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February 23, 2020: 7th Sunday Ordinary Time, 2020

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MASSES

Weekdays: Tuesday 5:30 P.M.

Wednesday 7:30 A.M.

Thursday 7:45 A.M.

Friday 7:45 A.M.

Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY MASS 10:00 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Weekdays by Appointment

Saturday 4:30 P.M.

Sunday 9:30 A.M.

BAPTISM: By Appointment

MATRIMONY: Contact the Office 6
months before the celebration

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

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ROSARY & ADORATION: Every

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1

Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

WISDOM OR FOOLISHNESS?

Sometimes the idea of "repentance" can seem old fashioned, naïve,
even foolish. But if you're looking for real foolishness, you'll find it in today's
readings.

We begin with Leviticus and the admonition "Take no revenge and
cherish no grudge" (19:18). We've heard that message before, of course, so we
might forget how far it is from the so-called practical realities of life. St. Paul
warns us about being practical, though. Whoever considers himself wise had
better become a fool, because "the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the
eyes of God" (1 Corinthians 3:19).

This "foolishness" continues in today's Gospel: "Offer no resistance to
one who is evil" (Matthew 5:39). In fact, turn the other cheek when you've been
slapped. Hand over your coat as well as your shirt. Be like God, who sends
sunshine and rain on the bad as well as the good. "Be perfect," Jesus says, "just
as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48).

Lent and Holy Week requirements:

Lenten Abstinence: Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics, 14 years of age or older, on all Fridays during Lent (Code of Canon Law 1249-53). Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ (all adults are bound by the law of fast until the beginning of their sixtieth (60) year). On all the weekdays of Lent, the U. S. Bishops strongly encourage the faithful to participate in Mass and to observe a self-imposed fast. The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening.

Flowers and Music: During Lent, flowers are not to be used to decorate the altar except on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, (March 19th) and the Solemnity of the Annunciation (March 25th). Musical instruments are only played to support the singing with the same exceptions.

Gloria, Gospel Acclamation and Creed: The Gloria is sung/said only on Lenten feasts and solemnities, but not on the Sundays of Lent. The word "alleluia" is not said or sung during Lent. Before the reading of the Gospel, "alleluia" is replaced by one of the four Lenten gospel acclamations. When the Creed is said during the Mass of the Annunciation (March 25th), all genuflect at the words "and by the Holy Spirit, he was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man."

Covering Crosses and Images: Crosses and images should not be covered for the whole of Lent. The appropriate time to cover crosses and statues in purple is before the Saturday Vigil Mass of the Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 29th, 2020 (after the Saturday morning Mass). Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday; other images remain covered until the Easter Vigil.

Holy Water: Removing holy water from fonts during the season of Lent is not permitted. Holy water fountains are emptied after the Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and refilled on Holy Saturday with water blessed at the Easter Vigil.

The Pascal Fast: Fasting and abstinence are required on Good Friday. The fast includes an element of anticipation; therefore, if at all possible, the Good Friday fast should be "prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, as a way of coming to the joys of the Sunday Resurrection with uplifted and welcoming hearts." (Sacrosanctum Concilium 100)

The Easter Vigil: Please remember that no Easter Vigil should begin prior to sunset. Sunset will occur at 7:18 pm C.D.T. on Saturday, April 11, 2020. At least three Old Testament readings, always including Exodus 14, must be read at the Easter Vigil. The former reference is the Sacramentary to reducing the number of Old Testament readings to less than three has been revoked. Nevertheless, all nine readings "must be read whenever it can be done, so that the character of a Vigil which takes place over some duration of time can be observed" (pastoral considerations should be kept in mind).

