

Forgiveness of Sins
Gospel Reading for December 5, 2016
With Divine Will Truths
Saint Luke 5:17-26

One day as Jesus was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and Jerusalem, and the power of the Lord was with him for healing.

And some men brought on a stretcher a man who was paralyzed; they were trying to bring him in and set (him) in his presence.

But not finding a way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on the stretcher through the tiles into the middle in front of Jesus.

When he saw their faith, he said, "As for you, your sins are forgiven."

Then the scribes and Pharisees began to ask themselves, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who but God alone can forgive sins?"

Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them in reply, "What are you thinking in your hearts?"

Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'?

But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"--he said to the man who was paralyzed, "I say to you, rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home."

He stood up immediately before them, picked up what he had been lying on, and went home, glorifying God.

Then astonishment seized them all and they glorified God, and, struck with awe, they said, "We have seen incredible things today."

II. The Power of the Keys

981 *After his Resurrection, Christ sent his apostles "so that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations."⁵²⁶ The apostles and their successors carry out this "ministry of reconciliation," not only by announcing to men God's forgiveness merited for us by Christ, and calling them to conversion and faith; but also by communicating to them the forgiveness of sins in Baptism, and reconciling them with God and with the Church through the power of the keys, received from Christ:⁵²⁷ [The Church] has received the keys of the Kingdom of heaven so that, in her, sins may be forgiven through*

*Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit's action. In this Church, the soul dead through sin comes back to life in order to live with Christ, whose grace has saved us.*⁵²⁸
982 *There is no offense, however serious, that the Church cannot forgive. "There is no one, however wicked and guilty, who may not confidently hope for forgiveness, provided his repentance is honest."*⁵²⁹ *Christ who died for all men desires that in his Church the gates of forgiveness should always be open to anyone who turns away from sin.*⁵³⁰

FROM THE BOOK OF HEAVEN

V18 – Oct. 21, 1925 - *"My daughter, I had a special sorrow for each sin, and upon my sorrow hung the pardon for the sinner. Now, this sorrow of Mine is suspended in My Will, waiting for the sinner when he offends Me, so that, as he feels sorrow for having offended Me, My sorrow may descend to feel sorrow together with his, and immediately grant him forgiveness. But, how many offend Me and do not feel sorrow? So, My sorrow and forgiveness are suspended in My Will, and as though isolated. Thank you, My daughter, for coming into My Will to keep company with My sorrow and with My forgiveness. Please continue to go around in My Will; and making My sorrow your own, cry out, for each offense: 'Sorrow! Forgiveness!', so that I may not be the only One who feels sorrow and impetrates forgiveness, but I may have the company of the little daughter of My Will, who feels sorrow together with Me."*

V17 – May 10, 1925 - *At other times, while I fuse myself in the Divine Volition, I want to feel sorrow for all the offenses given to my God, and I start my round again in that immense void, in order to find all the sorrow that Jesus felt for all sins. I make it my own, and I wander everywhere, in the most hidden and secret places, in public places, over all the acts of evil men, to feel sorrow for all the offenses. And for each sin, gathering within me all the sorrow for all sins, I feel like crying out in every motion of all creation: 'Forgiveness, forgiveness!' There is not one offense to God, even the slightest one, for which I do not feel sorrow and ask forgiveness. And so that all may hear my plea of forgiveness for all sins, I impress it in the rumbling of the thunder, so that sorrow for having offended my God may thunder in all hearts. 'Forgiveness!' in the striking of lightning. Sorrowful repentance in the whistling of the wind, crying out to all: 'Repentance, and plea of forgiveness!' And in the tinkling of the bells: 'Sorrow and forgiveness!' In sum, the same in everything. Then I bring the sorrow of all to my God, and I implore forgiveness for all, saying: 'Great God, let your Will descend upon earth, so that sin may no longer take place!*

The human will alone is what produces so many offenses that it seems to be flooding the earth with sins. Your Will shall be the destroyer of all evils. Therefore, I beg you, make the Little Daughter of Your Will content, who wants nothing else but that Your Will be Known and Loved, and that It Reign in all hearts.'

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