

## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 20, 2022

*Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.*

— *Psalm 103:8*

### LOVE AS GOD LOVES

Our Gospel today continues Jesus' Sermon on the Plain, in which we heard Luke's version of the Beatitudes. This week, Jesus gives us new "commandments," telling us how to live and act in the world as his disciples, rooted in the radical love of God for humanity. It reminds us of his later speech about loving one another as he loves us, in other words with a God-like love, the kind we see in today's psalm about God's mercy. How else could we do as Jesus tells us by loving our enemies, which seems impossible, until we remember that God gave us the example of Jesus, who is like God but also like us? David understands this merciful love when he spares the life of his enemy in the first reading. Finally, Paul tells us that we will become like Jesus if we act as he did, as God does.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading** — We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

**Gospel** — Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38).

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$4,315.00	\$3,231.00
Number of Families contributing	117	100
Total Pledge for 2022	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (7 Weeks)	\$22,727.00	\$23,033.00
Received to Date	\$15,499.00	\$13,096.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$7228.00	\$9,937.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$209.00	\$818.00

Twenty-three ladies made a contribution last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$1,720.00	\$17,130.00

Seventeen people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

### BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$69,865.00

**POOR BOX** totaled \$41.00.

11 **CHILDREN** contributed \$80.00.

**BAA** totaled \$350.00

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In the book "Die Empty" Mr. Tod Henry tells us an incident. In a business meeting the director asked the audience: "Where is the richest land in the world?" A member of the audience answered: "Oil rich Gulf states." Another added: "Diamond mines in Africa."

Then the Director said: "No it is the cemetery. Yes, it is the richest land in the world, because millions of people have departed and they carried many valuable ideas that did not come to light nor benefit others. It is all in the cemetery where they are buried."

Inspired by this incident, Mr. Todd says in his book: "Do not go to your grave and carry inside you the best that you have. Always choose to die empty."

The true meaning of this expression is to die empty of all the goodness that is within you. Deliver it to the world, before you leave. If you have an idea, perform it. If you have knowledge, give it out. If you have a goal, achieve it. Love, share and distribute, do not keep it inside.

**Let's begin to give. Remove and spread every atom of goodness inside us. Start the race...Share knowledge, skill and experience...Spread positivity, love and belongingness.**

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Billy Jude, Mary Rita, Matt, and Jennifer in loving memory of Tommy Jude in loving memory of him on his 28<sup>th</sup> Birthday and the blue rose is in loving memory of Deputy's Mary Ann;
2. the Family of Hambone's Mary Catherine in loving of her on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of her death;
3. the Family of Bessie Riley in loving memory of her on her 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday;
4. St. Edwards' Parish Family in loving memory of Rev. Peter Clarke in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of his death;
5. and a Parish Family member 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.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** The Church Office will be closed this Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> in observance of President's Day and this Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> due to Confirmation.

**TUESDAY MASS** will be at 12:00 Noon each week until further notice.

**THANK YOU** to a parish member for a donation in honor of St. Theresa; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Jude; and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

**GOD BLESS THE CHILDREN** who are going to receive Confirmation this Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Mass will be at 7:00 P.M. The children who have been prepared are:

<i>Alec Carroll</i>	<i>John Keyen Riley</i>
<i>Hayden Carroll</i>	<i>Patrick Lewis Riley</i>
<i>Jace Carroll</i>	<i>Tipton Riley</i>
<i>Jax Carroll</i>	<i>Thomas Kolton Riley</i>
<i>Jersey Carroll</i>	<i>Blaze Michael Sherlock</i>
<i>Joel Carroll</i>	<i>Danica Sherlock</i>
<i>Joel Westin Carroll</i>	<i>Edison Sherlock</i>
<i>John Damon Carroll</i>	<i>Jim Carroll Sherlock</i>
<i>John Sebastian Carroll</i>	<i>Jim Hewitt Sherlock</i>
<i>Johnny Raymond Carroll</i>	<i>Johnny Rouk Sherlock</i>
<i>Pete Halston Carroll</i>	<i>Kendalyn Sherlock</i>
<i>Savannah Carroll</i>	<i>Magnum Sherlock</i>
<i>Tommy Faro Carroll</i>	<i>Maverick Sherlock</i>
<i>Jim William Costello</i>	<i>Saxton Sherlock</i>
<i>Graceland Gorman</i>	<i>Tanner Sherlock</i>
<i>John Branson Gorman</i>	<i>Tatum Sherlock</i>
<i>Thomas Blane Mack</i>	<i>Thomas Paco Sherlock</i>
<i>Thomas Miller Mulholland</i>	<i>Lana Faustina Starnes</i>

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** During a Sunday service, the pastor asked the congregation for their intentions. We heard the usual requests to pray for sick people and the acknowledgements for those who helped when a parishioner died. The somber mood was broken when the last intention was heard.

A woman stood up and said, "My granddaughter turned 16 this week and received her driver's license. Let us pray for us all."

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

*Monday:* St. Peter Damian; Presidents' Day  
*Tuesday:* The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday  
*Wednesday:* St. Polycarp  
*Saturday:* Blessed Virgin Mary

**MASS INTENTIONS**

*Monday:* Funeral.  
*Tuesday:* For the repose of the soul of Mary Carroll Sherlock on the Anniversary of her death.  
*Wednesday:* For the repose of the soul of Tommy Jude O'Hara on his 28<sup>th</sup> Birthday.  
*Thursday:* Confirmation.  
*Friday:* For the repose of the souls of Red Betty McGuire and Huey Gabe Sherlock on their Birthdays.

**HEAVEN'S SPECIAL GIFT**

*A friend is Heaven's special gift,  
 A gift from God above,  
 That certain one who cares for us  
 With unconditional love.*

*Miles often keep us far apart  
 But ties that bind are strong,  
 To know that each one's praying now,  
 Unite two hearts in song.*

*Yet, truer than all other friends,  
 Close as any brother,  
 The Lord will come with comfort sweet  
 When simply there's no other.*

**READERS**

<b>Sat. Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.</b> Cathy Lisa & Reed	<b>Sat. Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.</b> Natalie & Mary Martha
<b>Sun. Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.</b>	Jersey & Bridgette Anna
<b>Sat. Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.</b> Christina & Julie Ann	<b>Sat. Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.</b> Dayna & Leah
<b>Sun. Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.</b>	Jersey & Bridgette Anna

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

Monday	-	Kara
Tuesday	-	Dayna
Wednesday	-	Cathy Lisa
Thursday	-	Natalie
Friday	-	Graclynn

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

Monday	-	Kim Gallon
Tuesday	-	Nora
Wednesday	-	Catherine Ann
Thursday	-	Mary Cat
Friday	-	Rosie Cat

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

<b><u>Saturday 4:00 P.M.</u></b>	<b><u>February 19<sup>th</sup></u></b>
Front	Winnie Ann
Right	Cathy Pole
Left	Catherine Ann
<b><u>Saturday 7:00 P.M.</u></b>	<b><u>February 19<sup>th</sup></u></b>
Right	Rosie Cat
Left	Cathy Jap
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday</u></b>
<b><u>February 20<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>February 27<sup>th</sup></u></b>
Rose Marie	Rose Marie

**WISDOM OF FULTON SHEEN**

*How can one love self without being selfish? How can one love others without losing self? The answer is: By loving both self and neighbor in God. It is His Love that makes us love both self and neighbor rightly.*

**GREATEST TEST OF FAITH**

*The greatest test of faith is when you don't get what you want, but you are still able to say, "Thank you Lord."*

**GOOD RELATIONSHIPS**

*Good relationships are like trees. They demand attention and care in the beginning but once they blossom, they provide us shade in all situations of life.*

**~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~**

**A PRAYER OF HOPE**

Almighty God, I am grateful for Your many blessings and trust in Your ultimate plan for us. Please shine Your light on me and surround me with Your love. Grant me renewed spirit as I face life's challenges, with renewed hope and strength along the way. Amen.