

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2017

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; Responsorial Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48



“Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.” —Lev. 19:2

God calls us to be Holy. What can it mean for us to be a holy people? The Lord says to Moses quite plainly that being holy is behaving like the Lord your God.

What’s it like to be holy like God? A being called Love has no room for hatred, vengeance, or bitterness. Holiness does not come from pious acts, but only through our unconditional love of others.

Jesus asks us not only to be holy, but to be perfect. He asks that we measure ourselves not against each other, but against the ideal of love: “You have heard that it was said, *You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.* But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for He makes His sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and unjust...be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthew 5:43-48).

Our readings make it clear that our faith requires that we live radically God’s love. Only then will our actions serve to transform the evil of violence, hatred, and division. Living a life of holiness and faithfulness to the Lord requires nonviolent, courageous, and surprising actions—actions that some consider foolish—yet actions that reveal the holiness of God.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of our 40 days of Lent, is March 1. Please plan to join us for one of our Masses or Liturgy of the Word with Ashes:

7:00 am Mass (English), 12:00 Noon Liturgy of the Word (English), 5:30 pm Mass (English) and 7:00 pm Mass (Spanish).

Lenten Dinners

Our first Lenten Dinner will be Friday, March 3.

We continue to be in need of volunteers to help with this year’s dinners. If you can help one Friday or more, please add your name to the sign-up sheets in the rear of the church. There will be a final planning **meeting on Tuesday, February 21, at 6:00 pm**, in the Parish Hall. You are invited to join us!



2017 Annual Ministries Appeal (AMA) Update

Our Diocesan AMA Appeal “*One Faith, One Family*” continues this weekend. We are very grateful for all of you that have returned your envelopes with a commitment. Presently, our commitments total **\$13,273.**

As was announced last weekend in our Masses, participation in the Annual Ministries Appeal supports the many ministries and programs serving our parish and entire Diocese. AMA envelopes continue to be available in the pews of the Church. Whatever we give beyond our goal of \$10,300 will remain with the parish for our capital building/renovation fund.

Thank you for your support of the 2017 Annual Ministries Appeal. May our Faith, Hope and Charity guide us as loving and faithful disciples of Jesus.

“I express my solidarity with migrants around the world and thank all those who help them: welcoming others means welcoming God in person!” —Pope Francis

“Declaro mi solidaridad con los migrantes en todo el mundo y doy gracias a todos aquellos que los ayudan: ¡dar la bienvenida a los demás significa dar la bienvenida a Dios en persona!

—Papa Francisco



we are one family under God

For more information, please see the USCCB website:

www.justiceforimmigrants.org

Confirmation Candidates and Parents

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

March 4—Class

March 11—Class

March 25—All day MANDATORY retreat

April 1—Seder Class (Students begin after Mass, parents are invited to the dinner at 6:30 pm)

Rehearsal prior to the Confirmation Mass

April 27, 7:00 pm—Confirmation Mass



Marriage Encounter Weekend



“So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”—Encourage the

Holy Spirit to perfect your marriage by taking part in a WorldWide

Marriage Encounter Weekend. The

next two Weekends are scheduled to be

presented on March 3-5 and May 5-7 at St.

Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista. For

more information call Mary Jo and Rich

Costello, at 831-200-3780.

Parish Registration

We are happy to have you with us! If you are new to the parish, or have never registered, please register by using the *Parish Registration Form* on the front page of the bulletin.

Offertory Report 2/12/2017

Plate collection: \$3,303; Building Fund: \$1,040; Hope's Pantry \$30; other: \$576; total deposit: \$4,949. Thank you!

Mass Intentions - Feb. 18-24, 2017

Sat., 4:30 pm	Michele Noonan +Geary Lewis
Sun., 9:00 am	+Barbara and John Woodhead +Dave Olson
Sun., 11:15 am	+Joseph Ortman +Gina and Pat Manion +Lorena Merino
Sun., 5:00 pm	Las Familias de la Parroquia
Wed., 7:00 am	+Carlota and Rodrigo +Verna and Larry
Thur., 7:00 am	+Kathryn Kirk
Fri., 7:00 am	+Gary Ewan

NOTICIAS ESPECIALES

Misa en Español - Cada domingo a las 5:00 pm.

Miércoles de Ceniza - Misa en Español el 1 de marzo a las 7:00 pm.

Registración Parroquial - Favor de usar la forma de registración en la primera pagina del boletín para inscribirse en el registro parroquial.

2017 Campaña Anual de Ministerios (AMA) -

Nuestra Campaña Diocesana *“Una Fe, Una Familia”* continua esta semana. Estamos muy agradecidos a todos ustedes que han regresado sus sobres con un compromiso. Actualmente, el total de nuestros compromisos es \$13,273. Como anunciamos el domingo pasado, la Campaña Anual ayuda a los muchos ministerios y servicios Diocesanos. Sobres de Compromiso están en las bancas. Que nuestra fe, esperanza, y caridad nos guíen como fiel discípulos de Jesús.

Youth Corner



Have you ever been really mad at someone? When we're really angry at—or hate—another person, we often want to get even. Jesus offers us a radically different response: “You have heard it said, an eye for an eye...but I say to you...turn the other cheek.” While we should not ignore wrongdoing, Jesus calls us to respond with love. When you're tempted to seek revenge, respond with kindness instead. Remember Jesus' words and choose the higher path of love.