

Seventh Sunday – Ordinary Time – Year B

TWO PEARLS

- **No OT Prophet ever forgave sins**
Moses Jeremiah Ezekiel Isaiah - nobody
Sole Domain of God

Jesus STARTS with forgiveness

No healing	<u>WHEN WE PRAY – God meets our needs</u>
Forgiveness	<u>not our wants</u>

Scribes get ticked “Who do you think you are?”
Jesus’ healing validates his forgiveness

- **Jesus forgives – at seeing THEIR faith --- Who are THEY**

NOT the faith of the paralytic
The faith of the friends ----- Their faith, resulted in his healing

YOUR FAITH CAN AFFECT OTHERS

Power of Intercessory Prayer

Friends

Those we work with

Those we work for (ever pray for your boss?)
(your employees?)

People on our street

Spouses

Mothers for their children

St. Augustine had two mistresses and a child out of wedlock

ST. MONICA WAS HIS MOTHER

- when she prayed for him, he wasn’t St. Augustine

she prayed for him and he repented and became St. Aug

WHERE’s Dcn Jim Achadinha – I’ve met his mother!

It’s no different for us – our faith has the same power.

Story of the monk who meets a childless couple

They ask him to pray for a child

The monk prays and God says “It’s not in their destiny that they have a child”

5 years later the monk visits the same village and they have 3 sons.

They explain that a saint passed by, and had prayed for them

The monk prays and asks God why – and God says “That must be the doing of a saint, Saints have the power to change destiny”

WE’RE SITTING IN A ROOMFUL OF SAINTS