



The Debt We Have in Common

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As we hear today's Gospel of the servant whose enormous debt is forgiven, yet who refuses mercy to a fellow servant owing far less, we cannot help but ask: how can this be? This is the first question that comes to mind. How could a person be forgiven so much and then, just a few minutes later, refuse to forgive something inconsequential in comparison? Selfishness doesn't really explain it. Being so full of oneself doesn't explain it. Being completely dense and obtuse is perhaps closer to the truth, but even that explanation comes up short.

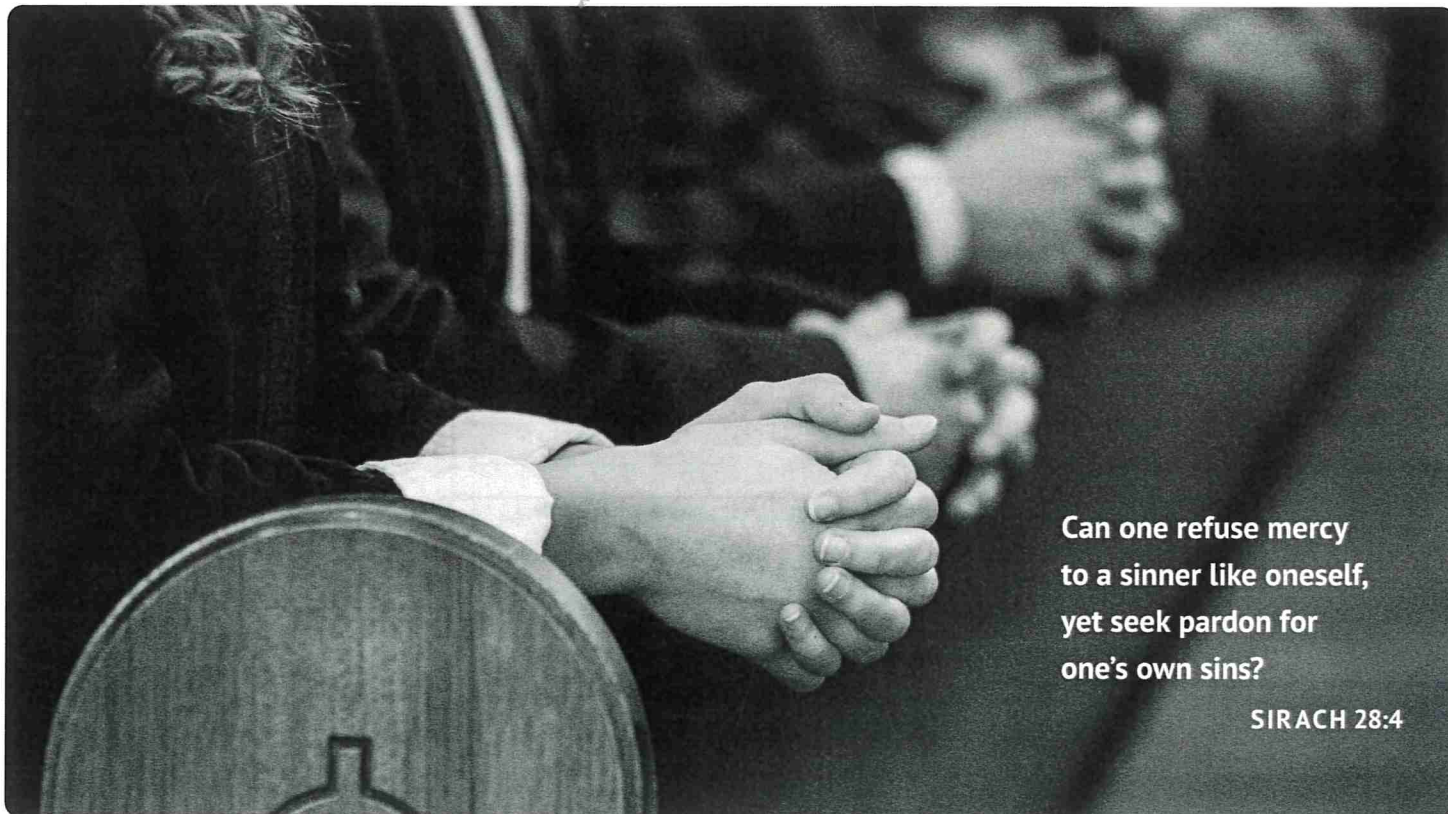
The truth is that the exaggeration of the debt is secondary to the story. What is essential to the story is the invitation to reflect on what it means to be a human being. It is to acknowledge that, when all is said and done, everyone owes a huge debt. No one is exempt from gratitude. An honest acceptance of who we are—completely and totally dependent on God who created us—is the core truth. To be so disconnected from this truth as to not recognize one's own dependence and be completely unaware of the need to be grateful—that is the real challenge the story considers. ●



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THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

How am I at forgiveness—with others and with myself?



Can one refuse mercy
to a sinner like oneself,
yet seek pardon for
one's own sins?

SIRACH 28:4

**St. Anselm
Anselmo, NE**

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sargent, NE**

**St. Joseph
Broken Bow, NE**

**1407 South E St. PO Box 405
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**Office Hours:
Monday- Friday 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM**

Parish Staff

Fr. Joe Hannappel, Pastor
Keegan Clark, Office Manager
Alena Tierney, Financial Secretary
Kate Morse, Parish Nurse

Directors or Religious Education

Linly Schmidt - Anselmo
Jill Thompson - Anselmo
Laura Kipp - Sargent
Molly Ryan - Broken Bow

Weekend Schedule

Saturday

3:00-3:30 PM *Reconciliation*
Broken Bow or by appointment

4:00 pm Broken Bow

6:00 pm Sargent

Sunday

8:30 am Anselmo

10:30 am Broken Bow

Events This Week: Sept. 14th - Sept. 20th

Monday No Mass
6:30pm CDA Meeting at Brookestone

Tuesday No Mass

Wednesday No Mass
6:30 pm Faith Formation - Anselmo
7:00 pm Faith Formation - Broken Bow

Thursday 6:30 am Mens Bible Study Broken Bow
No Mass

Friday No Mass

Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm Reconciliation Broken Bow
4:00 pm Mass at Broken Bow
Servers: Ryker Wolfe & Kaleb Berggren
6:00 pm Mass at Sargent

Sunday 8:30 am Mass at Anselmo
Servers: Kaden Klein & Bryce Christen
10:30 am Mass at Broken Bow
Servers: Nicole & Kateri McCaslin

Mass Intentions

Dr. David Jaskierny

People of the Parishes

Ben Gilligan †

Fr. Bob Rooney †

September 5/6 Collection

St. Joseph

Regular: \$2,872.27
Mission Fund: \$110.00
Playground: \$600.00

St. Anselm

Regular: \$885.00

**Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary.**

Regular: \$1,061.00

**Thank you very much
for your generosity!**

REMINDERS AND NOTICES

St. Anselm's: Help Needed

We will be cleaning and setting up for this years Junk Jaunt beginning at 5:00 pm Wed. night Sept. 23rd and Thurs. Sept. 24th beginning at 9:00 a.m. Sale days are Fri. and Sat. the 24th and 25th, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm. Please volunteer to help on the sign-up sheet at the church. You may also contact Cindy C. (308) 880-1516 and she will pencil you in!

We'd also appreciate your help with food for our food stand. Branch chairpersons will be calling you. If you have something specific you want to bring call them or Judy Jacobson at (308) 643-7007.

St. Joseph is looking for volunteers to serve on the Parish Council.

Two positions are available. We are looking to appoint one man and one woman.

Please talk to Father Joe, Keegan Clark,

or a current Parish Council member if you are interested.

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve your Parish community!

STEWARDSHIP:

**If we give ourselves to God and let the Lord
use our talents to serve others, we will be amazed by the results.
Not only will our lives be changed, but so will the lives of others.**

**Grand Island Diocesan Council of
Catholic Women Biennial
Convention Sunday and Monday,
September 27-28**

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church
1039 14th Avenue
Sidney, Nebraska**

**For information about the
agenda, registration, booking a
hotel reservation, and raffle
tickets, go to gidccw.org**

Fall Meeting of the North Platte DCCW

**St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic
Church**

204 Main Street, Thedford, NE

Saturday, October 10

Registration is \$20 - begins at 9:30 CT
Dcn. Michael Davis presents about
mental illness. Mass, Lunch, a Meeting,
and Installation of Officers will follow.

September 12-13, 2026

Beginning on the 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time (June 14) and continuing to this Sunday, the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 12/13), the second reading has been from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. The Revised New American Bible introduces the letter in this way "Of all the letters of Paul, that to the Christians at Rome has long held pride of place. It is the longest and most systematic unfolding of the apostle's thought, expounding the gospel of God's righteousness that saves all who believe (Rom 1:16-17); it reflects a universal outlook, with special implications for Israel's relation to the church (Rom 9-11). Yet, like all Paul's letters, Romans too arose out of a specific situation, when the apostle wrote from Greece, likely Corinth, between A.D. 56 and 58 (cf. Acts 20:2-3)."

You can easily read the letter in one sitting. In The Letter to the Romans we hear Paul's lectures, arguments and religious experiences. In the last chapter, we are told Paul dictated the letter to a scribe named Tertius. Paul entrusted he scroll to "Phoebe our sister, who is [also] a minister* of the church at Cenchreae." The asterisk * in the previous quote refers to the footnote in the Revised New American Bible. " * [16:1] Minister: in Greek, diakonos; see note on Phil 1:1." A diakonos, translated as minister or deacon, was a church member who served others and was a leader in the early church. When Phoebe delivered the letter, she probably proclaimed it in the assembly and shared her own insights and answered questions.

Though you won't hear it in the Sunday readings, when you finish reading the letter you will find this magnificent Doxology at the end of chapter 16 verses 25 to 27: **"Now to him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen."**

KCNI RADIO and THE CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF

The Broken Bow Ministerial Association invites pastors to record a brief meditation for the KCNI radio station and write an article for the Custer County Chief. Next week you can hear my meditations Monday through Friday, at 6:55 AM on KCNI, and read my reflection in the Custer County Chief.

I am grateful to the Radio Station and the Newspaper for providing the opportunity to share the Gospel with the local communities! Please share a word of thanks with them.

Please welcome
Fr. Don Buhrman
to our parishes for the
Masses this weekend.

Please Pray
for the Priests and Bishops
of our Diocese who are on retreat
at St. Benedict Retreat House
in Schuyler, Nebraska this week.

TWENTY - FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

On September 11, 2001, the United States was senselessly attacked by terrorists. Thousands perished in the World Trade Center, in the Pentagon, and in a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The victims were Americans and citizens of over fifty other countries.

We know God is merciful to those who have died and will comfort and sustain their loved ones. And as we gather as a nation, joining with other nations who also mourn the loss of life, still living amidst evil deeds, still involved in wars throughout the world, we gather with all nations with full trust in God's love, compassion, and justice.

Let us pray: God of loving kindness, those who have died still live in your presence. Welcome into your loving embrace all those who died on September 11, 2001. Grant them eternal rest. Comfort those who mourn them. Open our hearts to hear your word, and in it, find light in time of darkness, and strength in our belief that your Son won for us eternal life. Through that same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Remember in your prayers

Juanita Beran

age 96 of Sargent, NE

passed away on Sept. 4, 2026,

Funeral Mass was

10:00 am on Sept. 8, 2026 at

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
Mary Church in Sargent, NE.**

Dorothy Ann (Kuklish) Setlick

age 95 of Sacramento, CA and former
parishioner at Assumption of the BVM
in Sargent, passed away on

August 29, 2026.

*May the joy of the Resurrection bring comfort
to those who mourn and hope to all who grieve.*

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon them.

St. Anselm's Bake Sale.

We made \$95.00 at our bake sale on
Aug. 30th. This will be added to our
previous sales and donated at the end
of the year to the Capachin Mission.

Our final sales of 2026 will be
Sept. 27th and Oct. 25th.

We would appreciate anyone
wanting to bring bake goods.

Thank you.

Dear Padre,

If Catholics say the Confiteor at Mass, then why do we still need to go to confession?

Recall when Jesus told Simon and his fishing companions to lower their nets after they had caught nothing. (See Luke 5:1–11.) When their boats began to sink with so many fish, Simon fell at Jesus' feet and said, "Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Likewise, at Mass, we're so filled with awe upon entering the presence of God that we become aware of our own sinfulness.

The penitential act prepares the assembly to enter the celebration in a proper spirit of humility. The priest and the faithful observe a period of silence to acknowledge their sinfulness and confess their awe of Christ's love and mercy. This is expressed in different forms, one of which is the Confiteor, a general confession that invokes the support of the communion of saints and the specific community gathered at Mass. It includes the instruction to strike one's breast, an ancient gesture of humility and penitence. (See Luke 18:13; 23:48.) The rite concludes with the priest's absolution, but it "lacks the efficacy of the sacrament of penance" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 51). Thus, the penitential act isn't a substitute for absolution from sins confessed in the sacrament of penance, particularly serious, mortal sins. Rather, it prepares the faithful as a unified community to properly listen to God's word and celebrate the Eucharist worthily (*GIRM* 46). ●

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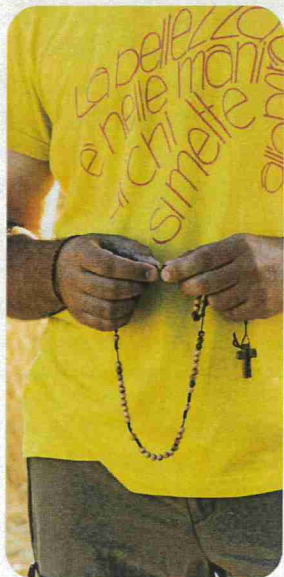
A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In the Church there is...a place for everyone, and... every Christian is called to proclaim the gospel and bear witness in every environment.... Thus,

this people shows its catholicity, welcoming the wealth and resources of different cultures and, at the same time, offering them the newness of the gospel to purify them and to raise them up.

**GENERAL AUDIENCE,
ROME, MARCH 11, 2026**

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday

September 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b–9
Phil 2:6–11
Jn 3:13–17

Tuesday

September 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a
Jn 19:25–27 or
Lk 2:33–35

Wednesday

September 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Cor 12:31–13:13
Lk 7:31–35

Thursday

September 17
Weekday
1 Cor 15:1–11
Lk 7:36–50

Friday

September 18
Weekday
1 Cor 15:12–20
Lk 8:1–3

Saturday

September 19
Weekday
1 Cor 15:35–37, 42–49
Lk 8:4–15

Sunday

September 20
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:6–9
Phil 1:20c–24, 27a
Mt 20:1–16a