighbor for some offense he has committed against us? Yet it happens, and it may be that there are some among us here today who continue to have enmity in their hearts against neighbors who offended them. In their hard-heartedness they cannot get themselves to forgive and forget. Are these not following in the footsteps of the merciless servant? Will they not receive the punishment of the merciless servant — a punishment richly deserved? This will be the fate of all unforgiving Christians; they will meet an unforgiving God when they are called to settle their accounts.

That day has not yet come for us. We still have time to put our affairs in order. We still can forgive all our enemies from our heart. If we do not, we are cutting ourselves off from the possibility of having our own sins and offenses forgiven by God. We have the solemn word of our divine Lord for this in the lesson he draws from the parable "So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Second Collection: Today, September 17th, have a second collection to help with the fires on Maui, Hawaii over the past few weeks. **Please be generous!**