Seúl SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, A DOMINGO VII DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO, A

**De perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.**

“Señor perfecto como su Padre celestial es perfecto.”

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**Prayer: 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 “returning evil for evil” lead 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 imitate our heavenly Father’s goodness. We are at a specifically Christian way of looking at life.

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**Mass Intention for the Week**

**February 22-28, 2020**

**Monday:** Vigil | Victor Buhay | Rudy Eugenio

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish | Bella & Ricardo Riemendio | Manuel Faro | 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 | Rice Viestensen | Elizabeth Quidine | Cristian Bautista

12:30 p.m. Paulette Simon | To St. Jude-Estephan Santos

**Tuesday:** Rudy Eugenio | Aledaño & Dominador Bautista

**Wednesday:** Rudy Eugenio | Elizabeth Quidine | Pauline Sandino

8:00 a.m. | Rudy Eugenio | Elizabeth Quidine | Pauline Sandino

6:00 p.m. | Vigilio & Adoration Alon-Alon

**Thursday:** Michael Edde | Rudy Eugenio

**Friday:** Teodoro Gonzales | Rudy Eugenio

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Please, pray for the sick, especially for:


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**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

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**Movie Night**

**The Two Popes**

March 3, 2020, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

**Eucharistic Ministers**

will meet on March 10, 2020 @6:30 p.m.

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**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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**Stewardship**

As each has received a gift, see 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.

**First Collection - $ 1,962.61**

2nd Collection - Assessment: $ 1,978.58

Electronic Giving January 2020 - $1,329.14

Thank you! ‘The Lord himself be your blessing.’

*This Sunday’s 2nd Collection - Parish Enrichment

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**February 23, 2020**

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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 Apostolic 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 contributions, we are thankful 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.

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**Thank you, organizers, sponsors and guests of our Parish Carnival Crab Feed**

**GRACIAS A LOS ORGANIZADORES Y PATROCINADORES DE NUESTRA CENA DE CANGREJO EN CARNIVAL**

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**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 Parish Office every week. 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 reunándose en grupos pequeños para el proceso de discernimiento **“Rendiciones 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.