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Generations of Faith
St. Paul's Co-Cathedral Renovation

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13, 2026

"Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"

What have we harvested? What fills our silos today?

The Gospel of Matthew we hear today places before us two ways of looking at what we have accumulated over our lives: gifts or debts. Do we live the life of one who understands how gifted we are, or do we have a long list of debts and grievances? The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant presents us with what Jesus commands us to do with this list.

First, ***open up your eyes!*** See the miracle of your sins being forgiven. "Ten thousand talents" was the equivalent of **the wages for 200,000 years** of labour, 48 billion dollars! Unpayable for a country, let alone an individual. This is the mystery of Mercy that we meet in Baptism and Reconciliation: the unpayable debt we owe to God is wiped away by Jesus paying the debt and interest on the Cross. Of course, if we haven't been for Confession, we don't really know this reality of mercy. We are utterly gifted; we are to live as those who know how precious is life and love because we have been given unmerited freedom of Life in the Love of Christ.

Secondly, ***get over your resentments!*** Stop being so mean-spirited and petty that you keep a ledger of what people have done to you. "Reconciliation and Truth" is not about keeping balanced accounts at least when it comes to relationships – You can't repay God so why are you a moral loan-shark demanding everyone pay you back with interest? "Reconciliation in Truth" is about setting our relational "debtors" free once they acknowledge the truth of what they owe. Mercy is the condition for *moving forward* and it comes from remembering what God has done for us and not being trapped looking backward through the lens of unpaid hurts and old fights.

Thirdly, ***have a hard humble look at reality***. The unmerciful servant ended in a prison "along with his wife, his children, and all his property". Unless we live with the truth of the giftedness that is ours in being saved then everyone and everything around us will be bound with bitterness, judgmentalism and division. We also must not bind other people by not paying our debts back.

Finally, ***come to Communion!*** Get things in right order. People who presume that they can run up debts are inevitably those who are harsh to others. Our Eucharistic Lord sets things in order: though we are utterly unworthy, He fills our silos – our souls – with Divinity itself.

Look at the harvest. Give your head a shake. Throw away that debtors list.

"et dimitte nobis debita nostris, sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris"

Renovation News: We are waiting on the arrival of the stone for the cladding of Sanctuary and the sculpting of the Baptismal font, the Altar, etc. This week the tiling in the sanctuary should be completed. The sound-proofing of the confessionals will also be soon done as the finishing wood is readied for installation. The "Mary our Mother" Room at the back is open for business. Waiting does try our patience, but we can celebrate that the deep foundations of the building have been renewed and strengthened. The beauty of the building will anchor the beauty of a Community committed to building deep foundations in God at the spiritual heart of Saskatoon. We still are on the way to completing our goal of fundraising – so as we support the operations of the Parish let us also generate the funds through our gifts and our encouraging the gifts of others to complete the work we have begun.

MONDAY, September 14, 2026
Exaltation of the Holy Cross (F)
11:30 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** *(† Luigi Di Santo)*

TUESDAY, September 15, 2026
Our Lady of Sorrows (M)
11:30 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** *(SI Mary Ellen Redl)*

WEDNESDAY, September 16, 2026
St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian (M)
11:30 am - Confessions, & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** *(† Ronald Cassion)*
1:00 pm - **Eucharistic Adoration**

THURSDAY, September 17, 2026
St. Robert Bellarmine (OM)
11:30 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** *(† Neil Kirzinger)*
3:30 pm - Rehearsal
8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, September 18, 2026
11:30 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** *(SI James Redl)*
2:00 pm - Wedding
5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group
7:00 pm - Rehearsal

SATURDAY, September 19, 2026
St. Januarius (OM)
11:30 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** *(SI Vivian Derdall)*

SUNDAY, September 20, 2026
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am - **Mass**
10:00 am - **Mass**
12:30 pm - Eritrean **Mass**
5:00 pm – Filipino **Mass**
8:00 pm - **Mass**

St. Paul's Marriage Preparation Fall Session

7- week program on Tuesday evenings at 7pm from October 6 - November 17

For more information or to register, please contact Liz at marriageprep@stpaulcocathedral.ca

St. Paul's RCIA & RCIC programs begin Friday, October 2nd

To register or for more information, contact Sr. Peter Mary at srpetermary@stpaulcocathedral.ca

We all know folks who are being called by the Lord to the fullness of faith in the Catholic Church. No greater gift can we give than to propose life in Christ to another. RCIA soon begins in this parish and in other parishes across the city. God is calling you to call them.

Job Opportunity - The Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon is seeking an Executive Assistant to the Bishop / Curia Coordinator who will provide confidential executive and administrative support to the Bishop and serve as the primary point of contact for the Bishop's Office. Find the Job Description at **https://rcdos.ca/employment.** To apply, send resumé to HR@rcdos.ca or for more info, call (306) 659-5835

Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesdays 1 - 5 pm

Our Lady of the Rosary Candlelight Procession

Saturday, October 3 at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral

Mass at 5:30 pm followed by procession and fellowship

Bring your own candles

The Rosary puts you in the Gospel narrative, where you do not just think about Jesus Christ but rather you meet Him. ... in the Rosary, you are looking at Him through the eyes of the one who saw Him most, and you are encountering Him through the heart that loved Him most. In the Rosary, you have the gospel message filtered through the mind and heart of Mary.

(*The Power of the Rosary*, Gabriel Castillo)