

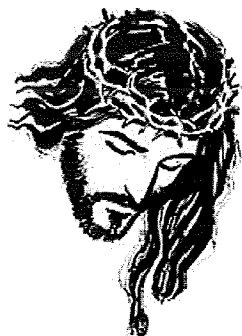
My dear friends in Christ,

How hard it is for you to forgive someone who had really done something terrible to you or to your family member? You should read this story. "Mary Johnson lost her son in 1993 after a then-teenaged Oshea Israel got into a fight with him at a party, and shot him. With so much unanswered, Johnson went to visit Oshea in jail. After their first contact, "I began to feel this movement in my feet," Johnson told The Daily Beast. "It moved up my legs, and it just moved up my body. When I felt it leave me, I instantly knew that all that anger and hatred and animosity I had in my heart for you for twelve years was over. I had totally forgiven you." The two now live as neighbors in the same duplex, and Johnson has even referred to Israel as "son" in interviews. "I admire you for your being brave enough to offer forgiveness, and for being brave enough to take that step," Israel told The Daily Beast. "It motivates me to make sure that I stay on the right path."

We continue to hear such stories in our life. When it comes to our personal experience, do you think we can spontaneously forgive someone hurting us right now? In the parable of Jesus about a King who decided to settle his accounts with his servants brings out the best understanding of the compassion and mercy of the heavenly Father (Matthew 18:21-35). When the first debtor was brought to the King, he finds that the debtor owes him a huge sum. Since he begged for mercy the King forgave the whole debt. Whereas when this servant who received such a great clemency from the King went and demanded his fellow servant to pay back a very small amount of debt right away and didn't show any mercy toward him. The King came to know about the inability of the first servant to pay forward the forgiveness he received, the King punished him severely. In this story of Jesus what bothers me most is the meanness of the human mind. We always expect generous and compassionate understanding and treatment from others. When our turn comes we are so miserly and calculative in returning the generous forgiveness we receive from God or others.

The basic spiritual experience we all need to experience during this Lent is the compassion and mercy of God. Allow that compassion to flow into your heart as a river. Let it wash away all the grudges, hateful and unwanted negative feelings we harbor in our hearts against some people in our lives. Let that bountiful mercy embrace us and soften our hearts and minds. We should personally experience the compassionate love of God. It is not enough to have one dose of that mercy. Let us take a deep plunge into that unconditional and steadfast mercy of God. Once you walk through it, then it will be so easy to embrace even our worst enemies with genuine love. I think that forgiving our brothers and sisters from our hearts become a prerequisite to expect a true forgiveness from our heavenly Father.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Xavier Ilango



Daily Mass Schedule -March 15-21

Mon: 5:30 p.m. +Barney Furey
 Tues: 9:00 a.m. Gary & +Mary Wright 53rd Wedding Anniversary
 Wed: 9:00 a.m. Randy Anderson
 Thurs: 9:00 a.m. Ill in the Parish
 Fri: 7:30 a.m. +Barb Hanson
 5:30 p.m. +Chad Jutz
 Sat: 5:30 p.m. +Bob Stroschein
 Sun: 8:30 a.m. Pro popolo



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Mass Times
 Monday 5:30 p.m.
 Tuesday-Thursday
 9:00 am
 Friday 7:30 AM
 (Care Center)
 Saturday 5:30 pm
 Sunday 8:30AM

CONFESSIONS:
 Saturday 4:30PM
ADORATION:
 Tuesdays: 9:30AM-6 PM

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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The Rosary will be prayed before each weekend Mass during Lent. If anyone would like to lead the Rosary, contact Pat Schurmann at 334-2344.

Pastoral Council is seeking nominations for Pastoral Council. A term on the council is for three years, Nominees should not have served on the council for more the two terms in the last 10 years. Elections will be on the weekend of April 11 and 12. The top three vote getters will be elected to the Pastoral Council. The three outgoing members are Karen Nelson, Paul Trimbo and Bud Hensel. All three have served only one term. Please give names of nominees to any Council member or to Marlys Jacobson at the Church office. Last date for nominations will be April 6th.

Applications for the John Arouni Catholic Education Scholarships are now available in the kiosk at the back of the church and on the parish website. Application deadline is April 1, 2015.
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The sign-up sheets are in the vestibule for the **extra ministries needed for Holy Week**. Those on the ministry list are asked to sign up as needed.

K C's Fish fry March 13 & 27
 5-7PM Church Basement
 Adults \$8 Kids (7-12) \$5,
 6 and under Free

April-June
 Ministry schedules are available in the Kiosk and on the parish website.

Parishioners' Prayer Requests

Parish families have asked us to keep in our prayers their loved ones who are ill

Please pray for:
 -Bonnie Wallace -Emily Martin
 -Marlys Jacobson -Spencer Fett
 -Casey Courneya -Bob Thompson
 -Connie Ulschmid -Paul Guck
 -Ken Jacobson -Roger Wolden
 -Norman Buseth -Bruce Moe

March 15, 2015

Collection March 8, 2015		Attendance	Needed per Week to Reach Budget: \$5,642.00—This figure includes all sources of parish income (i.e., funerals, flower collections, fall dinner, Building, Steeple, and Window Funds, etc), not just the Sunday collections.
		282	
Collection Basket			
Adult	\$ 1962.00		
Loose	1095.00		
Loose Guest	341.70		
Children	6.00		
Total:	\$ 3404.70		
Other Budgeted Income			
Vigil Lights	\$ 13.55		100.00
Building Fund	40.00		70.00
Steeple Fund	20.00		\$ 4459.67
Window Fund	20.00		
Assumption Church	735.42		
Total	\$ 828.97		
FACC		226.00	

UPCOMING:

- Mar 18: Healing Mass 7:00 PM (note change in date from March 11)
- Mar 18: The Joy of the Gospel study group, 6:45 PM
- Mar 21: The Joy of the Gospel study group, 6:45 PM
- Mar 23: Cemetary Committee Spring meeting 6:00PM
- Mar 29: Wooden Egg Painting following 8:30 AM Mass all are welcome.
- Mar 29: Mar 29: Bake and Craft sale youth attending St. John Paul II Camp following Mass

Ministry Schedule for Mar 15, 2015

	5:30 PM	8:30 AM
3.22.15-FCC- Ministers	Russ and Mary Ann Karasch	Carol Aarness
Of Holy	Kristi Roers	Dallas Flynn
Communion	Jeanie Wothe	Kay Furey
	Jeanne Riley	Al Jacobson
		Barb Rice
Lectors	Heather Mitchell	Al Jacobson
Ushers	Mike Hiemenz	Bud Hensel
	Andrew Jutz	Bruce Hofer
Servers	Rachel Kasowski	Ethan Wothe
	Ethan Byer	Kaitlyn Wake
22nd—FACC		

Circle 7 is in charge of donuts in March
 Circle 1 will be in charge of donuts in April

*****Youth*****

March RE Schedule

Grades 1-6: Regular Classes, March 18 and 25 (Last Afternoon class)
 Grades 7-11: Regular Classes, 18, and 25 along with Penance Service

Saint John Paul II Middle School Camp

Where: Northern Pines Camp, Park Rapids, MN

When: Sunday, July 5th through Thursday, July 9th.

Cost: \$300 with price breaks for families.

Food Drive: Please bring canned food or money to put in the basket at offertory time at Mass. We are collecting for the food shelf until March 29, Palm Sunday. Classes are having a **c o m p e t i t i o n**.

March 28,& 29 after Mass, Youth will have a bake and craft sale to raise funds to attend attending JP II Leadership Camp.

This month's CD is "Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows", by Kimberly Hahn. Speaker and author Kimberly Hahn, wife of Dr. Scott Hahn and mother of six, is a convert to the Catholic faith. Although honoring Mary was difficult for Kimberly to initially understand she began to encounter Mary's loving guidance in little ways on a daily basis. In this presentation, she reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on Earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ. This and many other CDs are available in the kiosk in the back of the church for a \$3.00 donation. Still looking for something to do for Lent? Listening to a new CD might just be what you're looking for!

Study Groups for Lent: Pope Francis's book, The Joy of the Gospel, will be the subject of our Lenten adult study. There will be a study group on Wednesdays at 6:45 pm and a group on Saturday mornings @ 10:00 am. Both groups will be held at the church. You may pick up the Study Guide for The Joy of the Gospel from Father or in the chapel (\$3.30). Please consider this study of The Joy of the Gospel for part of your journey with Our Lord this Lenten season.