

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 24, 2019

PASTOR'S CORNER

In today's Gospel taken from the sixth chapter of Luke, Jesus offers a very challenging, seemingly impossible approach to daily life. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak do not withhold even your tunic." It makes one want to say, "Seriously, Lord?" And He doesn't stop there. Jesus adds, "Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."

It seems so unfair! Unless, that is, we look at this way of life from a stewardship point of view. Then, not only does it seem doable (though challenging), it actually makes perfect sense. A steward understands clearly that all he has and all that he is — his very life — is a gift from God given to him from an unfathomable abundance of love. This changes everything! This means "my" cloak, "my" tunic, "my" money and time — all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and His glory.

Does this mean we are to be passive "doormats" to anyone who wants to take advantage of us? Certainly not. Jesus explains this in the next verse of this passage when He says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." As the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, Jesus understands human nature well. He knows that we naturally desire only good and nothing bad for ourselves. And there is nothing wrong with loving oneself since God loves us and has made us in His own image and likeness. Jesus is simply asking that we also approach others, and the sharing of our gifts, with this same attitude. He is giving us a definition here of real love, a steward's love!

In fact, Jesus tells us that anything short of this is not love at all. "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same."

We are made for much higher than that. Jesus says instead, "Love your enemies and do good to them and lend expecting nothing back." That is true greatness in God's view. When we love like that, He promises our "reward in heaven will be great." A stewardship way of life is a life worth living because it is modeled after nothing less than our Most High God.

And if that is still not incentive enough to embrace this way of life, Jesus gives us one more bit of loving motivation. "Give and gifts will be given to you: a good measure, packed together, shaken down and overflowing will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." Our wonderful God and Father simply will not be outdone in love. Be generous with your gifts — with your life — and just watch what He will do!

~catholicsteward.com

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday: Sirach 1:1-10; Mark 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sirach 2:1-11; Mark 9:30-37
Wednesday: Sirach 4:11-19; Mark 9:38-40
Thursday: Sirach 5:1-8; Mark 9:41-50
Friday: Sirach 6:5-17; Mark 10:1-12
Saturday: Sirach 17:1-15; Mark 10:13-16
Sunday: Sirach 27:4-7; Luke 6:39-45

This Week's Program Schedule

Monday, February 25

8:00AM	Mass	Church
8:30AM	Rosary	Church
8:30AM	Bible Study	Lounge
6:00PM	Adoration/Reconciliation	Church

Tuesday, February 26

8:00AM	Mass	Church
8:30AM	Rosary	Church
6:30PM	Charismatic Prayer Group	Lounge
6:30PM	Baptism Class <i>(pre-registration required)</i>	Conf. Rm

Wednesday, February 27

1:00PM	Mass @ CSUS	Bizini Hall, Rm 133
4:00-5:00PM	1 st Session CRE	Church
5:15-6:30PM	2 nd Session CRE	Church
6:45-8:00PM	3 rd Session CRE	Church

Thursday, February 28

Friday, March 1

4:30PM	Mass	Church
6:15PM	Spanish Prayer Group	Conf. Rm

Saturday, March 2

6:15AM	That Man is You!	Church
3:30PM	Reconciliation	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church
6:30PM	CSA Praise and Worship	Church

Sunday, March 3

9:00AM	Mass	Church
9:00AM	Children's Liturgy	Conf. Rm
10:00AM	Hospitality	Lobby
6:00PM	Mass	Church
7:15PM	CSA	Lounge

Something for our Children!

Can you unscramble the following words from today's Gospel?

NEEIESM	EAHT	RYAP
KCHCE	AKLCO	WRDAER

Answers on the next page→

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Give back to the Lord a sacrifice, a share of what the Lord has so generously given to you.

Sunday's Offertory: \$ 7,629.40

God bless you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00PM Saturday, February 23 All Saints Community
9:00AM Sunday, February 24 Mae Chaves†
6:00PM Sunday, February 24 Eduardo Mungcal†
8:00AM Monday, February 25 Diego Angel
8:00AM Tuesday, February 26 Tony Alamo†
4:30PM Friday, March 1 Nathan Joseph Adams†

WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Emelie Youkhana, daughter of Eddie and Melanie Youkhana, is being baptized into the Catholic faith this weekend. **Welcome to the family Emelie!**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION will be for the *Building Fund*. God bless you for your continued support.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY will take place on the Lenten Fridays of March 8, March 22 and April 5. Tickets will be sold after all masses. Meals are \$15.00 and include fish, cabbage crunch salad, baked potato, dinner roll and dessert. Part of the proceeds go to our 2nd Year Confirmation retreat taking place in May. Thank you and God bless you for supporting our Knights.

2019 BMA CAMPAIGN BEGINS THIS WEEKEND: The theme of this year's campaign is "As One, Serving the Lord." Thank you to Geoff Wong for speaking at last weekend's mass. Fr. Bill will talk about the BMA next weekend. Next weekend will be our pledge weekend. Please make checks payable to "Bishop's Ministry Appeal Trust". Our Building Fund will receive 100% of all funds that exceed our parish goal for the Bishops Ministry Appeal. Thank you and God bless you for your continuing generosity.

ALL SAINTS LENTEN MISSION: "*The Treasures of our Catholic Faith*" Join us on **March 18-20** for an amazing few days of faith filled talks presented by Fr. Bob Lombardo, CFR and Director of the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels, Chicago. This is a FREE event for all ages. See the flyers in the lobby and visit our Facebook page and the website for more details on times and topics. Fr. Bob is a sought-after speaker and has given various retreats to parishes and youth groups for nearly 30 years and we are excited to be able to partake in this mission with him.

TEAMS OF OUR LADY INFORMATION MEETING: Teams of Our Lady is a lay movement designed to enrich marriage spirituality and make good marriages better. An information meeting is being held for interested couples on Friday, **March 8** at 7pm in Turlock. During this meeting you will learn about the origin and mission of Teams of Our Lady and how it is helping Catholic couples deepen their relationship with God and each other. There will be a video presentation followed by a Q&A session. If you would like to attend please register by contacting Debbie Martin at debbie.martin51@gmail.com or call 581-6131.



FLOCKNOTE: Stay in touch with All Saints and sign up for Flocknote! To join, text 'ASUP' to 84576. We look forward to connecting with you!

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS: ENEMIES, HATE, PRAY, CHEEK, CLOAK, REWARD. How did you do?

*This week's helpers include ...
Altar Linens ~ Ernie Fleece*

Thank you and God bless you for your unselfish service.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Please pray for our sick community members and friends:

Gustavo Delgadillo	Flynn Hillman	Mary Machado
Anthony Farinha	Jack B. Shaw	Amber Ogden
Greg Crivelli	Tim Grahn	Memo Ramirez
Rita Yonan	Kim Hankal	Hilda Mattos
Danny Thompson	Yvonne Riley	Sue Egbert
Ed H.	Jackie Ferreira	Janet Riley
Valerie Tavares	William Jackson	Sonny R.
Amy Vander Mullen	Pam LeCouve	Hannah Walker
Heather Tavares	Melissa...	Ronald LoBue
Taylor Holt	Isilda Pacheco	Sharon Peters
Robert A. France	Regina Perdomo	Jim Perdomo

Your special prayers for these and others suffering from illness are gratefully appreciated. Thank you and God bless you!

Notify the office if you have anyone you would like to place on our list of persons in need of prayer due to illness. So that space will always be available for your loved ones, names will be kept on our list for three months. (However, your prayer requests can be renewed.)

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CRE)

Wednesday, February 27: CRE will hold a mandatory parent information meeting for the Confirmation classes during the 6:45 class time.

CATHOLIC STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (CSA)

Sunday, February 24: Please join CSA for a Men's and Women's Session in the All Saints lounge at 7:15pm.

Monday, February 25: CSA will have a Rosary on Campus. Meet in the Quad at 10:00am.

Wednesday, February 27: CSA will be having a Bible Study at The Vista at 7pm.

All college students are welcome and encouraged to attend.

RCIA

Any adult wishing to embrace the Catholic faith or any Catholic wishing to be confirmed should contact Michael Fuller by calling the church office at 669-0473.

JOURNEY IN CHRISTIANITY is an organization focusing on Christian renewal through Catholic service. They are sponsoring a weekend retreat on **March 8-10** in Sonora. The Journey experience is an opportunity to share and encounter Christ in each other. The weekend is a great way to jump start or recharge your faith. For further info please go to www.journeyinchristianity.org. You can contact James or Carrie Russell at 209-298-1846 or 209-298-2298.

TIPS FOR TITHING

We are to return a portion of our treasure, time and talent to God as an expression of our thankfulness for all of God's blessings, for all that we have comes from God.

2019-2020 SCHOLARSHIPS: All Saints is offering scholarships to **church members** who are attending or planning to attend any university, community college, or trade school. Application forms are available in the office and on the All Saints University Parish website. Applications will be due on **Friday, April 5, 2019.**

Please note: If you would like to offer a scholarship in your family's name or in the name of a loved one who has passed away, please contact the church office.