

## 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We may feel like we never have enough; enough money, time, love, status or anything else that seems be the focus of our lives. We live lives that are packed with activities, meetings and obligations - keeping our hearts distracted away from our relationship with God, from our families and from others in our lives who need our love.

In these few days before Lent begins, we can begin to prepare our hearts by asking ourselves how we want Lent to be different this year. What do we want to ask the Lord to give us - and more importantly, we can ask *what the Lord wants for us* this Lent. What gift of generosity, love or attention can we share with others in the weeks ahead? How can we focus on the Lenten season and ask that our hearts be opened to what is real - not to the externals which distract us so much? How will I *be* with my family and friends this Lent? What will I do that sets this season apart from my normal routines? How can I name, anticipate and feel the gifts the Lord showers on me with such love in the weeks ahead? And every morning, we can begin by sitting at the side of our beds with our hands open on our laps, asking God to help us receive these gifts with open hearts. We can carry that focus with us throughout the day, remembering in the quiet moments what we are asking for. Always, we end our day simply thanking God for the love and gifts of the day.

**For the first four days of Lent,** it will be a great help to set aside some time, even if it means getting up earlier each morning, to read about what Lent can mean and to let that soak into our hearts. The key is not to be somber or severe in any way, but to know that this is a time of great grace so that we can be attentive to it. The first thing to remember is that these 40 days are a **gift** to us. We are not trying to save ourselves by our Lenten practices. God has already saved us. We are only trying to let God get our attention and to give grace a chance to work in us. These days are critically important for choosing to establish some Lenten patterns. Depending upon our age or health, we will want to do some fasting and abstinence, in regard to food. But, each of us can choose what else we can fast and abstain from during Lent. What practices of mine get in the way of my being open to hearing God's Word and responding freely? That's what needs transforming. Giving up needing to be right, fasting from my impatience, totally abstaining from escapist fantasies will open our hearts to God's grace. None of that takes extra time. It just takes desire. Adding new acts of kindness, gratitude and love each day for family and friends will open our hearts to the greater acts of charity and generosity for the poor.

Finally, Lent is the perfect time to choose to grow in gratitude. Every night, before going to bed, let us be faithful to giving thanks to the Lord who has given us so many blessings and offers us new graces each and every day.

<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Prayer/A2-OT-07-1st-4-days.html>

## Reflection

In our Gospel this weekend, Jesus tells his disciples: "*You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you.....*" Later Jesus says again: "*You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you.....*"

Now there are some people who have suggested and continue to suggest that in these words Jesus was seeking to abolish the law the scribes and Pharisees held so dear. I don't believe this was the case. Rather I think Jesus was calling his disciples to a deeper commitment to the law and an entirely new way of living. Jesus is clear about this at the end of this weekend's Gospel when he said: "*love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.*" These words remind us very forcibly that as followers of Jesus our lives are to be substantially different from those of non-believers. Certainly we don't always do this well, but that does not mean that we can ever stop trying.

Our first reading this weekend is taken from the Book of Leviticus. It shares the theme of the Gospel. Specifically God told Moses to tell the whole Israelite community: "*Take no revenge and cherish no grudge again any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*"

Our second reading this weekend is taken from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. In the section we read this weekend Paul reminds the Corinthians (and us): "*Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?*"

### Questions for Reflection/Discussion:

1. *Why is it so hard at times to love our neighbor?*
2. *What helps you let go of hurt and resentment, and forgive?*
3. *What do you think Paul meant when he said we are Temples of God?*

<https://www.mary.org/blog/202002/thoughts-readings-7th-sunday-ordinary-time-2020#.XlAyrkBfYUk>

## **NUEVAS DIRECTRICES DE LA ARQUIDIÓCESIS**

Por el brote de la influenza y a petición de la **Arquidiócesis de San Juan**, se suspenderá la recepción de la comunión bajo ambas especies hasta nuevo aviso. Las directrices indican que **LA COMUNIÓN SE RECIBA EN LA MANO**. Y que **el saludo de paz se realizará mediante un gesto fraternal, EVITANDO EL DARSE LA MANO O ABRAZO**.

El P. Larry pide que **TODOS LOS FELIGRESES** se comporten con la debido obediencia a estas directrices emitidas por una preocupación por la salud de los feligreses y de los ministros. Además el P. Larry añade:

**SI ESTÁS ENFERMO, ¡NO VENGAS A MISA!** La obligación de ir a misa dominical se suspende en caso de enfermedades contagiosas.

**¡USEMOS NUESTRO SENTIDO COMÚN!**

### **Calendario Breve**

- Rezo del Santo Rosario media hora antes de las dos misas diarias de lunes a sábado.
- Guerreros de la Oración ofrecen una reflexión el primer lunes de mes de 4 a 4:45pm en el Templo.
- La Pastoral de la Salud se reúne el 2do lunes de mes a las 9am en la Terraza Parroquial.
- Estudios Bíblicos: los lunes, a las 7:30pm en la biblioteca de la Academia.
- Círculo de Oración los jueves 7pm en la Capilla.
- El Ministerio del Sagrado Corazón se reúne los primeros viernes de mes para la misa de 8:00am en el Templo.
- La Cofradía de Nuestra Señora del Carmen se reúne el primer sábado de mes a las 7:30am en el Templo.
- La Comunidad de la Misa de las 9:30am invita a su próximo desayuno el segundo domingo de mes al finalizar la Misa .
- La Comunidad de la Misa de las 8:00am invita a su próximo desayuno el tercer domingo de mes al finalizar la Misa.

### **Calendario Breve de Jardines de San Francisco**

- Rezo del Santo Rosario 40 minutos antes de la Misa dominical.
- Reunión de CVX el primer y tercer lunes de mes a las 7:15pm.
- Catequesis de niños todos los miércoles en el Centro de 5 a 6pm.
- Estudios Bíblicos todos los miércoles a las 7:15pm, usando el libro, "Grupos de Jesús" de José Antonio Pagola.
- En **Jardines de San Francisco** se ofrecerá una Misa con la imposición de cenizas el miércoles, 26 de febrero a las 7pm en el **Centro Comunal** .

## **ANUNCIOS PARROQUIALES**

- Este **fin de semana** durante las Misas dominicales tendremos envases con papeles identificando las necesidades del proyecto **"Vietnam Estudia"** y pedimos que tomen uno o más y **el fin de semana que viene** pueden traer su contribución. Agradecemos su contribución.
- Se ofrece **una charla** sobre la **Amazonia por Marita Bosch y el P. Fernando López, SJ** quien lleva mas de 20 años trabajando en la Amazonia, el **martes 25 de febrero a las 7pm** en el **auditorio** del Colegio San Ignacio.
- Habrá una colecta **"Pro Casa Sacerdotal"** en las Misas de Miércoles de Ceniza. En **Jardines de San Francisco** se ofrecerá una Misa a las **7pm** en el **Centro Comunal** .
- La próxima **Movie Night** será el **viernes, 28 DE FEBRERO**. La película será, **Entertaining Angels: The Dorothy Day Story**.
- Durante la Cuaresma, se ofrecerá cuatro tandas de los **Ejercicios Espirituales en la Vida Diaria** de 7-días: Marzo 1-7; 8-14; 15-21; y 22-28. Las reuniones de orientación serán los domingos 1, 8, 15, y 22 de marzo a la 1:30pm.
- Próximo **Taizé** será el miércoles, 4 de marzo a las 7pm.
- La Cofradía de Ntra Señora del Carmen invita a: #1- a una **charla** sobre el **Pecado** por el Padre Fernando Barreto, SJ, el sábado, **7 de marzo a las 9am** en el Templo. #2- a una **peregrinación** al **Santuario de la Divina Providencia** el **jueves, 19 de marzo**, saliendo de nuestra Parroquia a las **11:30 am** para llegar a la celebración de la Santa Misa al mediodía.
- Pongan en su calendario la fecha de la **Cena Pascual Judía** que tendrá lugar el jueves, 2 de abril, justo una semana antes de Jueves, Santo.
- Se ofrece un **retiro de 8 días en silencio** del 21 al 28 de julio 2020 en la Casa Fernando. El recurso es el P. Hermann Rodríguez, SJ. Para mas información, favor de contactar al P. **Flavio Bravo, SJ al fbravosj@gmail.com**
- **Retiro Espiritual en Año Mariano:** Apunte en su calendario el retiro mariano que está preparando el P. Larry a través de Miranda Travels. Entre el 13 y el 30 de julio de este Año Mariano. Habrá una reunión de orientación el 27 de febrero a las 7pm, en Miranda Travel, 809 Ave. Fernández Juncos. Para más información, llame a 787-722-4999.

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### **RECEMOS POR NUESTROS ENFERMOS**

Amaryllis Velilla, Ana Livia Otaño, Gloria Negrón, Lisardo Batán, María Consuelo (Chela) Longo, Sister Rosario CSJ, Nancy y Emmanuel Vega, Jean Oliver, Rafael Martínez, Teresita Colberg, niño Arturo Javier Alonso, Olga De Jesús.

(Favor de informarle a la Oficina Parroquial de los enfermos y de los fallecidos para que podamos anunciarlos en el boletín.)