

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 19, 2023

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

Sometimes our interaction with people becomes more business than charity. We do for others only what they have done for us. If we have been wronged then revenge is sought. It is a challenge to give love without IOUs. Today's readings are a call to act out of love and respect because that is the manner of our God.

The first reading is from a document known as the Holiness Code (Leviticus, Chapters 17-26). The name comes from the repetition of phrases like "You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy" (Leviticus 19:2). The theme of this document is that Israel, as Yahweh's covenant people, is to distinguish itself from all the other nations by reflecting Yahweh's holiness. This means correcting a wayward member when necessary but avoiding grudges and revenge.

The responsorial, Psalm 103, is a psalm of praise and thanksgiving that announces God's goodness to the psalmist and God's ongoing concern for Israel. Compassion is the hallmark of God's covenantal loyalty. The root for "compassion" and "merciful" is the Hebrew word for "womb." Thus it is Mother Yahweh who provides for her children. In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus rejects behavior that is based solely on IOUs. Human legal systems (going to court) and checks and balances (a slap for a slap) are no longer acceptable. Jesus urges renouncing one's right to demand strict claims; he encourages walking the extra mile. Limits on love are not in keeping with the unconditional love of God who sends sun and rain on both the just and the unjust.

At home, on the job, and in our circle of friends we constantly experience the challenge of the Christian life. To show love when love is not returned, to practice justice when everyone else acts dishonestly, and to be compassionate when compassion does not well up automatically -- these are all occasions when the theory is truly tested.

-- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

VOCATION CORNER FEB 19, 2023

"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;*

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6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Schedule of Masses

Sun Feb 19 8:00 am Mass- *Edward Treat*
Wed Feb 22 6:00 pm Mass- *Ash Wednesday*
Fri Feb 24 5:30 pm Mass
Sun Feb 26 8:00 am Mass- *Clement & Helen Kubian*

<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>	
Becky Bowers	2/26
Monica Querrey	2/27

Liturgical Ministers

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Feb 19	X. Gruszczyk	G. Tesina	Z. Garrett	M. Palmer E. Zmuda	* M. McMahan A. Irby

Gift Bearers J. Cecchi Family **Cantor** S. Pobst

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Feb 22	S. Widowski		P. Widowski	Vol	* Matt Slife J. Bergmann

Gift Bearers Alan & Donna Irby **Cantor**

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Feb 26	E. Garett	J. Hacker	M. Nelson	M. Bergmann C. Bergmann	* Joe Nelson J. Nelson

Gift Bearers E. Speletich & C. Johnson **Cantor** J. Starratt

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING Feb 12, 2023

General (21)	\$1685.00
Loose	\$72.00
Dio Collection	\$125.00 (Catholic Service)
	\$30.00 (Messenger)

Total \$1912.00

BUILDING MAINTENANCE (11) \$220.00

Total \$220.00

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

SUN	FEB 19	8am	Mass- <i>Edward Treat</i>
TUE	FEB 21	6pm	Wellness Committee
WED	FEB 22	6pm	Ash Wednesday Mass
FRI	FEB 24	5:30pm	Mass
SUN	FEB 26	8am	Mass- <i>Clement & Helen Kubian</i>
SUN	FEB 26	9am	Last Session Adult Bible Study

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH SUNDAY

Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

KOC & KCLA LENTEN FISH FRY IS BACK

St. Mary Harrisburg Parish Hall. Fridays Feb 24th thru Mar 31st 4:30 PM to 7 PM Dine in or Carry out (no need to phone in orders) **\$12.00 per Dinner Which Includes: Fish, Home Style Potatoes, Hush Puppies, Corn Nuggets, Cole Slaw and Beverages.**

FASTING & ABSTINENCE INFORMATION FOR LENT

1. Abstaining from meat. Everyone is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent from age 14 onwards. This year, at the direction of Bishop McGovern, since the memorial of Saint Patrick falls on Friday, March 17, the obligation to abstain from meat on that Friday is removed.

2. Fasting. Everyone is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. More information about Lenten practices are posted on the church foyer bulletin.

HELP IF YOU CAN

Cairo Daystar Food Pantry begins 2/22- 4/9. Daystar is asking for household supplies such as paper towels, laundry and dish detergents, sponges, toilet paper, etc. **There will be a tub in the entryway.**

CONTRIBUTIONS

2022 Annual Statements are available in the church foyer.

ENVELOPES

Weekly envelopes for February are available. Hopefully our boxed envelopes will be here for March and the rest of the year.

KINGS HOUSE RETREAT ANNOUNCEMENT

Ladies of St. Paul we are participating in a women's silent retreat on April 28th thru the 30th at King's House in Belleville, Illinois if interested call Vickie Anderson at 618-579-3748 ASAP

LOOKING AHEAD

Feb 19	CCW Meeting-Following Mass	9am
Feb 19	St. Mary's Eldorado Mardi Gras	10:30am (after Mass)
Feb 21	Wellness Committee	6pm
Feb 22	Ash Wednesday Mass	6pm
Feb 26	Last Session Adult Bible Study	9am

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****WELLNESS COMMITTEE MEETS TUESDAY 2/21 AT 6PM IN THE PARISH HALL****