February 23, 2020 ~ Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.
~ Leviticus 19:2b

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February 23, 2020 ~ Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A
Lv 19:1-2,17-18; Ps 103:1-4,8,10,12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48
Offer no resistance to one who persecutes you (3). Rather, love your neighbor (1) as you love yourself. As the Lord is gracious and merciful (Ps), treat others in the same way, humbling yourself before the Lord (2).

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).

Treasures From Our Tradition
In brushing up for “Catholic Jeopardy,” it might help to know that there is only one feast on the calendar for a thing, rather than a person or mystery. It’s for a chair: Saint Peter’s chair in fact.

After the Resurrection, there can be no doubt that the disciples reserved a special place for Simon Peter in the upper room. Later, Peter became the bishop of Antioch in today’s Syria, the place where we were first called “Christians.” From there, he went to Rome, the center of the Empire, where it is said that Peter sat in a chair in the house of Priscilla and Aquila to instruct his flock. Jesus, in entrusting the keys of the Kingdom to Peter and his successors, entrusted his compassion and mercy to them, and charged them with pointing to the Kingdom of God. Compassion and mercy are to resonate through their teaching.

Since the ancient sign of a teacher is the chair (“disciple” literally means one who sits at the feet of a teacher), Peter’s chair has long been treasured. Today there is a symbolic shrine of Peter’s chair above the main altar of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. This monument is the last work of Bernini, a huge bronze throne supported by four doctors of the Church: Augustine and Ambrose from the Western Church, and Chrysostom and Athanasius from the East. High above it is the alabaster window of the descent of the Holy Spirit.

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Forgiveness
People who cannot forgive others break the bridge over which they must pass if they are to reach heaven; for everyone has a need to be forgiven.
~ George Herbert

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal
The Annual Appeal is critical to our mission in this Archdiocese. Through it, we support school, children, Deacons, Clergy, Chaplaincy programs and many others. Next week all members of our parish family will be invited to support the Appeal. Everyone is asked to prayerfully consider supporting this critical ministry and the people who need and depend on it.

Prayer For Ash Wednesday
Merciful God,
You called us forth from the dust of the earth;
You claimed us for Christ in the waters of baptism.
Look upon us as we enter these Forty Days,
Bearing the mark of ashes,
And bless our journey through the desert of Lent
To the font of rebirth.
May our fasting be hunger for justice;
Our alms, a making of peace;
Our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.
All that we do and pray is in the name of Jesus,
For in his cross you proclaim your love
For ever and ever. Amen.

Please Pray for our Holy Father’s Intention for February
Pope’s Intention: Listen to the Migrants’ Cries. That the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.
Farewell...

Dear Parishioners!

This is a bitter sweet note I am writing to all of you. I started my journey with you here at our beautiful church of St. Patrick all the way back in 2008. The time has come for me to move on and explore the new paths God will guide me to. I would like to say a heartfelt Salamat Po to Father Ed and Father Obet for giving me a chance to serve in this parish. I thank you for welcoming me with generous and kind hearts. Thank you for accepting my many shortcomings as well. You helped me grow in humbly serving the Lord while trying to accommodate your requests, answer your inquiries, rejoice with you in your life celebrations, cry with you in sorrows, hope with you for better days ahead. Working on weekdays and volunteering on weekends among you and with you gave me great joy and pleasure. As I leave, I will bring you along in my heart, remember you in my prayers and thank God for many beautiful friendships we built over the years. Please, you also pray for me. And of course, extend the same warm welcome to the new parish secretary!

Signing off with a grateful heart, Victoria

Patrician Meeting

Join us this Sunday for the monthly Patrician Meeting, a Catholic discussion group sponsored by the Legion of Mary. This month’s topic is...

The Apostolic Succession

Speaker: Alex Manahan
Date – Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.
Place – McKenna Hall, St. Patrick Church

Join us for a lively discussion and share your thoughts and experiences with other Catholics just like you.

Today’s Readings

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

Liturgical and Illness

Please be aware that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill, especially those who suffer from contagious disease. It is a sign of consideration for others that those with flu-like symptoms remain at home. For the convenience of those who are homebound, or unable to attend Mass because of illness or infirmity, Mass is broadcast each Sunday morning at 6:00 AM on Channels 8, 20 (Comcast), KTSF 26.

Martyrdom

Live as though today you may die a martyr’s death.

— Charles de Foucauld

What You Can Do to Stay Healthy

Know the facts. Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.
Take every action to stay healthy.
Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or into your sleeve if you do not have a tissue available.
Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
Wash your hands thoroughly and often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, an alcohol-based hand rub.
Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread that way.
Stay home if you get sick. CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
Get vaccinated. Vaccination is the best protection we have against flu.

Winter Cold and Flu Season

As always, you are reminded to use common good sense in the reception of Holy Communion during the annual cold and flu season.
If you are feeling ill or think you may have been exposed to a virus, you should refrain from partaking of the Blood of Christ from the communal chalice. In the same way, you should refrain from offering your hand to others at the sign of peace. Likewise if you are not comfortable sharing the sign of peace or receiving Holy Communion from the communal chalice for fear of infection, you should feel no pressure to do so.
All of us must be aware of such sensitive matters in the intimate life of the Christian community and we should expect that some will refrain from the sign of peace and the communal chalice out of care for our well being and not out of unkindness or a lack of piety.

Preparation for Lent

Abstinence ~ Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.
Fast ~ Everyone eighteen years of age and older, but under the age of sixty, is also bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal per day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted.

When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. If you are in doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a priest assigned to pastoral ministry or confessor should be consulted. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

Forgiving an Enemy

Who has not forgiven an enemy has not yet tasted one of the most sublime enjoyments of life.

— Johann Kaspar Lavater
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!

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Strong Beliefs

Strong beliefs win strong people and make them stronger.

~ Walter Bagehot

The Cure

The only known cure for fear is faith.

~ Lena K. Sadler
**Schedule of Sacraments**

**Eucharistic Celebrations**
Sundays ~ 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
Family Mass on 2nd Sunday at 12:00 p.m.
Tagalog Mass on 1st Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
Charismatic Mass and Healing Service on 3rd Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday ~ 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. & 5:15 p.m.

**Sacrament of Baptism (infants and children)**
Baptismal Prep Class ~ Every 1st Saturday at 9:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Baptism ~ Every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 10:00 a.m.
Please call the parish office at least two months before the preferred date of Baptism. All Baptisms are scheduled through the parish office and Baptismal classes are required for all first time parents and godparents.

**Sacrament of Marriage**
You must first be a registered and active parishioner for at least six months prior to arranging a marriage at St. Patrick. Arrangements for this celebration must be made at least six months in advance. No date may be reserved without first consulting with the Pastor.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**
Tuesdays and First Fridays ~ 11:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
Saturdays ~ 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**
Please call the Rectory at (415) 421-3730

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**Parish Meeting Schedule**

- Adult Choir
- Altar Servers
- Charismatic Prayer Group
- Forever Young Ministry
- Legion of Mary
- Liturgical Lay Ministers
- Our Lady of Fatima Devotees
- Parish Pastoral Council
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotion
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Young Adult Choir (SPYCO)
  
  Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
  3rd Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
  Sundays, 1:30 p.m.
  Sundays, 10:30 a.m.
  Sundays, 2:00 p.m.
  Last Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
  as announced
  1st Saturday, 2:00 p.m.
  1st Monday, 6:15 p.m.
  1st Friday, 6:00 p.m.
  4th Saturday, 6:30 p.m.
  Fridays, 6:00 p.m.

**Devotions**

- Sacred Heart ~ Every First Friday, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for public adoration from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Our Mother of Perpetual Help ~ Tuesdays after the 12:10 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Masses
- Divine Mercy ~ Daily at 4:45 p.m.
- Santo Niño Devotion ~ 2nd Friday after the 5:15 p.m. Mass

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**Welcome to St. Patrick!!**

Welcome to all of our out-of-town visitors,
Especially the delegates from
The RSA Conference

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**Recognizing Jesus Christ**

Jesus Christ is always waiting to be recognized in migrants and refugees, in displaced persons and in exiles.

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**Mass Intentions for Feb 23 - 29**

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**Pray for your Priests**

**Pope Francis**

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**Saints & Special Observances**

**WEDNESDAY: ASH WEDNESDAY**
**SUNDAY: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Readings for the Week**

- Monday: Jas 1:3-13:18; Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37
- WEDNESDAY: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:115-20; Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
- SUNDAY: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
  - Gn 2:7-9,3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6,12-13,17;
  - Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12,17-19; Mt 4:1-11

**The Heaviest Load**

A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load anyone can carry.

~ Anonymous

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**Ask Wednesday**

Fast and Abstinence

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~ Pope Francis