

## 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME < A

September 16 - 17, 2023

### For the Dead

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy:  
welcome them into the light of your face.

### In Communion with the Saints

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with the Blessed Joseph, her spouse, with the Blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

### Concluding Doxology

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever, and ever.

**Amen**

### Communion Rite

**STAND**

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

*Priest:*

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant us peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*People:*

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

### Sign Of Peace

*Priest* : Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

*People* : **Amen**

*Priest* : The peace of the Lord be with you always

*People* : **And with your Spirit.**

*Priest* : Let us offer each other the sign of peace

### Breaking of the Bread

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **Have mercy on us.***

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **Have mercy on us.***

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **Grant us peace.***

### Reception of Communion

**KNEEL**

*Priest* : Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

*People* : **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*Priest* : The body of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

*Priest* : The blood of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

### Communion

*Prayer after Communion [Heavenly Gift]*

**STAND**

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us. Through Christ our Lord.

**R/ Amen.**

### General Announcements

**SIT**

### Blessing

**STAND**

God has spoken clearly today...become like me, forget and forgive, heal and care, and you will be healed yourselves.

**R/ Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

Come down on you and remain with you forever.

**R/ Amen.**

Let us walk with one another in the forgiving peace of the Lord.

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**MC: Greeting**

**Entrance song**

**STAND**

### Introduction by the Celebrant

**ENTRANCE ANT.** Cf. Sir 36:18 [*God's Peace*]

**Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.**

### Penitential Act

Let us look at Lord Jesus how He forgave people:  
(*pause*)

Lord Jesus, You forgave Peter after he had denied You. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, You did not condemn the woman caught in adultery, and told her to sin no more. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, You asked Your Father to forgive those who had crucified You. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Forgive us, Lord, everytime we have sinned against you. Dispose us to forgive others and lead us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

### Glory to God in the highest

**C: Collect** [*Serving God*]

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever **R/ Amen.**

### Liturgy of the Word

**SIT**

**First Reading** Sir 27:30 - 28:7

[*The Need for forgiveness*]

*The sinner abounds in wrath. It is the Lord who punishes and we are to forgive injustice and be merciful. We should think of our last days.*

A reading from the Book of Sirach

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the Lord's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins?

If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins?

Remember your last days set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 103 [God's Mercy]**

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. **(R)**

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills, redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion. **(R.)**

He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes. **(R.)**

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us. **(R.)**

**Second Reading Rom 14:7-9 [God's Partners]**

*We are not our own master since we belong to Jesus. This is true in life and in death.*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia Jn 13:34 [Love one another] **STAND****

**R/ Alleluia, alleluia.**

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord; love one another as I have loved you.

**R/ Alleluia, alleluia.**



“His master handed him over to the torturers.”

**Gospel Mt 18:21-35 [Forgiving Our Neighbor]**

Jesus answers Peter that we are to forgive our neighbor's faults without any limit. Jesus tells the parable of the unjust steward who was forgiven a large debt by his master but refused to forgive a small debt owed to himself.

**R/ The Lord be with you.**

**R/ And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**R/ Glory to you, O Lord**

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. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you? Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.’”

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

**SIT**

**I believe in God**

**STAND**

**General Intercessions**

The Lord inclines his ear to us and hears our supplication. United in faith, we turn to the Father with our Prayers:

*(Pause)*

For God's people, The Church, that it may be a source of reconciliation and peace to this world of conflicts and unrest. As it receives the love of God poured into its heart for the capacity to forgive and to love. Let us pray:

**Lord, may we be merciful like You.**

For those who hold public office will imitate the goodness of God, who secure justice, promote social equality and peace, enforce law and order, protect the rights of the oppressed. Let us Pray:

**Lord, may we be merciful like You.**

For the community of faithfuls: that we may open our hearts to the Holy Spirit turning injury into compassion and purifying our thoughts in transforming the hurt into intercession, that there may always be a climate of compassion and unity among the faithfuls, in one spirit and one body of Christ. Let us pray:

**Lord, may we be merciful like You.**

That the Lord will bless all husbands and wives and all who are preparing for marriage, and assist marriages that are estranged, for a spirit of true forgiveness and love in their homes. Let us pray:

**Lord, may we be merciful like You.**

Lord Jesus, You are the head of the Church, we humbly seek Your providence of the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish, for the grace to be merciful and forgiving, and to be the Light to the nations. Let us pray:

**Lord, may we be merciful like You.**

We pray for those intentions offered for the Mass and for our personal intentions ...

*(Pause)*

Let us pray:

**Lord, may we be merciful like You.**

Loving Father, You are gracious, just, compassionate and merciful. When we are brought low, please save us. Through Christ our Lord. **R/ Amen.**

**SL: Offertory hymn**

**SIT**

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Preparation of the Bread**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you:

fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

**All : Blessed be God for ever.**

**Preparation of the Wine**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you:

fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

**All : Blessed be God for ever.**

**Invitation To Prayer**

**STAND**

**Priest :** Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**People :** **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Holy Church**

**Prayer over the Offerings**

**[Accept Our Offerings]**

**STAND**

Look with favor on our supplications, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings, that what each has offered to the honor of your name may serve the salvation of all.

Through Christ our Lord.

**R/ Amen.**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

**STAND**

**Introductory Dialogue**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just**

**Preface VIII of the Sundays In Ordinary Time**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For, when your children were scattered afar by sin, through the Blood of your Son and the power of the Spirit, you gathered them again to yourself, that a people, formed as one by the unity of the Trinity, made the body of Christ and the temple of the Holy Spirit, might, to the praise of your manifold wisdom, be manifest as the Church.

And so, in company with the choirs of Angels, we praise you, and with joy we proclaim:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord .....**

**Eucharistic Prayer No.2**

**KNEEL**

**Praise to the Father**

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Lord's Supper**

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you.**

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

**Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.**

**Do this in memory of me.**

**Memorial Acclamation**

**Priest :** The mystery of faith.

**All :** *When we eat this Bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.*

**The Memorial Prayer**

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

**Intercessions: For the Church**

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop and all the clergy