

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 24, 2019

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

— Psalm 103:8

DO NO HARM

We listen quite a while before we get to the “punch line” of the first reading today: even though it would be an easy thing to do, David will not harm the anointed one of the Lord. We, of course, know that Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed one of God, but the Bible uses this term for many different people. It is scripture’s way of indicating who has been chosen by God for a special place and mission in salvation history.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus presents a greatly enlarged list of those who, as children of God, we should not harm, but love instead: our enemies, those who curse us or do us harm, those who owe us money, the ungrateful, the wicked. The point of Jesus’ teaching is not to encourage these kinds of behaviors in others, but rather to form us in the image of our heavenly Father by increasing our opportunities to love unconditionally, expecting no return; to be merciful and forgiving, even when it would be easier not to.

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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	\$3,174.00	\$2,771.00
Number of Families contributing	131	130
Total Pledge for 2019	\$167,031.00	\$163,188.00
Pledged to Date (7 Weeks)	\$23,511.00	\$22,908.00
Received to Date	\$19,523.00	\$16,544.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$3,988.00	\$6,364.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$407.00	\$1,902.00

Thirty-five ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2019
\$314.00	\$6,327.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

Parish Goal	\$165,000.00
Amount Received to Date	\$561.00
Amount Outstanding	\$64,439.00

Twenty-two people made a B.C. contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$7.00.

23 **CHILDREN** contributed \$68.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$41.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 105, 7:00 p.m. Mass was 150 and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 140.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Life is like a journey on a train...with its stations...with changes of routes...and with accidents. At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel on our side. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone.

As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant I.e.: our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of our life. Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we don’t realize that they vacated their seats! Which is very sad, when you think about it.

This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all the passengers...requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: we do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way — love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty — we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey this year on the train of life. Reap success and give lots of love. More importantly, give thanks for the journey! Lastly I thank you for being one of the passengers on my train!

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Gallons in loving memory of Johnny and Catherine Ann Gallon on their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversary;
2. the Wife and Family of Big Joe Riley in loving memory of him on his 64th Birthday;
3. the Family of Pete George Carroll in loving memory of him on the 42nd Anniversary of his death;
4. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for Hody Thomas Mulholland and Katlyn Riley.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Jude; and to two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

MASTER’S TABLE Jaqueline’s Legion Group is scheduled to prepare and serve a hot meal to their guests at the Master’s Table in Augusta Thursday, March 7th. If you would like to participate in this God rewarding opportunity, please contact Jaqueline.

PEACE AND HAPPINESS

**Don’t allow the hurtful actions or judgments
of others harden your heart.**

**Always keep your head up and your feet on the ground,
refuse to let bitterness affect your peace and happiness.**

CHURCH BULLETINS AND BLOOPERS

- **Church Bulletin:** *A new loudspeaker has been installed in the church auditorium. It was given by one of the deacons in honor of his wife.*
- **From a Bulletin:** *The church dinner was like Heaven. Many we expected to see there were absent.*
- **Sign outside a Louisiana church:** *Heaven knows when you were here last.*

WITH GOD

Talk with God,
No breath is lost.
Walk with God,
No strength is lost.
Wait for God,
No time is lost.
Trust in God,
You will never be lost.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

An old man was dying. He sent for his accountant and his lawyer to come and sit by his bed as he died. Jesus had died between two thieves, and that's how he wanted to go, too.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Friday: World Day of Prayer; First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for the sick, St. Joseph and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.
Tuesday: For the repose of the souls of Betty McGuire and Huey Gabe Sherlock on their Birthdays.
Wednesday: For the repose of the soul of Black Pete Sherlock, for the repose of the soul of black Pete's Winnie Ann on her Birthday, and for the repose of the souls of Big Johnny and Winnie Sherlock.
Thursday: For the repose of the soul of Pete Man on the 2nd Anniversary of his death.
Friday: For the repose of the soul of Pat Furp Riley on his Birthday.

THE ROAD AHEAD

**As we grow older and bodies weaker,
We need not fear the road ahead.
Never alone as we journey onward
When faith replaces pangs of dread.**

**Today is the day that each is given;
There will be showers of blessings for you.
God wants you to share with friends you meet
That your source of joy may become theirs too.**

**Sing songs of praise while you have a voice,
Give thanks for the gifts you receive.
Pray for peace in hearts that are troubled;
God gives to all who believe.**

READERS

Sat. Feb. 23rd, 4:00 P.M. Cathy Lisa & Karen	Sat. Feb. 23rd, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Apple's Christina
Sun. Feb. 24th, 10:00 A.M.	Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria
Sat. Mar. 2nd, 4:00 P.M. Ritz & Ivana	Sat. Mar. 2nd, 7:00 P.M. Jay & Apple's Carolyn
Sun. Mar. 3rd, 10:00 A.M.	Jimmy Joseph & Theresa Maria

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Josie
Tuesday	-	Ann Rita
Wednesday	-	Skylar
Thursday	-	Dayna
Friday	-	Pamela

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	February 23rd
Front	Bridget Ann
Left Cup	Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

February 24th	March 3rd
Pete Man's Nora	Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie	Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	Bridget Rita
Tuesday	Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday	Rosie Cat
Thursday	Betty Jo
Friday	P.A.'s Ann Marie

CHURCH COLLECTIONS AND OFFERINGS

- **The collection is a church function in which many take a passing interest.**
- **The way some people give, you would think the church is coin operated.**
- **It's funny how a dollar can look so big when you take it to the church and so small when you take it to the supermarket.**

WITHOUT

Without a dream we **REACH** nothing.
Without love, we **FEEL** nothing.
And without God, we **ARE** nothing.

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

A PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Lord Christ, help us to see what it is that joins us together, not what separates us. For when we see only what it is that makes us different, we too often become aware of what is wrong with others. Even when confronted with evil, Lord, You forgave and sacrificed Yourself rather than sought revenge. Teach us to do the same by power of Your Spirit. Amen.