

PARISH CALENDAR

Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time

February 24, 2019

O Lord, I trust
in your merciful love!

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| Saturday, February 23 | 5:00 p.m. | Mass |
| Sunday, February 24 | 7:00 a.m. | Mass |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Mass |
| | 10:45 a. m. | Religious Education |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Mass |
| Monday, February 25 | 7:45 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| | 8:00 a. m. | Mass |
| | 9:00-11:00 a.m. | Food Pantry Open |
| Tuesday, February 26 | 7:45 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| | 8:00 a. m. | Mass |
| | 7:00 p. m. | Finance Council Meeting - Kamiano Trailer |
| Wednesday, February 27 | 7:45 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| | 8:00 a. m. | Mass |
| | 9:00-11:00 a.m. | Food Pantry Open |
| Thursday, February 28 | 7:45 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| | 8:00 a. m. | Mass |
| | 5:30 p. m. | Feeding Menu: - Corn Chowder/Sandwich |
| Friday, March 1 | 7:45 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| | 8:00 a. m. | Mass |
| | 9:00-11:00 a.m. | Food Pantry Open |
| Saturday, March 2 | 4:00-4:45 p. m. | Confession |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Mass |

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Sir:27:4-7: Tribulation is the test of the just

1 Cor:15:54-58: Where, O death, is your sting?

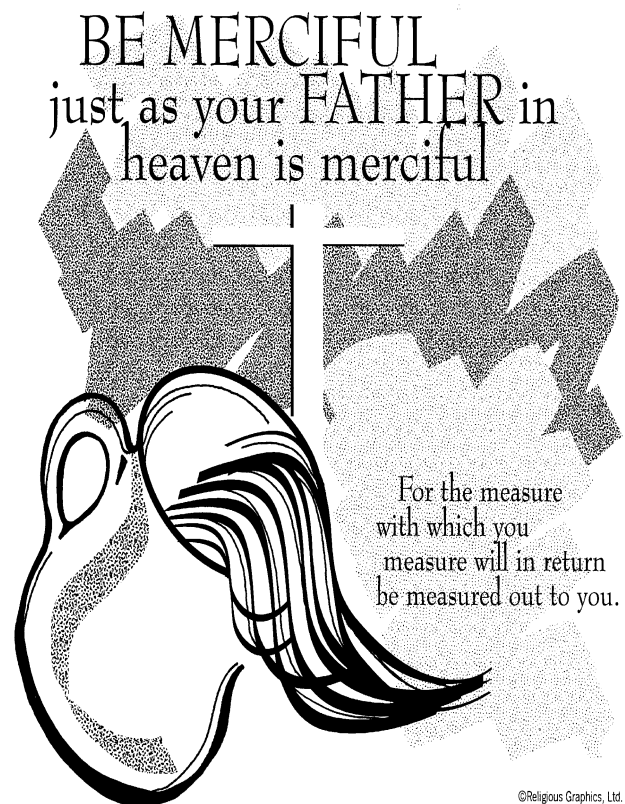
Lk 6:39-45: Remove the beam from your own eye first

Reflection

For all David's flaws—and he had many—his sense of God's presence seemed almost without flaw. We see this later in his life when he enshrines the Ark of the Covenant, God's dwelling among the people, and in his somewhat arrogant dreams of building a temple—a fitting dwelling for God. To understand the import of today's first reading, we need to know that Saul was no friend of David. Rather, Saul was a troubled, vengeful, jealous man. He was, in fact, out to get David. As it falls out, David is given a once-in-a-lifetime chance to end Saul's life. But he does not do this because Saul is God's anointed king. Saul's life belongs to God, not to David. All Israel rightly admires David's ability to honor God's will and way, even at the risk of his own well-being.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues his address to his disciples—ordinary people, keep in mind. He is not talking to philosophers and kings here. He is talking to the likes of you and me. He favors love and compassion over strict justice and personal vengeance. Though one's hands itch to pay back, there is no payback time in Jesus' vocabulary. He asks of us a greatness of heart and generosity of spirit that appear rather daunting. We are called to love enemies, resist revenge, forswear settling accounts. We are asked to enlarge our capacity for generosity to match God's generosity.

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LOVE and you fulfill the whole law

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEASON OF LENT: Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 6th**. Masses will be at 8:00 a. m. & 7:00 p. m. Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, March 12th** for **St. Rita Lenten Reconciliation Service**, also join us each Friday of Lent for Stations of Cross, both Reconciliation and Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00 p. m.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:

Consider enriching your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. /Oahu: May 24- 26, 2019 at St. Anthony Retreat Center /Oahu: August 30-September 1, 2019* at St. Anthony Retreat Center. For more information visit Worldwide Marriage Encounter at www.hawaiiwwme.org.

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE: The Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy is organizing a 3-day conference to be held at the Hawaii Convention Center on **May 24-26, 2019**. The conference theme - "Divine Mercy and the Message of Fatima" will focus on the connection of Divine Mercy to the messages given by Our Lady Fatima in 1917. For more information, please call 389-5764 or visit the www.divinemercyhawaii.org.

WORD OF LIFE: "Abortion affects countless marriages more than many people recognize. But there is no doubt that God will bring great healing to those who trust in his infinite mercy. If a past abortion can be acknowledged and addressed, a married couple can make great strides in experiencing even more fully God's design that 'the two shall become one.'" (Mt 19:5) "Healing within Marriage from an Abortion" USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission."

WEEKLY READINGS

Feb 24 Sun: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sam:26:7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps:103; 1 Cor:1:15:45-49; Lk:6:27-38

Feb 25 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Sir:1:1-10; Ps:93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk:9:14-29

Feb 26 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Sir:2:1-11; Ps:37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk:9:30-37

Feb 27 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Sir:4:11-19; Ps:119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk:9:38-40

Feb 28 Thu: Ordinary Weekday

Sir:5:1-8; Ps: 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Mk:9:41-50

Mar 1 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Sir:6:5-17; Ps 119: 12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk:10:1-12

Mar 2 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Sir:17: 1-15; Ps:103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18; Mk 10:13-16

Acts of God

One wishes that natural disasters would not be designated "acts of God." It would be better and truer just to call them what they plainly are—acts of nature. We can't expect insurance companies to recast their language, but we don't have to agree with their designations, either. We know, after all, that the truer teaching of the Scriptures is that God is here with us in the creation and re-creation and building, in the binding up of wounds and soothing of grief. God's acts are acts of compassion. These are the real "acts of God" that make our life on earth possible, even joyous.

To love your enemies, to do good
to those who hate you
This is what it means to be a
follower of **CHRIST**

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NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

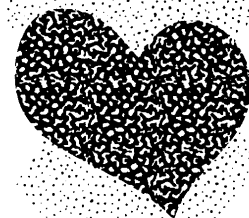
In today's Gospel reading Jesus urges his listeners to "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." He also offers several examples of putting mercy into action. Listeners can then reason their way into how to put the values of the Gospel reflected in these imperatives into practice in other situations. Good stewards look for opportunities to exercise God's mercy toward others. They realize that, in doing so, their own experience of God's mercy not only becomes more profound, but affirms their hope of seeing the Lord face-to-face one day. How have we experienced God's mercy in our lives? How might our thinking, attitudes, words and actions reflect God's mercy on someone else today?

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When we make mistakes or even when we fail willfully and grievously, we tend to excuse ourselves and plead that we are "only human," by which we mean weak and fallible. Jesus knows we are only human. He also asks, in effect, that we try to be like God by imitating God's compassion. He does not command us to take things into our own hands, to even the playing field, to exact an eye for an eye or a tooth for a tooth. The God of Jesus does not keep books. God's business is kindness and mercy, and this is to be our business.

The responsorial psalm readies us for this good news proclaimed today. We sing of a God who pardons, heals, redeems, is slow to anger and rich in kindness. These are the true acts of God. And these are the very acts we are to imitate in our dealings with one another. The compassion and mercy that most perfectly describe God must also describe us. That is Jesus' command to us today: "Be merciful, as your Father is merciful." Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved

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