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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed
 Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment
 Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
 Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
 Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (FEB. 12-13)

Donation	\$3,602.00
Donation Online	\$1,945.00
Maintenance Fund	\$30.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$5,577.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT! COLLECTED \$ 2,562

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CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

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**LENT:
 March 2nd -
 April 15th**



7th Sunday of Ordinary Time - C

Homily by Father Peter Doan

The first reading today (1 Sam 26) is an example of love of enemy, forgiveness, and not seeking revenge. King Saul became jealous of David's achievements and talents, and sought to kill David. Saul personally pursued David instead of sending someone else. David had been in hiding and on the run for a number of years already by the time of the first reading today. During the night, when King Saul and his army were asleep, David entered their camp and stole Saul's spear from beside Saul's head while Saul's bodyguards were in a deep sleep. Then the following morning, David revealed the king's spear which proved that he had been inside King Saul's tent during the night and despite that opportunity to kill Saul, had left him uninjured. Reading the whole story of the David on the run from Saul, reveals much more about how forgiving David was in the reading today. Earlier David received help from the priests at Nob while on the run, and Saul asked his herdsman to kill the priests. He killed eighty-five priests. (1 Sam 22) After that, when Saul was in a cave, David cut off the fringe of Saul's cloak (1 Sam 24). That was the first time David was close enough to kill Saul but Saul still pursued David afterwards. Then we have the incident in the first reading today (1 Sam 26), the second time when David spared Saul's life. Already in David in the first reading today, we see the words of Jesus in the Gospel lived out, "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you."

There are other well-known examples of forgiveness in the Scriptures. The patriarch Joseph in the latter part of the book of Genesis (Gen 37-50) was also the subject of jealousy. His brothers sold him into slavery and he ended up down in Egypt but rose to second in command. During the famine he forgave his brothers when they went down there looking for food. They had been merciless to Joseph and he was merciful to them, and he invited the entire family down to Egypt as guests of Pharaoh.

Turning to the New Testament we see an example of forgiveness in the first martyr Stephen when he prayed for his executioners as he was being stoned, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them" (Acts 7:60). One of those standing by watching was Saul who would be the future St. Paul. It is hard to imagine that Paul was not moved in some way by Stephen's witness during his martyrdom. Did Stephen sow a seed that later blossomed at the apparition of Jesus to Paul on the road to Damascus?

As Stephen died forgiving those stoning him, he was imitating Jesus who prayed for his executioners, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Lk 23:34).

Some inappropriate ideas of forgiveness have not helped and only make forgiveness more difficult. It may not be really helpful to be told "forgive and forget" because while we can forgive we may not necessarily forget, although a healed hurt no longer causes such pain. In certain cases, forgiveness can be a lot of work, and take time to move through various phases. Part of that work is allowing the Lord to shed his healing on the hurt, asking Jesus to walk back in time with you to that hurt and heal you. We read in Hebrews (13:8), "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." Jesus is outside of time. He can go back with you to any painful event and help you change the outcome. Then There will be a new way of relating because of Jesus' vision of transformed relationships which he proposes in the Gospel today, "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you." Forgiveness means managing a bad situation correctly. It is an act of love; loving what may be a wound in the other person which led to inflicting a hurt on you. Extending forgiveness is extending the love of God as Jesus said in the Gospel "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful." It greatly helps this process when we do as Jesus asked in the Gospel today, "pray for those who mistreat you." When we pray for those who mistreat us, not only are we helping them, but also helping ourselves, breaking the cycle of hurt and unforgiveness. When someone hurts us, it is up to us to determine the future. Praying for the one who hurts us starts us on the correct road. Jesus attaches a promise to his request for forgiveness, "you will be children of the Most High." Paul concluded the second reading today also with a promise as he reminded us that in the future we will be transformed, we shall bear the image of the heavenly man Jesus (1 Cor 15:49). Jesus has risen and we look forward to sharing in his resurrection in the future. As we love and forgive and pray for those who mistreat us, already now we begin to live that future transformed life and are now children of the Most High.

MEASURED

“For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”

LUKE 6:38

“Porque con la misma medida con que midan, serán medidos”.

LUCAS 6, 38

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20, 2022

- Sunday:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
- Monday:** Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
- Wednesday:** Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40
- Thursday:** Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50
- Friday:** Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday:** Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16
- Next Sunday:** Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20, 2022

- Sunday:** 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Presidents' Day; St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
- Wednesday:** St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Inspiration for the week

“Love your enemies and do good to them.” We have such a hard time with this teaching! But it doesn't end there. Jesus continues with turning the other cheek when struck, giving to everyone who asks, doing to others as you would have them do to you, being merciful, stopping our judgment of others, forgiving, and giving. We are okay when God does these things but get a little anxious when we realize that God really wants us to do them too! Secular justice and Gospel justice are definitely not the same. We need to remember that we are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian is called to act like Christ even in those situations where a more assertive or defensive response may seem more justifiable. In order to live up to this call we have to leave our resentment and need for retaliation behind, lose our defensiveness and bring into our mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world. We are not here to satisfy or promote our own well-being and agenda. We are here for God's. That's a hard nut to crack especially when it comes to loving and forgiving people who do hurtful and violent things.

Lent 2022

The season of Lent is almost upon us—are we ready? How are we preparing our hearts and lives to enter into these 40 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving?

Ash Wednesday initiates this season in which we are called to be as honest as we are able about the ways we have “left” God and slipped into spiritual mediocrity. “You desire truth in the inward being,” Psalm 51 points out, “Therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.”

As we approach Ash Wednesday in two weeks, take some time to reflect on the place in your life where you feel distant from God. What has distracted you from cultivating your relationship with God more intentionally?

Lent.

A SEASON OF RENEWAL

