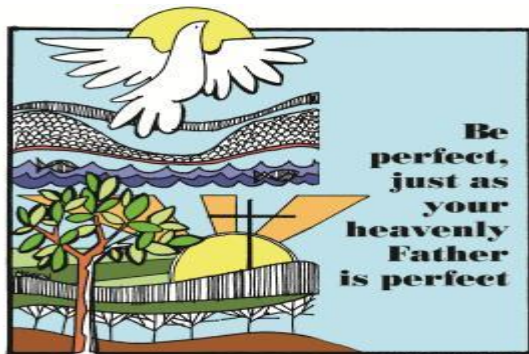


Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2020

Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.

— *Leviticus 19:2b*



FOOLISHNESS

Sometimes the idea of repentance seems old-fashioned, naïve, even foolish. But if you're looking for real foolishness, you'll find it in today's readings. We begin with Leviticus and the admonition, "Take no revenge and cherish no grudge" (Leviticus 19:18). We've heard that message before, of course, so we might forget how far it is from the so-called "practical realities of life." Saint Paul warns us about being practical, though. Whoever considers oneself wise had better "become a fool," because "the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God" (1 Corinthians 3:18, 19). This "foolishness" continues in the Gospel: "Offer no resistance to one who is evil" (Matthew 5:39). In fact, offer the other cheek when you've been slapped. Hand over your coat as well as your shirt. Be like God, who sends sunshine and rain on the bad as well as the good. "So be perfect," says Jesus, "just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (5:48).

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

Psalms — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

Gospel — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

MASSES FOR THE WEEK - MISAS DE LA SEMANA

February 22 - 28

Saturday/5:00pm/Tristan Mello †,

Matilde Mello † †, Joe Gomes †

7:00pm/Maximiliano Aguilar †

Sunday/8:00am/Alicia Andes †,

Isabel F. Azevedo †, Ilda Matos &

Matos Family †

10:00am/Ralph Bautista †,

Al Rocha †, Rosa Silveira †

12:00pm/Salud Pureco Saucedo †,

Monday/9:00am/Daily Mass †

Tuesday/9:00am/Daily Mass †

Wednesday/10:00am/Daily Mass †

Thursday/9:00am/Daily Mass †

Friday/9:00am/Daily Mass †

ASH WEDNESDAY

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: these disciplines, prescribed by Jesus himself in the Sermon on the Mount, along with strict instructions not to flaunt them in public to win recognition and praise (Matthew 6:1-18), have been embraced by all the saints at the beginning of every Lent for almost two thousand years. But mention Lent, and many react with a grimace or slight shudder—even now, years after official obligations have been reduced to a minimum! No wonder the Eastern Rite's "Lenten Announcement" sounds surprising: "Let us receive with joy, O faithful people, the divinely inspired announcement of Lent! The Lenten Spring shines forth! Begin the fast with joy! Let us fast from passions as well as food, taking pleasure in the good works of the Spirit, and accomplishing them in love!" Saint John Chrysostom, whose feast is September 13, elaborates: "Do you fast? Give proof by your works. If you see a poor person, take pity. An enemy, be reconciled. A friend gaining honor, don't be jealous." A positive approach! May the saints help us keep such a Lent! — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Ash
Wednesday

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February 26, 2020

Imposition of Ashes


9:00AM/English ~ 6:00PM/Bilingual



Stations of the Cross

Please join us each Friday of Lent, as we pray the Stations of the Cross, 9:00AM, after mass, & 6:00PM in English and 7:00pm in Spanish.

ADORATION will be celebrated every Thursday of **LENT** 5:00PM-7:00PM



The 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal will be held at all Masses, this weekend. Last year, our parish contributed \$9,345.00 to the Appeal. Our 25% of the share of the Appeal went to benefit some of our parishioners with **Food Vouchers, Diapers, and Baby Formula**. Please prayerfully consider your gift to assist the many in need. Each and every gift will make a difference in someone's life.



Save the Date!! Daughters of Isabella Spring Tea will be Sunday, April 26. Our theme this year is "Old McDonald Had a Farm". Tickets are \$25.00. Tickets on sale every other weekend after masses. Come join us for a great time. For info/tickets call Betty at 745-4767.

*This weekend we are collecting non-perishable food items for the Galt Sunshine Food Closet in the vestibule. We have a constant need for **pasta, rice, beans, peanut butter, dry cereal, canned tuna & chicken.** Thank you for your continuous support.*

Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario 23 de febrero de 2020

Sean Santos, porque yo, el Señor, soy santo.
— *Levítico 19:2b*

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — No te vengues ni guardes rencor, ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo (Levítico 19:1-2, 17-18).

Salmo — El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso (Salmo 103 [102]).

Segunda lectura — Tú eres templo de Dios y eres santo (1 Corintios 3:16-23).

Evangelio — No ofrezcas resistencia; ama a tus enemigos (Mateo 5:38-48).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Stgo 3:13-18; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; Mc 9:14-29
- Martes: Stgo 4:1-10; Sal 55 (54):7-11a, 23; Mc 9:30-37
- Miércoles: Jl 2:12-18; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Jueves: Dt 30:15-20; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 9:22-25
- Viernes: Is 58:1-9a; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
- Sábado: Is 58:9b-14; Sal 86 (85):1-6; Lc 5:27-32
- Domingo: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Sal 51 (50):3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

NECEDAD

A veces la noción del arrepentimiento parece anticuada, ingenua y hasta necia. Pero si buscas locura, la encontrarás en las lecturas de hoy. Comencemos con Levítico y la amonestación "no te vengues ni guardes rencor" (Levítico 19:18). Por supuesto que hemos escuchado este mensaje antes, y por eso puede que olvidemos lo alejado que está de las "realidades prácticas de la vida", contra las que nos advierte san Pablo. Será mejor que quien se considere sabio "se haga ignorante", porque "la sabiduría de este mundo es ignorancia ante Dios" (1 Corintios 3:18, 19). Esta "locura" continúa en el Evangelio: "No hagan resistencia al hombre malo" (Mateo 5:39). De hecho, presenta la otra mejilla, si has sido golpeado. Dale tu abrigo al que te pide la camisa. Sé como Dios que manda el sol y la lluvia sobre justos e injustos. "Sean perfectos", dice Jesús, "como su Padre celestial es perfecto" (5:48).



Miércoles de Ceniza

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Febrero 26, 2020

9:00AM/Inglés ~ 6:00PM/Bilingüe