

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

(Lec. 130)

- 1) Sirach 27:30–28:7
- 2) Romans 14:7-9
- 3) Matthew 18:21-35

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: As God has forgiven us, so we must forgive others.

Today's readings challenge us as Christians to live in God's love. They make it clear that we cannot seek pardon for ourselves yet refuse mercy to others. God invites and equips us to share the mercy we have been shown with our neighbors.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The reading from Sirach teaches that we must forgive our neighbor's injustice if we are to be forgiven by God. In his Letter to the Romans, Saint Paul speaks of the new life they have found in Christ, who overcame death. In the Gospel, Jesus says we must forgive not seven times but seventy-seven times, and then he tells the parable of the unforgiving servant.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Aware of our need for God's merciful love, we offer him our petitions.

- 1) For all members of the Church, may we continue to be strengthened by the word of God and nourished by the Eucharist we receive, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For our world, may Christ's peace touch the hearts of leaders and influencers and lead them to harmony and understanding, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who suffer displacement from their homes, may God bless them with peaceful, safe places to live, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this assembly, may the Holy Spirit strengthen us in showing mercy and forgiveness to one another, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may they rejoice forever at the Lord's eternal banquet, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Father in heaven, look with kindness on our needs and answer them in accord with your holy will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

* * * * *