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### Mass Intentions

Feb 23rd: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

March 1st: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

#### FORGIVENESS

People who cannot forgive others break the bridge over which they must pass if they are to reach heaven; for everyone has a need to be forgiven.

—George Herbert

### Liturgical Ministers

**March 1, 2020**

**Lectors** — Mark Bartel

**Gift Bearers** — Mr & Mrs John Marcinik

**Eucharistic Ministers** — Carmen McDaniel, Sheri Parkinson

**Servers** — Melanie Sadler, Dafne Perez

**Sacristans** — Carmen McDaniel

**Altar Linens** — Lauri Green, Mary Foster

**Ushers** — Men of the Parish

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 23, 2020

Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.  
— *Leviticus 19:2b*

#### FOOLISHNESS

Sometimes the idea of repentance seems 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" (Leviticus 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." Saint Paul warns us about being practical, though. Whoever considers oneself wise had better "become a fool," because "the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God" (1 Corinthians 3:18, 19).

This "foolishness" continues in the Gospel: "Offer no resistance to one who is evil" (Matthew 5:39). In fact, offer 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. "So be perfect," says Jesus, "just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (5:48).

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#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In brushing up for "Catholic Jeopardy," it might help to know that there is only one feast on the calendar for a thing, rather than a person or mystery. It's for a chair: Saint Peter's chair in fact

After the Resurrection, there can be no doubt that the disciples reserved a special place for Simon Peter in the upper room. Later, Peter became the bishop of Antioch in today's Syria, the place where we were first called "Christians." From there, he went to Rome, the center of the Empire, where it is said that Peter sat in a chair in the house of Priscilla and Aquila to instruct his flock. Jesus, in entrusting the keys of the Kingdom to Peter and his successors, entrusted his compassion and mercy to them, and charged them with pointing to the Kingdom of God. Compassion and mercy are to resonate through their teaching.

Since the ancient sign of a teacher is the chair ("disciple" literally means one who sits at the feet of a teacher), Peter's chair has long been treasured. Today there is a symbolic shrine of Peter's chair above the main altar of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. This monument is the last work of Bernini, a huge bronze throne supported by four doctors of the Church: Augustine and Ambrose from the Western Church, and Chrysostom and Athanasius from the East. High above it is the alabaster window of the descent of the Holy Spirit.

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#### Special Collection

Church in Central & Eastern Europe  
February 26h

#### TODAY'S READINGS FOR YEAR A

**First Reading** — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading** — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

**Gospel** — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

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#### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

##### Parishioners

Grant Adams, Joe Bobak, Joyce Franckowiak, Ethel Huffman, Jean Stevens, Bob Storms

##### Relatives

Kelli Blankenship, Thomas Blankenship, Austin Ernst, Emily Ernst, Jackie Donnett, Andrew Grower, Christine Hart and the twin boys Benjamin and Theodore, Nicholas Kirkpatrick, Jenny Moore, Andrew Morlan, Yu Youn Suk

##### Friends

Emma Cupples, Fr Robert Ponticello

#### Coming Events

The Sunday Scripture study group will meet on Friday, February 28th at 10:00.

The office will be closed on Tuesday, February 25th.

Parish Council nominations will be made on Sunday, March 15th. There will be 3 new members elected. Election will be on Sunday, March 29th.

#### WEEKLY OFFERING

<b>February 2nd</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$2100</b>
<b>Actual</b>	<b>\$1112</b>
<b>Bldg.</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Short</b>	<b>\$988</b>

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29  
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37  
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25  
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15  
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32  
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

#### Mass Schedule



**Monday:** 11:30 am  
**Wednesday:** 11:30 am and 7:00 pm  
**Thursday:** 9:00 am  
**Friday:** 11:30 am  
**Vigil on Saturday:** 4:30 pm  
**Sunday:** 9:00 am

Ashes will be distributed during Mass at 11:30 and 7:00 pm.



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Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent and on Good Friday.

Stations of the Cross are each Friday during Lent at 4:00 pm



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#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence