



September 10, 2023 • 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 18:15-20

Words and Actions

Jesus tells his disciples if someone close to you sins against you, go to that person one-on-one and try to set things straight. If the person will not listen, bring someone else with you and confront the person. If that doesn't work, bring them in front of the whole church. If even that fails, let them go. Do not allow them to hurt you again.

As a church and as a

family, we are responsible for each other's welfare. Loving my brother and sister as myself, the way Jesus commands, means being concerned not only for their physical welfare, but also their spiritual welfare. This is especially true in families.

As parents, we have been told that our children's faith formation is our responsibility. We help them grow in their faith by sharing what we believe about God and our church through our words and actions. Clearly, we have not only the right. but also the responsibility, to talk to our children and take action when they are doing something wrong.

Parents should also be aware that children are often capable of giving them the same guidance. Sometimes a child's words or actions offer a subtle insight into our own actions or lack of action. Without even meaning to, children can give us clear signals about how we are doing as their primary role model.

A young person acting out can sometimes be a clear warning sign that we are not spending enough time with them, or we are overindulging them. Sometimes it's their words that hit the mark.

"Why doesn't Daddy go to church?" or "How come we have so much, and other people have so little?"

For centuries, the Christian family has been called the domestic church. What holds true for congregational churches also holds true for the church that gathers around the kitchen table. "For where two or three are gathered in my name. I am there among them" (v. 20). We need to listen to our children's actions and words and remember that sometimes Jesus can speak very clearly through the words of a child.

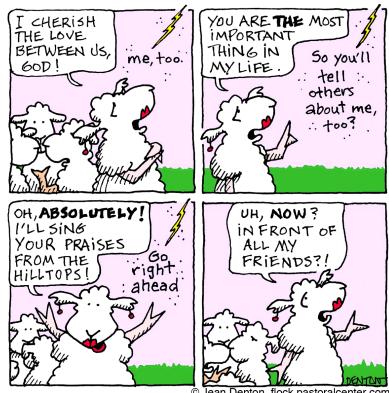
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FAMILY RESPONSE

Have a simple family reconciliation service. Talk about how easy it is to hurt the people closest to you. Say a prayer asking God to help you consider the ways you have hurt each other. Ask each person to write down or draw a picture of his or her offenses. Share what you have written and say you are sorry. (A parent should begin the process.) Close with a prayer.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Is there anyone in your life who is hurting you and whom you need to confront? How can you be most effective in doing this? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?



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"Whatever you bind on earth is bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Sheepish Question:

What is it about the good news of Jesus that I'm keeping from people I love? Why?

This Sunday's Readings 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time (Year A/1)

you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9 O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving	Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us: for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.	O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'
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Second Reading Romans 13: 8-10 Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as your-self. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 18: 15-20 If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.* Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two oth-

ers along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

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September 9 / 10 Kate & June + Sylvia

Next week 24th Sunday Ordinary Time September 17th	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
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WELCOMERS	Karen +		Cathy + John + Darren

Masses & Services WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.

Sunday 7am, 9am, no longer 6pm.

MASS SERVICES: <u>Monday</u>, <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>Wednesday</u> 8am. MASS SERVICE: Friday 9am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30-5.30pm.

PERPETUAL ADORATION: (Tuesdays 8.30am till Wednesday 8am) Vicky <u>brisbane.adoration@gmail.com</u> HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: Friday 6th October @ 9am. FIRST FRIDAY ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 6th October @ 7pm.

PRAYER MEETING: Every Friday (Except 1st Friday of the month) @ 7.10 pm (Rosary), 7.30 pm (Praise & Worship followed by Message) CHILDREN'S LITURGY: continues weekly @ 9am mass.

Next Sunday's Readings 24th Sunday Ordinary Time (Year A/1)

First Reading *Sirach 27: 30—28: 7* Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Second Reading Romans 14: 7-9 Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord. Gospel Reading Matthew 18: 21-35 I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

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September 16 / 17 Parish staff



Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus said to him, I say not to you, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven. Matthew 18:21-22

