

Mass Intentions

Feb 22 – Mar 1 2020

Feb 22, 2020 - Sat - Weekday

4.30 pm :

Feb 23, 2020 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30 am :

11.00 am: + Mr/Mrs. Casola by their children

Feb 24, 2020 - Mon Weekday

8.30 am:

Feb 25, 2020 - Tue - Weekday

8.30 am :

Feb 26, 2020 - ASH WEDNESDAY

8.30 am :

11.00 am:

Feb 27, 2020 - Thurs - after Ash Wednesday

6.30 pm :

Feb 28, 2020 - Fri - after Ash Wednesday

8.30 am :

Feb 29, 2020 - Sat - after Ash Wednesday

4.30 pm :

Mar 1, 2020 - First Sunday of LENT

8.30 am :

11.00 am: + Joseph & Michael Gaschler by Helan Gaschler

Mass intentions are welcomed & contact Rectory

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The last two antitheses offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. We should not look at “an eye for an eye” as an inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to limit acts of revenge by making sure the punishment is not excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God’s kingdom here on earth.

ASH WEDNESDAY and **GOOD FRIDAY** are days of Fast and Abstinence. **FRIDAYS** in Lent are days of Abstinence.

SEASON OF LENT

Dear Brothers & Sisters, Lent is the season for prayerful and penitential preparation for the feast of Easter. Lent is the penitential season of approximately 40 days set aside by the Church in order for the faithful to prepare for the celebration of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. During this holy season, Church members prepare for Easter by a recalling of Baptism and by works of penance, that is, **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.**



Lent is the six week period leading up to Easter. It's one of the important times of year for many Christians around the world. While Advent is a celebration and a time of great anticipation, Lent is more frequently seen as a time of solemn observance and preparation for the celebration of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Lent has been a traditional time for fasting or giving something up or abstinence.

Ash Wednesday begins Lent. **Ash Wednesday** is the clarion call to "Repent and believe the gospel" (Mk 1:15). The day gets its name from the traditional blessing of the ashes taken after the burning of Palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebrations. The ashes are used to draw a cross on the head of people to mark the beginning of their Lent fast. The drawing of a cross is often done while repeating the words "Repent and Believe in the Gospel" (Mk 1:15) or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (Gen 3:19).

PRAY FOR THE SICK

J. Gottesmann, W. Rieger, K. Eschenberg, J. Feeley, R. Knack, Ron Rhodes JR, Dan Buddenhagen, Brenda Long, Mary Ann, Eileem Ohman, , Madeleine Wootan, Olga Viruet, Barbara Donatelli, Anita Robertson, Linda Roche and all sick and needy.



LITURGY OF WORD

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18. Today, we hear one of the rules of conduct which are set out in chapter 19; that of love of neighbor. The **second reading** is from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 3:16-23, he again addresses that we are the Temple of God and belong to Christ.

The **Gospel** is taken from St. Matthew (5:38-48). The lesson we have to learn from today's gospel hardly needs any emphasizing. We must, if we are truly Christian, forgive those who offend or injure us. We must love all, whether they be friends or enemies.

Charity begins at home, because it is here that it can and should be learned and practiced. It is first and foremost necessary for Christian peace in the home. Husband and wife must learn to understand and tolerate each other's imperfections and faults. If one offends in what the other would regard as something serious, the offended one should not demand an apology but should show forgiveness before the other has humbly to apologize. No two persons in the world, not even identical twins, can agree on all things, so it is vain and unrealistic to expect even one's married partner to agree with one in all points. Christian charity alone can cover the multitude of faults of both partners. The man or woman who is moved by true Christian charity can bring a beam of sunshine, a ray of hope, into the lives of these people.

BIBLE – STUDY

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom..." (Col 3:16)

Monday – at 11:00 am
Holy Cross – Rectory

All are invited

With Prayers & Blessings

Fr. John Kennady MMI
Dn. John Lyttle