

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 20, 2022

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23. Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13. 1 Corinthians 15:45-49. Luke 6:27-38. .

In the first reading David spares Saul's life. The royal spear is symbolic of a divine power, a sacred object not to be tampered with. God protects the anointed. This theme of a divine shield is echoed in the psalm: God "redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy" (Psalm 103:4).

First Corinthians 15:45-49 describes the risen body of Christ as a model for the spiritual body. The first Adam is the source and model of the natural life, while the risen Christ -- the new Adam -- is the source and model for the spiritual life. Humankind inherited from Adam a mortal and corruptible body; from the glorified Christ the baptized inherit a glorified body.

Luke says that followers of Jesus must love others generously in order to manifest the life of God. This love is to be shown even to one's enemies; Christ's own example of care for the merciless takes the golden rule to new heights. In the Hebrew Scriptures, "mercy" is a divine attribute rarely used to describe human action. When Jesus tells his disciples to be merciful, he is in effect challenging all of us to perfection.

All three readings this weekend speak about mercy -- choosing not to raise the spear, accepting the eternal life won for us by the Lord's dying and rising, and imitating Christ's infinite forgiveness. Christ's light shines in our world when we forgive one another without condition.

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time –February 20, 2022

Believing and Doing Five Things. Jesus, today, continues his preaching from last week. He tells us five things we must do as his followers. Love even those who do not love us. Be merciful as God is merciful. Stop judging other's actions and motives. Forgive in order to be forgiven. Give, give, give. What a list! It makes for a busy week for each of us. And that is the pattern for every week that follows.

- How can my prayer and action be: "Lord, bless those I love and even those I do not love."?
- How will I be merciful? What gifts will I give?
- Whom must I forgive?

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time –February 27, 2022

Sirach 27:4-7; Psalm 92; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45



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Another Wisdom

We all know that you must love your friends, and love those who love you. We know that you can't let people get away with slapping you in the face. We know that when someone takes something away from you, steps must be taken to have the stolen goods returned. We know that when you lend someone something, you expect them to pay it back. We know that criminals are to be judged, and wrongdoers are to be condemned.

Such things are obvious. They are part of the wisdom of the ages that has been passed on to us, and which we are passing on to our children.

But there is another wisdom, that revealed in God's Son and for which we pray in the opening prayer. According to this wisdom, you are to love your enemies, bless those who curse you, give people your other cheek to slap, offer more goods to those who are taking things from you, lend without expecting repayment, and go through life without judging or condemning anyone. This is the wisdom Jesus challenges us with in his sermon.

"Faith in your word is the way to wisdom." How much "faith" are we to put in Jesus' words? Are we to take them literally, or at least very seriously? What would happen if Christians everywhere were to base their lives on such wisdom?

Jesus yielded up his life for us in perfect loving union with the Father's will, and this is the meaning of his life which also gives meaning to our lives as his followers. If we can acknowledge selfishness as folly and self-sacrifice as victory, if we can love enemies, be vulnerable to injustice and, in being so, still say that we have triumphed, then we shall have learned to live in Christ Jesus.

US Bishops, [*To Live in Christ Jesus*](#), 1976:116. –Gerald Darring SLU Sunday Site.

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Schedule of Masses

Sun Feb 20 8:00 am Mass Billie Anderson
Feb 25 6:00 pm Mass
Sun Feb 27 8:00 am Mass Heather McMahan Fred

Birthdays
Feb 25 Vanessa Hopkins
Feb 26 Becky Bowers

Fri

Liturgical Ministers

Feb 20 Lector Greeter EM Servers Ushers
E Garrett B Bowers P Widowski M Palmer *S Widowski, D Zmuda
M Bergmann

Cantor
J Starratt

Feb 27 Lector Greeter EM Servers Ushers
J Nelson X Gruszczyk M Nelson Vol. 8 S Widowski, D Zmuda Sr.

Cantor
Z Garrett

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING Feb 13 2022

Envelope (24) \$1175.00
Loose \$40.00
Masses \$50.00
Messenger (1) \$25.00
Total: \$1290.00
Building & Maint. (13) \$240.00
Total \$240.00

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Feb 20 8:00 am Mass
9:00 am PSR
Feb 24 5:00 pm CPR class
Feb 27 8:00 am Mass
9:00 am PSR
9:00 am Adult Bible Study



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CPR CLASS IS BEING OFFERED THIS THURSDAY, FEB 24 at 5:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$20.00. Class will be about 2-3 hours. Contact Peggy Widowski 618 7712077 for more information if you have not previously signed up for this class.

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICER MEMBERS are: Becky Bowers, Chairperson, Zach Garrett, Vice-Chairperson; Xennia Gruszczyk & Ryan Weeks, secretary duties. Xennia is stepping in for another year to fill a vacancy. Thank you all council members for your services for St. Paul.

JOB OPENING FOR FACILITY CLEANING AT ST. PAUL. Contact Matt Slife at 618 534-6978 for more information.

FOOD DRIVE FOR DAYSTAR IN CAIRO WILL START MARCH 6 THRU EASTER SUNDAY. They appreciate our donations.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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--March 2 Ash Wednesday
--March 3-6 Faith Alive Store operation with St. Paul Volunteers
--March 4 Eucharistic Adoration
--March 5 1st Saturday Mass
Liturgy Committee in Parish Hall
--March 18 Fish Fry
--March 20 CCW meeting.

FREE FEDERAL AND STATE TAX PREPARATION by certified Volunteer IRS preparers will be available every Thursday and Friday mornings at St. Paul parish Hall Feb. 17, 18, 24 and 25. For more information and appointments contact Pat Kalicki at 618 658 1500.

VOCATION CORNER February 20:
“There is a real possibility that I never would have existed outside the womb. My birth mother had scheduled an abortion, but grace intervened, and she placed me for adoption instead. When I first felt the call to the priesthood many years later, it seemed to come out of nowhere. Growing up, I thought about being a baseball player, a doctor, a game show host. But a priest? Never. Now I can see that the Lord was preparing me for this vocation from the very beginning. My parents adopted me and planted the first seeds of faith; the witness of good priests, religious sisters and lay teachers sowed countless more. Jesus drew me into his heart and led me to the seminary. I am humbled and grateful that he has chosen to share his priesthood with me.” Father Ryan Kaup; Diocese of Lincoln, Ne. Columbia Magazine