



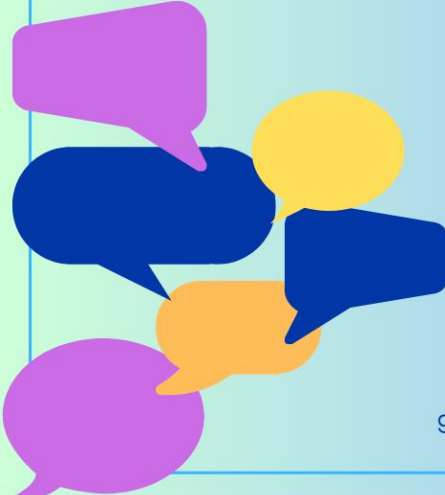
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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

Today's gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, this teaching is addressed to Jesus' disciples. This is in contrast to the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus' words are addressed to both the disciples and to the crowds.

These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.

There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with the [Beatitudes](#). Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. For example, Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teachings of the law and the prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing.

Another point of contrast between Matthew and Luke's presentation is the terminology. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behavior of his followers with the behavior of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behavior desired with the behavior of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy.

In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining.

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Saturday: 9:45 AM & 5:30 PM, or by appointment.

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Entrance Antiphon

Ps 12: 6

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your
salvation. I will sing to the Lord who
has been bountiful with me.

First Reading

1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

In the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? The Lord forbid that I should raise my hand against the Lord's anointed! But now take the spear beside his head and the pitcher of water and let us go away.' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. He called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the
grave, who crowns you with love and
compassion. **R**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our
sins nor repay us according to our
faults. **R**

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his
sons, the Lord has pity on those who
fear him. **R**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even

sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

Communion Antiphon

Ps 9: 2-3

I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O
Most High.

7th Week in Ordinary Time -Year C

Monday 24th of February

Ecclesiasticus 1:1-10, Psalm 92(93):1-2,5, Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday 25th of February

Ecclesiasticus 2:1-11, Psalm 36(37):3-4,18-19,27-28,39-40, Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday 26th of February

Ecclesiasticus 4:12-22, Psalm 118(119):165,168,171-172,174-175, Mark 9:38-40

Thursday 27th of February

Ecclesiasticus 5:1-10, Psalm 1:1-4,6, Mark 9:41-50

Friday 28th of February

Ecclesiasticus 6:5-17, Psalm 118(119):12,16,18,27,34-35, Mark 10:1-12

Saturday 1st of March

Ecclesiasticus 17:1-13, Psalm 102(103):13-18, Mark 10:13-16

Sunday 2nd of March

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

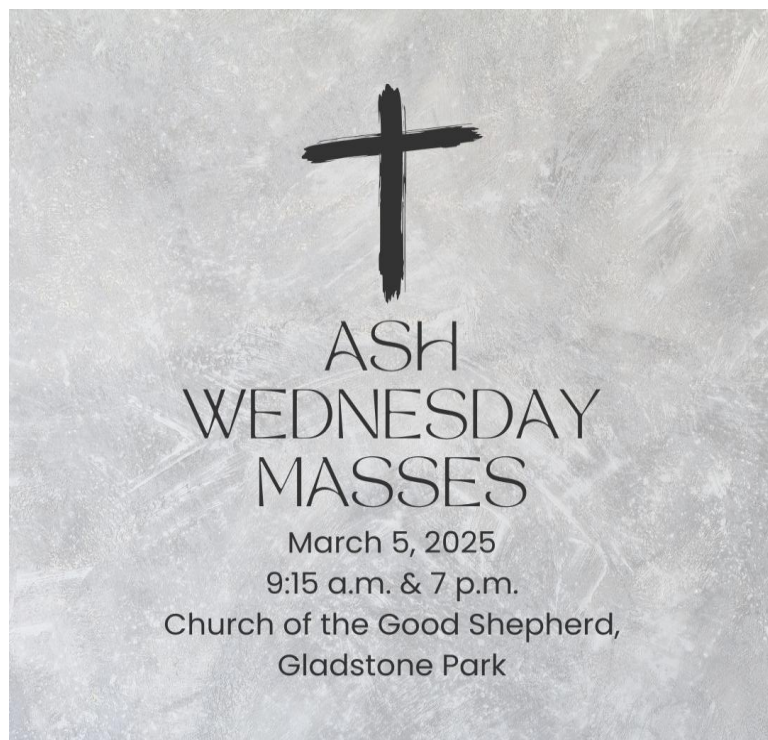
Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8, Psalm 91(92):2-3,13-16, 1 Corinthians 15:54-58, Luke 6:39-45

PRAYER REQUESTS

Those who are ill: Rita Degeorgio, Thomas Parisi, Lorina Connolly, Frank Busuttil, Jan De Keizer, Frank Pereira, Jacob Gatt and Pressy Abdilla.

NOTE: Names for prayers of the sick will be listed for 4 weeks and will then be removed, please call the office to relist.

And for those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially: Domenic Gargano, Andrew Calleja (1st), Lazarus Dias (50th), Ante Marusic (10th), Douglas Blanche, Charlie Calleja (7th), Domenic Gargano, Lizette Pinheiro, Angela Parisi, Marie Donnelly (Ireland), Maria Rose Fernandes, Jose Fernandes Martins & Families.



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In two weeks, we will commence our Offertory Giving Program in our parish community, which will run over a four-week period. Giving generously is a way to deepen our faith and is a vital part of our identity as Christian worshippers. You are encouraged to engage prayerfully with the content presented and provided over this time and we look forward to growing and going deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process.

AN UPDATE ON OUR POPE

On his fourth day in Rome's Gemelli hospital, Pope Francis was without fever and devoted some time to work, the Vatican said.

'The Holy Father continues to be afebrile (without fever) and is continuing the prescribed therapy,' the Vatican's evening bulletin said on 17 February. 'His clinical condition is stationary.' 'This morning, he received the Eucharist and then devoted himself to some work activities and reading texts,' the bulletin said. An official said a staff member from the Vatican Secretariat of State, which coordinates much of the work of the Roman Curia, likely brought the texts to the Pope. All the tests performed to date indicate a complex clinical picture that will require an appropriate hospital stay.

'Pope Francis is touched by the many messages of affection and closeness that he continues to receive in these hours; in particular he wishes to address his thanks to those who are hospitalised at this time, for the affection and love they express through drawings and messages of good wishes; he prays for them and asks that they pray for him,' the official bulletin said.

The Gemelli pediatric oncology and pediatric neurosurgery wards are located on the 10th floor of the hospital next to the suite of rooms reserved for the pope, his aides and his security.

Earlier on 17 February, the Vatican said test results that arrived that morning showed the Pope is suffering from a 'polymicrobial infection of the respiratory tract, which required a further modification of his therapy'. The term *polymicrobial* means multiple pathogens are involved. Doctors had also adjusted the Pope's medication after tests on 15 February.

'All the tests performed to date indicate a complex clinical picture that will require an appropriate hospital stay,' said the bulletin on 17 February. Matteo Bruni, director of the Vatican press office, declined to guess how long the Pope would be hospitalised, but he announced that the Pope's weekly general audience on 19 February was cancelled.

To continue this article, visit:

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Please continue to pray for Pope Francis