



February 24, 2019 Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

UPCOMING DATES

Tues Feb 26, St. Colman Guild Meeting 4 PM
Wed Mar 6, St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting 1 PM
Sun Mar 17, St. Patricks Luncheon 12:30 PM
Wed Mar 20, Finance Committee Meeting 4 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4 pm: Lawrence Peterson⁺ req by Tor & McDonell families
Sat 5 pm: All parishioners
Sun 9 am: Gene Payne req by Gail Culverwell
Sun 11 am: All parishioners

PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS

Who are ill or in pain: Don Creech, Nilda Falero, Don Schaffert, Lawrence Peterson, Claudette West, Alan Barich, Ed Copeland, Andrew Cebalo, Nina Cantacessi, Posie, William Donnellan, Ernest Souder, Robert Cebalo, Kathleen Sheridan, Sister Gabrielle, Virginia Loosli, David Cross, Helen Johnson, Billy Henthorn, Steve Arcia, Jim & Mary Crowther, Lorelie Fulwider, Fr. Andrew Metcalf, JoAnn Coules, Dinah Smith, Lorna Marie Hastings, Laverne Jones, Joanne & Bill Rodgers, John Breig, Linda Schmidt, Michell Jackson, Jim Ward, Nini Sanchez, Jacqueline Donovan, Art McNulty, Terry Devlin, Mary Hall Smith, Stan Moorman, Maggie Nelson, Stella Dunne, Nina Cantacessi, John Hoffman, Mary Tamargo, Don La Plante, Sarah & David, Ed Fulwider, Vicki Gonzalez, Jesus Chavez Torres

Who have been called to Eternal Life: Lawrence Peterson, Evelyn Shuster, John Seymour, George Ayoob, Charlie Marbach, Joe Mercieca, Elaine Benson, Suzi Schaffert, Janet Guidotti, Keith Poulsen, Doris Porras, Helen Leseberg, Bette Campbell, Margaret Maher, Carole Williams, Fr. Philip Ryan, Joseph Kobler, Janine Bekker Carrig, Matthew Gonzalez, Billy Ferree, Tom King, Tom Kelly, Axel Avera, Victor Theander, John Sanchez, Don Covello

READINGS

1 Sm 26: 2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23
Ps 103: 1-2. 3-4. 8. 10. 12-13
1 Cor 15: 45-49
Lk 6: 27-38

PASTOR'S DESK

A few years ago, the pollster *George Gallup* was asked to comment on what his polls were saying about "the correct state of religion in America." He said, in part ...

The two major trends really are a search for depth in our society -- people seeking spiritual moorings -- and the search for relationships. People need to rediscover each other. We are fragmented. Families have split apart.

Mr. Gallup went on to describe many American Church-goers as **assenters** [TO ACCEPT A CONCEPT OR COURSE OF ACTION FROM ALLY] rather than **believers**:

They assent to faith. **They assent to the beliefs which one is meant to believe**, but they don't necessarily believe them. If you consider that a belief is something to be acted upon, then these people are merely *paying lip-service* to what they think they should believe. If people were truly as religious as they say, the **ethical nature of our society would be vastly different.**

Take it from Jesus: If we were truly as religious as we say -- if we were truly integrating our faith into our lives -- if we were to take His command seriously to treat others as we would like them to treat us -- if we were to hear the "Sermon on the Mount" as a *call to action*, we would experience the fulfillment of Jesus' promise that "Your joy will be complete" (Jn. 15:11).

In today's Gospel Lesson, Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" gives us a magnificent picture of what the good, whole, fulfilled life looks like. He describes in detail a life-enhancing, enriching, giving way of life. But, as He

points out over-and-over again in the Gospels, we must do more than just hear it and nod in assent. We must do more than announce our good intentions. Over-and-over again in the Gospels, Jesus is telling us to go beyond those good intentions. **Do it! Get on with it! Live it!**

Peace and Blessings!

Fr. Luis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St Elizabeth's Guild will be hosting a St Patrick's Day celebration on March 17, doors open at 12:30, lunch a bit later. We will be serving corned beef sandwiches, carrot potato and cabbage salads, dessert and coffee. Cost is \$10.00, kids \$5.00. Sign up sheet will be available at the back of the church beginning Feb 24. St Catherine and St Colman can reserve by calling Francine Korn at 869-9341. We will have a raffle and Irish music after lunch. Join us for some Irish fun! Looking forward to seeing you!

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

by Anne Osdiek, St. Louis University

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

1. Is this reading about magnanimity (generous in overlooking injury and insult, rising above pettiness and meanness)? Can you think of any saints/prophets who are or were magnanimous? Do you know any magnanimous people in your own life?

2. Saul was mean and insane but David showed respect for him because Saul was anointed. How about you? Can you show respect for someone yet disagree with him/her? What do you think the outcome is when neither side respects the other?

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

1. Name some of the ways we bear the image of the earthly Adam.

2. The theologian von Balthasar said that Christ cut a path for us by being grace ascending and grace descending. Jesus is just as much creation's highest response to the Father as he is the Father's Word to creation. How does this "heavenly Adam," coming together with the "earthly Adam" cut a path for us? What does bearing the image of the heavenly Adam allow us to do?

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

1. Jesus goes a step farther than David's "don't kill" your enemies. He says, "love" them. Don't expect anything back when you lend, and if someone takes something of yours, give that person more. Who practices absolute generosity like this? Who do you know besides God who comes close?

2. According to Pope Francis, what happens to our hearts when we forgive? And if we don't?

The Christian must forgive! Why? Because he has been forgiven. All of us who are here today, in the Square, we have been forgiven. There is not one of us who, in our own life, has had no need of God's forgiveness. And because we have been forgiven, we must forgive. ... We do not have the power to condemn our erring brother; we are not above him: rather, we have a duty to recover the dignity of a child of the Father and to accompany him on his journey of conversion.

Jesus also indicates a second pillar to us who are his Church: "to give." Forgiveness is the first pillar; giving is the second pillar. "Give, and it will be given to you. ... For the measure you give will be the measure you get back" (v. 38). God gives far beyond our merits, but he will be even more generous with those who have been generous on earth.

... Do not forget this: mercy is a gift; forgiveness and giving. In this way, the heart expands, it grows with love. While selfishness and anger make the heart small, they make it harden like a stone. Which do you prefer? A heart of stone or a heart full of love? If you prefer a heart full of love, be merciful!

*Pope Francis, General Audience
Sept. 21, 2016*

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Period reflected: Feb 16 – Feb 17

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| St. Elizabeth 1 st collection | \$1,064.00 |
| St. Elizabeth 2 nd collection | \$267.00 |
| St. Catherine 1 st collection | \$217.00 |
| St. Catherine 2 nd collection | \$227.00 |
| St. Colman 1 st collection | \$220.00 |
| St. Colman 2 nd collection | \$111.00 |

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St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting (1st Wednesday at 1 pm)
Finance Committee Meeting (3rd Wednesday at 4 pm)
St. Colman Guild Meeting (4th Tuesday at 12 pm)