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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary

Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8am, 10:30am

Weekday Mass: 8:00am (Chapel)
(Monday-Friday, Rosary after)

First Tuesday
(of the Month) **Anointing of the Sick & Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help**
(after 8am Mass)

First Friday: **8:00am(Chapel)**
(of the month) **Mass & Devotion To Sacred Heart**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 pm

Sunday: 7:15 - 7:45am

9:45-10:15am

(Other times by Appointment)

Adoration

Tuesday: 8:00am-6:00pm

Friday: 8:30am-9:30am

Office Hours

Mon-Friday 8:30am-12:30pm

Wednesday 8:30am-12:00pm

Secretary Linda Bellocq



Today's Readings

First Reading (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18)

The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy. "You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart. Though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen, do not incur sin because of him. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD."

Psalm (103:1-2,3-4,8,10,12-13)

R. **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

R. **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R. **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

R. **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 3:16-23)

Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy. Let no one deceive himself. If any one among you considers himself wise in this age, let him become a fool, so as to become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God, for it is written: *God catches the wise in their own ruses*, and again: *The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain*. So let no one boast about human beings, for everything belongs to you, Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or the present or the future: all belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God.

Gospel (Matthew 5:38-48)

Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said, *An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth*. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.

"You have heard that it was said, *You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy*. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Gospel Reflection

Last Sunday we have reflected on Jesus' interpretation about four laws of the Torah of Israel. Today, we meditate on another two; namely justice and unconditional love.

In the Old Testament we read: "I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for bruising me. If Cain is avenged seven times, then Lamech seventy-seven times" (Gen 4:23,24). In order to avoid this type of excessive injustice Torah established "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth" (Ex 21:23-25). Jesus does not accept it, but says to his disciples: "you offer no resistance to one who is evil." In other words, he is asking us to suffer injustice. Jesus gives four examples taken from our everyday life.

The first one relates to physical violence: "When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well." These words of Jesus need not be taken literally. What requires from his disciples is the inner disposition to accept injustice, to bear humiliation rather than react by harming a brother. The second example refers to economic injustice. In Israel, men and women wore two garments: a tunic with long sleeves or short sleeves over the naked body and a wide cloak. The cloak was wrapped around the body for warmth on cold days and taken off when doing menial work. For the poor, it also served as a blanket at night. Because of this, the Torah stated that it could not be seized (Ex 22:25-26). In order to avoid any kind of dispute, Jesus asks us to give not only our tunic but also our cloak, the last garment he has. He is willing to stay naked, like his Master on the cross.

The third example is the abuse of power. It often happened that the Roman soldiers or some local landowner demolished the poor peasant settlements and forced them to act as guides or navies. We have an example in the passion narrative: Simon of Cyrene was forced to carry the cross of Jesus (Mt 27:31). The fourth case is that of a troublesome person who comes to ask for any kind of favor from you. Jesus tells the disciple: "Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow."

The sixth law, Jesus refers to a twofold commandment: "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But Jesus teaches: "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." It is the highpoint of Christian ethics and a requirement of unconditional love. Jesus invites us to show ourselves as His children. He asks the disciples to let the character of our heavenly Father who makes his sun rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the just and the unjust shine in their behavior.


Ash Wednesday
 (February 22, 2023)
 (Day of Fasting and Abstinence)

Mass Time
 8am Church
 6pm Church

Special Collection
Ash Wednesday
 Churches in Eastern Europe and Africa

Special Collection
Next Weekend
 Black and Indian Missions

50/50 RAFFLE
 Annunciation Parish Ladies Club will be having their annual 50/50 Raffle. Tickets will be available in the Vestibule after each Mass. Drawing will be at the BBQ Dinner in May. Winner does not need to be present

 **COFFEE SHOP**
 Come by and have some Coffee, Breakfast & Fellowship after 8am Mass
 Donations are accepted


MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday | February 18 | 4pm- Peggy Ladner † |
| Sunday | February 19 | 8:00am Parishioners |
| | | 10:30am- Deceased Adams Fly members † |
| Monday | February 20 | 8:00am- Lela Haas Curry † |
| Tuesday | February 21 | 8:00am- Madeline Moran † |
| Wednesday | February 22 | 8:00am- Marge Blaisdell † |
| Thursday | February 23 | 8:00am- Marge Blaisdell † |
| Friday | February 24 | 8:00am- John Rhode II † |

Stations of the Cross
 Wednesday's 8:30am (Chapel)
 Friday's 5:00pm (Church)

 **FISH FRY FRIDAY'S**
 Annunciation Ladies Club will be having their Fish Fry every Friday during Lent, except Good Friday.
 5:30-7:30 in the Parish Hall.
 \$12 Per Plate

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER
Prayer for Family and Friends
 Loving God, hear this prayer, which I offer on behalf of my family and friends. Keep them safe in your care. When they are in trouble, be with them. When they despair, bring them hope. When they are joyful, help them share their happiness. Help us all to realize that we are your sons and daughters and that you love us more than we can imagine. Amen.

 **If you are unable to come inside the Church, sit in your automobile and listen to our Broadcasting on 91.1 Fm. You can also listen to a Portable radio in Church if you have trouble hearing.**

Claiborne Hill Receipts
 We appreciate dropping off your Claiborne Hill receipts!
 Thank you for your support.
YTD \$77.06

Financial News

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| Insurance | \$64,983.79 |
| Diocesan Support | \$14,524.68 |
| School Supplement | \$28,609.38 |
| Salaries, Utilities, & Other Expenses | \$138,968.38 |
| Total Yearly Financial Obligations | \$247,086.23 |
| Amount needed each Week | \$4,751.66 |
| Last Sunday Collection | \$2,941.45 |
| YTD Needed | \$36,960.47 |
| YTD Collected | \$22,623.06 |
| YTD Shortfall | \$14,337.41 |

 ***Church Cleaning***
 Team 3 this week

Prayer Request

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| Jennifer Albrittin | Patsy Ladner |
| Judith Amm | Jean Lee |
| Emilee Battaglia | Walter Lonbourg |
| John Battaglia | James Lovett |
| Stacey Battaglia | Layla Mallett |
| Bill Blaisdell | Jim McDaniel |
| Stephen Blaisdell | Charles Meador |
| Earline Blanchard | Kathleen Micell |
| Gene Breazeale | Shannon & Carol Moragas |
| Wilson Breux | Barbara Moran |
| Ernest Brown | Cleopatra Moran |
| Ida Brown | Sonny Moran |
| Claude & Linda Burke | Warren Moran |
| John Byrnes | Belinda & Kenny Morgan |
| Barbara Cameron | Patrick Murphy |
| Robert L. Cassell | Bernadine Necaize |
| Kay Cerisier | Bernell Necaize |
| Rosalind & Cynthia Dautat | Janet Necaize |
| Cheryl Deschamp | Tyrone & Faye Necaize |
| Jean Dohm | Wilmah Necaize |
| Jessica Duffour | Christopher Nugent |
| Eugene, James, Jerry, Gretchen, Tessa, JoAnn, Jude, Shirley Cucurullo | Louis Nunez |
| Howard Edwards | Timothy Odom |
| Lois Forest | Joy Patin |
| Ivan Garza | Jameson Gerard Patin |
| Peggy Glynn | Trudy Pecoul |
| Robert Gould | Larry Phillips |
| Christine Green-Wood | Judy Richieu |
| Alexa Hardie | Abby Rolison |
| Aline Hoda | Brooke Rolison |
| Amanda Jones | Tina Roundtree |
| Jim & Mary Kenney | Carla Santiago |
| Donald Koenenn | Karrie Schultz |
| Linda Koenenn | Jason Schable |
| Nell Koenenn | Caleb Schwartz |
| Shelly Koenenn | Sonny Schwartz |
| Andy Ladner | Jerry Shavers |
| Barbara Ladner | Mike Shubert |
| Janice Ladner | Maura Strong |
| Shelia Ladner | Rose Tebo |
| Willard & Cecile Ladner | Josie Thomas |
| | Judy Thornton |
| | Shaylynn Whitfield |
| | Adrian Wilson |

Pray for our Troops

Amir Darwis _____ US Army National Guard
 Darrell Little _____ US Army
 Devin Nelson _____ US Army
 Brandan Witt _____ USAF
 Evan Cameron _____ USAF
 David Arceneaux _____ USAF
 Lance Cuevas USAF
 Christopher Abney US Navy

Lord, hold our troops in Your Loving Hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, and bring them home safely. May their sacrifices bring about a lasting and just peace in those lands. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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