

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 19, 2017

Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.

— *Leviticus 19:2b*

DIVINE WISDOM

The Lord's message, through Moses, was to "take no revenge and cherish no grudge . . . love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). We might think, "Great in theory, but not always realistic!"

Then Jesus in today's Gospel goes even further. Take a slap in the face and then turn the other cheek? Treat enemies the same as friends? Again, we're tempted to think that those are nice ideals, but not very practical in the "real world."

Paul echoes Jesus when he tells the Corinthians that what passes for human wisdom is absurdity to God. Divine wisdom casts sunshine on the good and the bad, showers rain on the honest and the dishonest—without distinction. We must examine our wisdom and common sense to see how they compare to the wisdom of God, and make adjustments accordingly.

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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).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$3,566.00	\$2,620.00
Number of Families contributing	167	135
Total Pledge for 2017	\$175,815.00	\$188,514.00
Pledged to Date (7 Weeks)	\$23,295.00	\$25,836.00
Received to Date	\$23,142.00	\$18,447.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$153.00	\$7,389.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$347.00	\$2,390.00

Thirty-eight ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2017 Parish Goal	
Amount Received to Date	\$1,147.00
Amount Outstanding	

Seven people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$50.00	\$3,505.00

Five people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$21.00.

45 **CHILDREN** contributed \$145.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$144.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 190, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 110 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 120.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

On his first day as President, when Abraham Lincoln entered to give his inaugural address, a rich man stood up and said, "Mr. Lincoln, you should not forget that your father used to make shoes for my family." The whole Senate laughed; they thought they had made a fool of Lincoln.

But certain people are made of a totally different mettle. Lincoln looked at the man directly in the eyes and said, "Sir, I know that my father used to make shoes for your family. As he made shoes the way nobody else can, he was a creator. His shoes were not just shoes; he poured his soul into them. As far as I know, nobody has ever complained about my father's shoes. He was a genius, a great creator and I am proud of my father."

The whole Senate was struck dumb. They understood this great man. He was proud because his father did his job so well that not even a single complaint had ever been heard.

Remember:

"No one can hurt you without your consent."

"It is not what happens to us that hurts us."

"It is our response that hurts us."

"Be excellent at your work."

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Eddie Dominic and Shania in thanks to the Infant of Prague, Our Lady Undoer of Knots, St Anthony and the Golden Rose Queen of Ireland for their miracle baby girl;
2. the Family of Nora Dempsey Carroll in loving memory of her on the 10th Anniversary of her death and in loving memory of Mary Carroll Sherlock on the 19th Anniversary of her death;
3. Faro in loving memory of Mary "O'Malley" Carroll on their 55th Wedding Anniversary;
4. the Wife and Family of Pete "Mockhem" Mulholland in loving memory of him on the 1st Anniversary of his death;
5. the Family of Pete George Carroll in loving memory of him on the 40th Anniversary of his death;
6. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

CONGRATULATIONS to Richlie Carroll for making the A-B Honor Roll.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The Church Office will be closed this Monday, February 20th in observance of President's Day.

MASTER'S TABLE The Society of Mary Immaculate Group is scheduled to prepare and serve a hot meal to their guests at the Master's Table in Augusta on Thursday, March 2nd. If you would like to participate in this God rewarding opportunity, please contact Ned's Priscilla.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite and all the angels and saints; a member for a donation in honor of St. Martin De Porres; and to three members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for the *Bishop's Annual Appeal*. Please be generous in this collection.

BIBLE GUIDE

Where is God's Revelation contained?

God's Revelation is contained in the Bible and in Sacred Tradition.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

One woman was bragging to her next door neighbor about her son, a college student at the University of Illinois. "Why, our son is so brilliant, every time we get a letter from him we have to go to the dictionary."

"You're lucky," the neighbor said. "Every time we get a letter from our son in college, we have to go to the bank!"

HAVE FAITH IN GOD

God opens doors that no one can close.

God heals wounds that no doctor ever could.

God commands and the universe obeys,

And when the day arrives that He calls His children home,

Nothing will hold them back not even the grave.

STRAY THOUGHTS

- Our *HOPES* should be like Hair & nails. No matter how many times they get cut, but they never stop growing.
- Sea is common for all... Some take pearls, some take fishes, some come out with wet legs.
- If a drop of water falls on a lake; its identity is lost. If it falls on a Lotus leaf, it shines like a Pearl. Drop is the same; but the company matters.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the soul of Mary Catherine Sherlock.

Tuesday: In loving memory of Big Joe Riley and Pete Deputy Riley on their Birthdays.

Wednesday: In loving memory of Eddie Big Shot and Bibbie Sherlock.

Thursday: In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.

Friday: For Michael Jude O'Hara on his Birthday.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Presidents' Day

Tuesday: St. Peter Damian

Wednesday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle;

Washington's Birthday

Thursday: St. Polycarp

TRUSTING THROUGH THE TEARS

*It may ne'er be known to us while suffering through the pain.
That what, of life's strong lessons, we might therefrom gain.*

*Through the tears we process, looking for a cure;
Will an answer e'er be found of which we can be sure?*

*We pray for strength and courage as we struggle o'er the years;
And somehow we just plod ahead, trusting through the tears.*

READERS

Sat. Feb. 18th, 4:00 P.M.
Christina &
Julie Ann

Sat. Feb. 18th, 7:00 P.M.
Jay &
Apple's Mary Regina

Sun. Feb. 19th, 10:00 A.M.

Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria

Sat. Feb. 25th, 4:00 P.M.
Dominique &
Natalie

Sat. Feb. 25th, 7:00 P.M.
Jay &
Apple's Carolyn

Sun. Feb. 26th, 10:00 A.M.

Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	Ciara
Tuesday	Cathy Lisa Butts
Wednesday	Christina Apple
Thursday	Mary Ashley
Friday	Macy

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	Feb. 18th
Front	Bridget Ann
Left Cup	Winnie Ann

Saturday 7:00 P.M.	Feb. 18th
Front	Jay
Cup	Johnny Jay's Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

Feb. 19th	Feb. 26th
Pete Man's Nora	Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie	Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	Mary Cat
Tuesday	Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday	Ann T.
Thursday	Rose Marie
Friday	Bridget Ann

DO BEFORE

Before you pray – BELIEVE

Before you speak – LISTEN

Before you spend – EARN

Before you write – THINK

Before you quit – TRY

Before you die – LIVE

EVERYBODY IS A GENIUS

Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.

PRAYER CORNER

LORD JESUS

Lord Jesus, open my eyes to the revelation of your healing presence and saving word. Help to walk in the truth and power of your love and not stumble in the darkness of sin and unbelief. Use me to help others find Your healing light and saving presence as well. Amen.