

## **24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Theme : Forgiveness**

### **Introduction**

**Last week the Gospel was about correction, something we love to do but don't care to receive. Today's gospel is about something we love to receive ,but find it very hard to do and that is forgiveness.**

**These days we plan on God's forgiveness ; we expect it. We know the confession hours in the Church and expect to go to church and find forgiveness. Will God forgive us if we are unwilling to forgive others .We can go through the motions of confession but Jesus says that if we are unwilling to forgive others ,the Father will not forgive us.**

**The second point is that we need to forgive. Imagine a world I or a life where nobody ever forgave anything .Such a world would be cruel ,cold callous and frozen in place.To forgive is not to forget ; it is not an excuse ; it is not to condone . To forgive is to not recognize the damage somebody has**

**done, to move away from revenge and retaliation but refuse to be damaged further by what person has done .The alternative is to be trapped in the past.**

## **CONCLUSION**

**Forgiveness frees us from an obsession with past hurts,it helps us move on with our lives and to grow in grace. AMEN**