February 23rd 2020 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Desk of the Pastor ....

Late one night, a truck driver pulled up to a roadside restaurant for some food and drink and a little relaxation. As he was eating, three tough looking, hard-as-nails motorcyclists roared up to the restaurant and then roared inside and up to the bar. The place grew quiet. One could feel the tension in the cold night air. For some reason they spotted the truck driver and used him as the target for their meanness. One man shook salt and pepper on his head; the other took his piece of apple pie and dropped it on the floor where he crushed it under his boot. The third managed to knock over his coffee causing it to spill on the man’s trousers. The truck driver got up, said nothing, walked to the cashier, paid his bill and made his exit.

“That dude sure isn’t much of a fighter” sneered one of the three motorcyclists. The waiter behind the counter peered out the window onto the dark parking lot and replied, “He’s not much of a driver either. He just ran over three motorcycles.


Jesus reminds us how our ancestors were taught, “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.” He goes beyond the eye and tooth examples:

He outlines new terms of engagement: ‘turning the other cheek, giving our shirt, going the extra mile. These measures are calculated and directed to disarm and dismantle, overcome and conquer villains known as VIOLENCE, HATRED, arrogance, revenge, pride etc.

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ASH WEDNESDAY- MASS SCHEDULE:
February 26: Masses are at 9:00am (English), & 6:30pm (Bilingual: English & Spanish)
Ashes will be distributed at these masses.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
This devotional prayerful exercise will be held in the Church on all Fridays during the season of Lent. All are invited.
• after the 9am Mass in English and
• 6:30pm in Spanish

Complete Lenten Fasting and Abstinence Information for Lent 2020

• Abstinence: Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.
• Fast: Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
• On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
• It is highly recommended that Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed penitential practices.

SCHEDULE OF LENTEN DEVOTIONS & CELEBRATIONS

February
26th Friday, after Ash Wednesday: 9:30 am Stations of the Cross in English;
6:30 pm Spanish - Via Crucis

March
6th First Friday, 1st Week of Lent: 9:30 am: after Mass,
• Stations of the Cross (English)
• Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction.
• 6:30 pm Spanish - Via Crucis

13th Friday, 2nd Week of Lent: 9:30 am Stations of the Cross in English; 6:30 pm Spanish - Via Crucis
20th Friday, 3rd Week of Lent: 9:30 am Stations of the Cross in English; 6:30 pm Spanish - Via Crucis
27th Friday, 4th Week of Lent: 9:30 am Stations of the Cross in English; 6:30 pm Spanish - Via Crucis

April
3rd Friday, 5th Week of Lent: 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross in English & Spanish with Soup Supper
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: We commemorate the glorious entry of Jesus in Jerusalem, Regular weekend Masses’ schedule: Palms will be blessed at the beginning of each Mass.