

## 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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### TODAY'S READINGS

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

**Psalms** — 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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## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am	<b>February 24</b> † Anthony "Tony" Falzon
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>February 25</b> † Annie Cruz
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 am 4:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>February 26</b> Ash Wednesday Ash Wednesday Ash Wednesday
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 am	<b>February 27</b> † Tessue Ochoa
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 am	<b>February 28</b> † Julia Guevara
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 am 4:30 pm	<b>February 29</b> † Bob Allen † Filomena Farrugia
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am  9:30 am  11:30 am	<b>March 1</b> People of the Parish † Paterno D. Doromal † Vincent Gagliardo Sr. † Maria and † Giuseppe Mazzaferro † Philomena Viscarra

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

For any available Masses listed above please see the priest before Mass with your written intention and stipend.

### Sunday Collection February 16, 2020

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,131.00</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 1,869.00</b>
<b>Church Project</b>	<b>\$ 827.00</b>

If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if you placed your parishioner/envelope # in the "memo" section of the check. This helps us input your donation to the offertory data system. **We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers (or not having a Sunday collection envelope.)**

Thank you to the St. Elizabeth Maltese Society for their donation of \$2,000.00 from their St. Paul of the Shipwreck Festa.



### Ash Wednesday Is February 26<sup>th</sup>

As in the past, the following regulations are in place for abstaining and fasting during Lent:

**Abstinence:** Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

**Fast:** Everyone eighteen years of age and older but under the age of sixty is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days, the law of fast allows one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or the ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a priest assigned to pastoral ministry or confessor should be consulted. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

### Last Years Palms

Please return your holy palms to the rectory or bring them to church. The collected palms will be burned and the ashes used for the Ash Wednesday service. Since the palms have been blessed and therefore holy objects. They should not be thrown away.

Please Note: Baptisms do not take place during Lent.



*Pray for our Beloved Deceased  
In your prayers this week, please remember  
the repose of the souls of our deceased  
parishioners, especially:*

*Gloria Austria*

*"Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..."*

## 2020 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

Dear Parishioners,

The Archdiocesan Annual Appeal enables the Archdiocese to continue offering many vital ministries, programs, and services to the people of the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

Through the AAA, the over ninety parishes in our Archdiocese unite as one body. Together, we demonstrate our active faith by supporting such critical needs as youth and young adults, parish schools and students, social ministries, ecumenical efforts, and the greater Church. The Appeal is integral to our mission and ministry.

This year's theme is from 1 Peter 4:10, "*Use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's Grace.*" The Archdiocesan Annual Appeal is an important way for each of us to contribute to the work of the Church, and I believe this year's theme captures the essence of our mission as Catholics in this Archdiocese. Through our gifts to the Appeal, we demonstrate our commitment to the works of the Church and the people who benefit.

*On behalf of everyone who needs and depends on the ministries and services of the Archdiocese, I ask you to prayerfully consider supporting the 2020 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.* Our support will help change the lives of those who need and depend on the programs and services of the Archdiocese.

Our parish goal for this year's Annual Appeal is \$48,719.00. Every dollar we raise in excess of our goal comes back to us. In 2019 there was a deficit and the parish had to pay \$3,147.00. We will have an Appeal Weekend (in a few weeks), and when that time arrives, I ask you to prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift.

I thank you for all you do for St. Elizabeth, and I thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. Please join me in prayer for the success of the 2020 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal and everyone who needs and depends on the programs and services it provides.

Rev. Charito Suan  
Pastor