

September 13, 2020  
24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Today's Gospel story is a favorite of mine. It's a parable about forgiveness, but what I like is Peter's question to Christ *before* the parable. You remember the question I'm sure: "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus of course, goes on to reply, "not seven times but seventy-seven times."

Father Raymond Brown, the late American Scripture scholar, once commented on this exchange between Peter and Jesus. He observed that we perhaps are quick to criticize Peter for his stinginess in forgiving. *What, only seven times, Peter?*

Father Brown suggests that we all must examine our conscience. How often would you or I forgive an offense from the same person? I know that I would take all the pleasure and all the credit I could get from graciously forgiving that first offense. And when my brother offended me a second time, I sure would lay it on thick as I *grudgingly* forgave a second time.

But would I even entertain a third request for forgiveness? By then I suspect I wouldn't even be *speaking* to my brother! Instead, I'd be telling everyone else how injured I was by such an ungrateful person—whom I've deigned to forgive twice before!

*And what's that Jesus? Did you really say 77 times?*

Father Greg Friedman, OFM



This year the focus of the appeal, **Called Together**, has changed in order to support to those areas of the Diocese that require the most assistance to withstand the effects of the pandemic. Many of the smaller parishes typically receive assistance from Catholic Missions in Canada. Due to reduced contributions, Catholic Missions in Canada are unable to support the parishes as generously. To help with this shortfall, a priority for funds raised from this year's appeal will be to support smaller parishes.

Assistance will also be given to maintain the camps and to provide support for a reduced youth and young adults program.

Reduced amounts will go to our Catholic Schools, Outreach and Evangelization from the remaining balance.

**The goal total goal for the Diocese is \$200,000.**

**Our parish goal is \$19, 804.00.**

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### Sunday Masses

Please continue to go online or phone the office to register for Sunday Masses at regular times, 9:00AM, 11:00AM and 7:00PM. We are trying to keep the number at 50 max according to Provincial Health guidelines.

**Regular Daily Mass** is celebrated at 9:00AM Monday thru Saturday.

The Lord never tires  
of forgiving, it is we  
who tire of asking for  
forgiveness.

Pope Francis



### **Monthly Adoration**

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> October** at the Domano Chapel.

Mass will be celebrated at **7:30AM** and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from **8:00AM – 8:00PM**.

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### **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

<b>Sunday Collection of:</b>	<b>Sept 6, 2020</b>
Envelopes	1703.00
Loose Change	182.00
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$1885.00</b>
Children's Collection	\$ 18.00
Building/Grounds Collection(for roof)	\$ 255.00

Please make cheques payable to **RCEC IC Parish** or **RCEC Immaculate Conception Parish**.

### **Pre-authorized Debit**

To simplify your weekly giving, please consider using our pre-authorized debit. This is available on a bi-weekly or monthly basis. If you are interested, please pick up an application form from the church foyer or access on our webpage. Please submit to the parish office with a **void cheque**.

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### **Rachel's Vineyard Fall Retreats 2020**

For a psychological & spiritual journey for healing.

If you or someone you know is suffering from post-abortion trauma, there is no need to suffer in silence. Rachel's Vineyard is here to help!

[Visit Facebook Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna](#)

#### **Kelowna Retreat:**

October 16-18

Call/email: 250-762-2273

[info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com)

#### **Cache Creek Retreat:**

October 21-23

Call/text: 250-267-5081

[rvcamloops@yahoo.ca](mailto:rvcamloops@yahoo.ca)

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### **Women's Discernment Group**

**All women ages 19-35 are invited to join the Women's Discernment Group for Vocations to Religious Life**

This is a time to gather together, to enter into conversation, to grow, and to allow for discernment.

Over a sixteen-week period, beginning in October, a reading of Mother Clare Matthias' book '**Discerning Religious Life**' will take place.

Where ever you are in the Diocese, you are welcome to join (ZOOM will be used as the way to connect!) Please contact Lisa at [lvfarrell@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:lvfarrell@pgdiocese.bc.ca) or phone 250-964-4424 (ext. 2109) for more information or to register.

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### **RCIA**

Are you or anyone you know interested in the Catholic Faith?

The RCIA is a journey of faith for: Unbaptised Adults, Baptised Adults from another Christian Faith, and Baptised Adults from the Catholic Christian Faith who have not received their First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.

Please contact at 250-964-4898 or email Fr. Chris at [clynch@pgdiocese.ca](mailto:clynch@pgdiocese.ca) - tentative start date for the formation program is end of October.

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### **2020 Virtual Men's Retreat**

**October 3rd, 12:00 PM to 5:00PM**

**Sword & Shield** "Our Sword is prayer, we are all called to lead in our faith"

Special guest speaker: Brett Powell

See poster in foyer for more details.

Please register by September 30, 2020 via email at [2020.sword.shield@gmail.com](mailto:2020.sword.shield@gmail.com)

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### **Upcoming Parish and School Events:**

- First Communion Celebrations, September 29, 30 & October 1, 2020
- Confirmation Celebrations October 6, 7 & 8, 2020

These will be celebrated with the children and their families only, this is to comply with Covid-19 protocols.

- Stewardship Sunday – September 20, 2020

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### **FORGIVENESS**

- "Forgive others, not because they deserve forgiveness, but because you deserve peace."
  - "Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much."
  - "Forgiveness is the final form of love."