

**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).

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00 am	February 25 † Bob Magarrell
Tuesday 8:00 am	February 26 † Mary Whalen
Wednesday 8:00 am 7:00 pm	February 27 Communal Service
Thursday 8:00 am	February 28 † Bob Allen
Friday 8:00 am	March 1 † Philomena Viscarra
Saturday 8:00 am 4:30 pm	March 2 † Francis Cook † Jenny Sant
Sunday 7:30 am 9:30 am	March 3 People of the Parish † Vincent Gagliardo Sr. † Maria and † Giuseppe Mazzaferro
11:30 am	† Simplicio and † Rosalina Castillo

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

For any available Masses listed above please see the priest before Mass with your written intention and stipend.

Sunday Collection February 17, 2019

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,367.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,363.00
Church Project	\$ 754.00

If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if you placed your parishioner/envelope # in the “memo” section of the check.

This helps us input your donation to the offertory data system. **We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers (or not having a Sunday collection envelope.)**



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION BINGO

All parishioners are invited to attend the ICF Champagne Bingo on Sunday, March 10th in Cantwell Hall at 12:00 noon. Parking in school yard. Menu will consist of: Salad, Half Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Bread/Butter, Dessert/Coffee/Tea. The cost is \$25.00 which includes one bingo packet.

Please call:

Mary Perata at 415-239-5936 or
Florence Mangion at 415-468-1764
Deadline for reservations is March 7th
No tickets will be sold at the door.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are still needed to help out on Saturdays with our catechism program for our youth. We meet every Saturday from 9:00 -10:30 am in Cantwell Hall. If you are interested in helping out with our youth, please email Tessie Alano at t_alano@yahoo.com or call 415-601-0310.

A friendly reminder: If you have not sent in your payment for your 2019 Masses please send your payment to the Parish office. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the office. Thank you.

Thank you to the Maltese Society for their donation of \$1000.00 from their recent St. Paul of the Shipwreck Festa.



As in the past, the following regulations are in place for abstaining and fasting during Lent:

Abstinence : Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Fast: Everyone eighteen years of age and older but under the age of sixty is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days, the law of fast allows one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or the ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a priest assigned to pastoral ministry or confessor should be consulted. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

**Ash Wednesday is March 6th
First Sunday of Lent is March 10th**



*Pray for our Beloved Deceased
In your prayers this week, please remember
the repose of the souls of our deceased
parishioners, especially:*

*Joseph John Vella
Tom Occhipinti
Julia Rosales Jr.*

“Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...”