



ANCHORED IN TRUTH ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL ANCLADOS EN LA VERDAD

FEB 19TH, 2023

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

DISCIPLES TOGETHER

Today's readings reflect on our communal identity as disciples. Before we begin Lent together in a few days, we take time to appreciate what God has done by giving us our family of faith. In Leviticus, God tells Moses to "speak to the whole Israelite community" and give them instructions for living in love. Moses passes along the message—to each and every believer—that God's people must strive together for holiness. Saint Paul echoes this message, insisting that we are indeed God's holy children. As temples of the Spirit, we belong to Christ and to one another. This mutual belonging is a blessing and a challenge. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus sets a high bar for Christian community: his followers must love not only those who are easy to love, but also the people who upset us. Together, let us ask God to give us this kind of love.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Ashes

There are three major Biblical traditions concerning ashes: repentance, mourning, and mortality, and they are interrelated. Repeatedly throughout the Bible we encounter the use of ashes (often together with sackcloth) as a penitential practice. A similar practice is seen when someone is in mourning or distress. And ashes are a metaphor for human life, which is seen as brief and destined to end in death:

Ashes are the result of fire, the complete burning of something that was alive. They are ephemeral; the slightest puff of air can send them away into nothingness. It is easy to see how ashes came to symbolize fleeting human life or the humility of repentance.

Ashes can represent other things as well. For example, ashes are often used to fertilize our gardens and fields. Ash is therefore necessary to bring about and nourish life.

We can now begin to see how appropriate a symbol ashes are for the season of Lent. For Lent is not only a time of repentance, of sorrow for our sins. It is a baptismal season of preparation for the new life of our catechumens and of recalling the new life of our own baptism. We start Lent in ashes, and end it in Easter. What will the ashes mean to you this Lent?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself.

(Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

Psalm — Our God shows mercy and graciousness (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).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,

Wednesday: J1 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 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

3 9-40; Mk 9:30-37

Prayer for Family and Friends

Loving God, hear this prayer,

which I offer on behalf of my family and friends.

Keep them safe in your care.

When they are in trouble, be with them.

When they despair, bring them hope.

When they are joyful, help them share their happiness.

Help us all to realize that we are your sons and daughters

and that you love us more than we can imagine. Amen.

MARTYRDOM

Live as though today you may die a martyr's death.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Presidents' Day

Tuesday: St. Peter Damian;

Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence;

Washington's Birthday

Thursday: St. Polycarp

Friday: Abstinence

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent Feb 22nd with the penance service following at 5:30 pm Stations of the cross will on Fridays during Lent at 4:30 pm Father Anthony will be here this Friday .Feb 24th and March 10 ,24 ,and April 7 The Lenten service schedule is at the front . The rice bowls are also at the front

THE HEAVIEST LOAD

A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load anyone can carry.

October 2022 to January 2023

Pledged \$17,200

Amount Paid \$5,200

Catholic Appeal for 2022 -\$5,000

Balance \$200

St Regina received a check for \$50 from the Diocese as part of the 50-50 split.

Feb 26th 2023

Lector Jeff

Servers Calros & Max

Counters Ann & Anita

This is commitment weekend for the Annual Catholic Appeal . Please complete your pledge card ,indicating your gift or pledge.If you do not have a card please fill out a commitment card located at the front of the church. It is important for all to participate in order to support our diocesan church

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Remember In Prayer

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Feb 12, 2023
 Sunday collection
 \$815 .00