

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, A
DOMINGO VII DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO, A
"Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect."
"Sean perfectos como su Pare celestial es perfecto."

Praying the Word

It was said... but I tell you... Jesus is offering his disciples a new and profound way of understanding the law of Moses. Continuing a section of the Sermon on the Mount last Sunday, the remaining two antithetical exemplifications refer to the rules of retributive justice and relation with enemies. The Babylonian law of Talion was in the ancient world an advanced form of justice for a crime, limiting retribution to proportional counter punishment, as the Torah quotes: *eye for an eye; tooth for a tooth* (Ex 21,24-25). Jesus wants to overcome this all-too-human form of justice because a chain of vengeance and violence can only be broken with a radical option: respond evil with the might of good. It is not cowardice to offer the other cheek to one who hits the right cheek, rather an act of nobility and magnanimity that disarms the violent and initiates a spiral of peace.

The law also prescribed love of neighbour (Lv 19,18) but 'neighbour' in popular interpretation was restricted to the clan or members of the same race or religion. Jesus enlarges this term to include the outsider, the different and even those considered as enemies.

Jesus is asking his disciples to establish relationships based on love. This implies acting in a way that contradicts human logic, responding evil with good, loving and praying for those that may cause us harm... for God acts *that way*. And as children of the Father, we ought to reflect his infinite goodness. We are at a specifically Christian way of looking at life.

Se dijo... pero yo les digo... Jesús está ofreciendo a sus discípulos una nueva y profunda interpretación de la ley de Moisés. Continuando con la sección del Sermón de la Montaña del Domingo pasado, las otras dos ejemplificaciones antitéticas se refieren a la justicia retributiva y la relación con los enemigos. La ley del talión era en el mundo antiguo una forma avanzada de justicia por un crimen, limitando la retribución a una punición proporcionada al daño causado, como lo cita Jesús '*ojo por ojo, diente por diente*' (Ex, 21,24-25). Jesús quería poner fin a esta forma de justicia tan bajamente humana porque se rompe la cadena de venganza y violencia sólo con una opción radical: responder al mal con la fuerza del bien. No es cobarde ofrecer la otra mejilla a uno que golpea la derecha sino un acto de nobleza y magnanimidad. Esto desarma al violento y inicia un espiral de paz.

La Ley también prescribió el amor al prójimo (Lv 19,18) pero 'prójimo' en la mentalidad popular era restringido al clan o miembros de la propia raza o religión. Jesús alarga el concepto para incluir al extraño, lo diferente e incluso al considerado enemigo.

Jesús está pidiendo a sus discípulos establecer relaciones basadas sobre el amor. Esto implica comportarse de manera que contradiga la lógica humana, respondiendo al mal con el bien, amando y orando por los que nos pueden causar daño... porque es así como actúa Dios. Como hijos del Padre, debemos reflejar su bondad infinita. Estamos ante una visión de vida propiamente cristiana.

p. Roni

MASS INTENTION FOR THE WEEK
February 22-28, 2020

Vigil †Victor Buhay †Rudy Eugenio
8:00 a.m.
 People of the Parish Bella & Ricardo Riemidio
 †Manuel Farao †Rudy Eugenio
10:00 a.m.
 Rudy & Imelda Rondez
 †Trinidad & Domingo Moico †Michael Edde
 †John Garbin †Rudy Eugenio †Victor Buhay
 †Christine Kim Thao Vu †Laurent Dinh Ba Vu
 †Dave Christensen †Elizabeth Quidileg
12:30 p.m.
 Paulette Simon To St. Jude-Esteban Santos
MONDAY: FERIAL
 †Rolando Valero †Rudy Eugenio
TUESDAY: FERIAL
 †Rudy Eugenio †Adelaida & Dominador Bautista
WEDNESDAY: ASH WEDNESDAY
8:00 am †Rudy Eugenio †Elizabeth Quidileg
 †Pauline Sandino
6:00 pm †Virgilio & Adoracion Alon-Alon
THURSDAY: AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
 †Michael Edde †Rudy Eugenio
FRIDAY: AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
 †Teodoro Gonzales †Rudy Eugenio

Please, pray for the sick, especially for:

Andy Pagan, Flor Marcelo M., Carmen Cantu, William Jett, Joe Tully, Donna Pope, Vitale & Virginia Leasiologi, Helen Eugenio, Conchita Reyes, Henriqueta Faria, Alejandro Garcia, Russ & Greg Thomsen, Alex Quinonez, Felisa Llorin, Mickey Rivera, Anthony York, Rosa M. Santos, Gina Anadon Alaniz, Anna Ibe, Danelia Romig, Bob Stephens, Rudy Rondez, Keith Gerhardt, Hwa Cha Delgado, Annie Sofranek, Aaron Weller, Denzel Tran, Bill Ryan, Mary Mural, Lei Fernandez, Jun dela Cruz, Rosa Daynolo, Elizabeth Garbin, Tom Yancey, Fr. Paul Valdez, Virginia Alamarez, Nathan Rodriguez, Ron Reyes, Jackie Claunan, Mary Jo Swartz, Sora Chong, Toni Barcinas, Herminia Deutz, Catarino Sosa, Agustin Espinosa, Benny Perez, Roxana M.A. Lopez, Armando Aquino, Alvaro Barragan, German Villa, Estefania Cabrera Sosa, Val Jarvis, Ken Jillson, Cindy DeVela, Consuelo Burlungan, Elvira Borjorquez, Jesus Laderos, Ethel Milburn, David Garcia, Maggie Garcia, Nora Arreola, & Fernando Arreola
Names will be dropped after 4 weeks. Please call the office.

STEWARDSHIP
As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. Como han recibido dones, que sean fieles administradores de la gracia de Dios
 (1Pt 4,10).
 First Collection - \$ 1,962.61
 2nd Collection - Assessment - \$ 1,928.58
 Electronic Giving January 2020 - \$1,329.14
 Thank you ! *The Lord himself be your blessing.*
 This Sunday's 2nd Collection - Parish Enrichment

ASH WEDNESDAY February 26, 2020

Miércoles de Ceniza

8:00 a.m. Mass in English
 2:45 p.m. Liturgy of the Word
 5:00 p.m. Mass in Korean
 6:00 p.m. Mass in English
 7:00 p.m. Misa en español

FRIDAYS OF LENT 6:30 p.m.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS &
FRATERNAL MEAL

LOS VIERNES DE CUARESMA
VIA CRUCIS Y CENA FRATERNA
a las 6:30 p.m.

MOVIE NIGHT

The Two Popes
March 3, 2020-Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
will meet on March 10, 2020 @6:30 p.m.

CHURCH DONATION SUMMARY

for tax purposes is automatically mailed to all who have contributed over \$200.00 during the fiscal year. If your donation total is less and wish to have a summary, please, contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

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SOLAR PANEL PROJECT

I am happy to announce to you that we are pursuing our project of installing solar panels. This responds to our care for the earth, our common home, as Pope Francis encouraged us to do in his Apotolic Exhortation *Laudato si*. This is also a pragmatic step for our Parish to cut cost in our electric bill which is \$800 to 1200/month. The plan is entrusted to MYNT, a company the Diocese of Monterey has partnered with in this drive 'to go green'.

This is possible because of you, Parishioners of St. Jude, for contributing generously in our AMA campaign as well as in our monthly Building & Maintenance collection.

The total cost of the project is \$94,500. We thank our Finance Committee for facilitating and ironing the details of this contract. Putting a 50% initial payment and counting on maintaining the levels of contribution to the AMA we are optimistic that in two (2) years we can pay off the project.

I cannot thank you enough for caring for our common House dedicated to God. *Lord, bless each of our families and every member of Community: they are thankful for your gifts and show their love in a concrete way by sharing them for the good of all. Amen.*

THANK YOU, ORGANIZERS, SPONSORS AND GUESTS OF OUR PARISH CARNIVAL CRAB FEED

GRACIAS A LOS ORGANIZADORES Y PATROCINADORES DE NUESTRA CENA DE CANGREJO EN CARNAVAL

BLESSINGS & DREAMS

Our Parish Pastoral Council is continuing meetings in small groups of parishioners to go through the process of affirming our gifts and planning our future as community of faith. Other members are encouraged to sign up in the next weeks. Please, inform any of our Council members. Thank you to everyone who have hosted or attended a Blessings & Dreams meeting.

El Consejo Pastoral de la Parroquia continúa reuniéndose en grupos pequeños para el proceso de discernimiento "Bendiciones y Sueños". Los que quieran participar todavía, pónganse en contacto con los miembros del Consejo. Gracias a todos los que han participado ya en los grupos y se han ofrecido como anfitriones.