

## Love your enemies

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus continues His Sermon on the Plain with His teaching on the love of one's enemies. Whenever we are faced with the teaching of Jesus to love our enemies, most of us would dismiss it, saying, "I don't have enemies." But what is an enemy? An enemy is a person who is actively opposed or hostile to someone or something. Even Jesus had enemies – the scribes, the Pharisees and the chief priests would fall under that definition of "enemy" because they actively opposed and were hostile to Jesus.

In light of Jesus' teaching for us to love our enemies, the questions "who is my enemy," and "why do I consider that person my enemy" deserves reflection. People often think of a person that they don't like as an "enemy," but that is a very shallow way of looking at it. More often than not, people would call someone an enemy because of a small misunderstanding that they have turned into a big matter. Other times, people consider those who have done something wrong to them, or have said something about them that they didn't like as "enemies."

Suppose that we really do have an enemy, how do we treat them? There are both negative and positive ways in which people treat their enemies: some of the negative ways include confrontation, that is, engaging in direct arguments, verbal abuse, or physical altercations with them; slander and gossip, that is, spreading rumors or misinformation about them; exclusion, that is, deliberately avoiding contact or social interactions with them; undermining their actions, that is, sabotaging their efforts or projects; passive-aggressive behavior, that is, expressing negativity or hostility without direct confrontation. On the other hand, some of the positive ways to deal with enemies include dialogue and reconciliation, that is, seeking to resolve conflict through communication and mutual understanding; forgiveness, that is, choosing to let go of resentment and anger towards them; compassion, that is, trying to understand their perspective and motivations.



But Jesus tells us to love our enemies! How should we love our enemies? Jesus tells us, "Do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." (Luke 6:27-28)

Loving our enemies means more than just not wishing them ill, it's about showing mercy. Forgiveness is a big part of loving our enemies, especially those who have wronged us. One sign of forgiveness towards our enemies is when we are able to do good to them, when we are able to bless them rather than curse them, and when we are able to pray for them.

We Christians are called to love our enemies because it reflects the character of God; by loving our enemies, we are imitating God's love and mercy, His graciousness and compassion for all humanity. Jesus said Himself, "Love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for He himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Luke 6:35-36) While it may be challenging to love someone who has wronged you, the act of "loving your enemies" is about choosing to act with kindness and compassion towards them, even when it's difficult.

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention children and parents: We will have Sunday School class today.

Fr. Bill will offer a Mass for Teresa Tsoa on Saturday, March 1st at 10:00am. All are invited to come.



Fr. Biao Wu will come and visit us again, he will lead our Lenten retreat on March 8th from 10am to 4pm. The theme is "Pilgrims on the Road to Heaven".

Reserve the date: Due to the cancellation of the Eucharistic Congress of the Archdiocese of Atlanta this year, Holy Name of Jesus Chinese

Catholic Church will hold a week-long Eucharistic Renewal event from June 18 to June 24, 2025. Our invited guests include Most Reverend John Lee Juo-wang, Bishop Emeritus of the diocese of Tainan, Taiwan and Fr. Francis Ching of the Companions of the Cross based in Toronto, Canada, as well as a Chinese band led by Mr. Jianren Zhu from Los Angeles. Come, participate and make the most of that week with our special guests. They are coming to Atlanta especially for you, in order to inspire and deepen your devotion to the Eucharist!



Attention all volunteers for "Helping Mamas," the volunteer date has been rescheduled to March 8, 2025.

Prayer List: Liu Guifang, Lydia Chen, Lu Shumi, David Wang, Chen Jianxin, Liang Chenjing, Pan Bohao and Xu Taicheng.

Mass Schedule	Confessions	Bible Study
Sundays 10:30 AM (Chinese)	Sundays 9:00-9:30 AM	Wednesdays 10:00 AM (Chinese)
Sundays 2:00 PM (English)	Tuesdays 2:00-3:00 PM	Mondays 6:00 PM (English)
	By Appointment	
Mondays 12:00 PM (English)		<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>
Tuesdays 12:00 PM (English)	<b>Anointing of the Sick</b>	Sundays 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Wednesdays 12:00 PM (Chinese)	First Sundays after 10:30 AM Mass	Tuesdays 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Fridays 12:00 PM (English)		
First Friday 7:00 PM (English)		
First Saturday 10:00 AM (Chinese)		