

**Grade 6, 7, 8 Make-Up**  
**Sunday, September 10/Monday September 11**

Please submit thoughtful answers to the numbered items below *in an email* to [rburbrink@saint-max.org](mailto:rburbrink@saint-max.org) within 2 weeks of the missed class.

**Time with the Gospel**

*This Gospel Reading begins with a question from Peter, and a strange one at that. Jesus' answer may seem equally strange. Read Matthew 18:21–22.*

1. *You probably keep track of a lot of things—how much spending money you have, how many days until the next school holiday—but have you ever counted the number of times you have forgiven someone?*
2. *Do you think Peter did?*
3. *Was Jesus really serious when he said to forgive 77 times? If not, what do you think was the point of Jesus' answer?*

*Maybe we'll get a clearer answer when we read the remainder of the Gospel Reading. Read Matthew 18:23–35.*

*We may have hoped that Jesus was serious when he said to forgive 77 times. Most of us have already done that, which would mean that we've met our quota and are off the hook. But that's not the point. Jesus told a story to let us know that he isn't talking about the quantity but rather the quality of our forgiveness. The king in the parable didn't negotiate terms with the servant who owed him a great deal of money. Rather, when the servant claimed hardship, he was forgiven all that he owed. Not satisfied, however, the servant turned around and went to collect a small amount of money owed him.*

4. *Do you recall his response when his fellow servant asked for more time to pay?*

*Jesus' point is that numbers are not the issue when it comes to forgiving. The king in the parable offers forgiveness without condition; his forgiveness, like God's, is genuine and total. From God who is merciful and always ready to forgive, we learn to be forgiving as well. As the parable indicates, forgiveness is essentially a matter of a loving heart. There are no strings attached.*

**Beyond the Gospel**

5. *Write five examples of situations where someone has offended, wronged or angered you or a family member. Did you forgive this person and why or why not?*
6. *Forgiveness Bible Verses...**pick and write out three** of these verses on forgiveness. Pick **ONE** of the three you have written out that will most motivate you to forgive others and **why**?*

*Colossians 3:13*

*Matthew 6:14-15*

*Luke 17:3-4*

*Ephesians 4:31-32*

*1 John 1:9*

*Acts 3:19*

*Isaiah 1:18*

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

*Ephesians 1:7*

*Hebrews 10:17*

*Daniel 9:9*

*Colossians 1:13-14*

*Psalms 103:12*

*Numbers 14:19-21*

*Micah 7:18-19*

*Matthew 6:9-15*

*Mark 11:25*