

## February 19, 2017

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Psalm: 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

Reading 2: 1 Cor 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48



### FROM THE DESK OF FR. LUDVIK

Welcome! Whether you're just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we're delighted to have you here.

Our parish is a community of diverse believers who are supportive and loving. We encourage you to explore and get to know our community. We hope that you'll find our parish to be your source of your spiritual growth, to put your faith in action, and to use your gifts of time and talent as disciples of Christ. We look forward to answering any questions you may have. Check our website for registration and more information. —Fr. Ludvik

### GOSPEL REFLECTION - Loyola Press

The last two antitheses offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. We should not look at "an eye for an eye" as an inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to limit acts of revenge by making sure the punishment is not excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God's kingdom here on earth.

The other difficult demand of those who are called to the kingdom is to embrace the enemy. There is no command in the Old Testament to hate individuals in a personal or vindictive way. But there is a religious stance that calls one to hate evil and to distance oneself from those who participate in evil. In contrast, Matthew emphasizes that love of God and love of neighbor are the fundamental commands on which all else depend. Because God's love is unconditional, we are to strive to love as God does, though, of course, it is challenging. Is it even possible?

The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word telos, which is probably better translated here as "complete." We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness.

### LENT PREPARATION

Soon we will be starting the Lenten season. March 1st is Ash Wednesday and that we will be having two (2) Masses, 8:30 am and 7 pm, that day. It is that time of the year again where we try to observe acts of penance that we can offer to God as a pleasing sacrifice. If I may suggest, we can try doing charitable works or acts of Mercy to those who are in need aside from the fasting and abstinence that the season requires us to do. We can also participate in the some of the devotions that our church offers like Stations of the Cross that is recited every Friday of Lent or the recitation of the Rosary at the beginning of each Mass. Also try to plan to come to the Soup Suppers to support the poor. I hope and pray that you will engage yourselves in these activities to truly make your Lenten journey more meaningful.

God bless!

Fr. John J. Ludvik

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers.

Vi Marcoe, Fr. Xavier  
Franki Jo Clark, Sonny Gibbson



While Cindy is recovering please send all prayer requests through the office 360-829-6515.

### POPE TWEETS

Let us never place conditions on God! Entrusting ourselves to the Lord means entering into his plans without demanding anything.

### PRESIDENT'S DAY



Have a great weekend! We honor Washington and Lincoln and blend in and honor all 45 presidents.

*Our office will be closed*

### PRESIDENT QUOTES

Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire, called conscience.

-George Washington

You have to do your own growing no matter how tall your grandfather was.

-Abraham Lincoln

If men were angels, no government would be necessary.

-James Madison

Freedom prospers when religion is vibrant and the rule of law under God is acknowledged.

-Ronald Reagan

### QUOTE

"A big part of mercy is simply being with people in their pain and suffering, holding them physically or spiritually, even if there is nothing else you can do for them."

—Matthew Kelly DynamicCatholic.com



### RIDDLE

Two fathers and their two sons go fishing together. They each catch one fish to take home with them. They do not lose any fish, and yet when they arrive at home they only have three fish. How can this be?

*...answer somewhere in the bulletin*

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## Monday – Feb 20 - Presidents' Day

Office will be closed

Rosary 3:00pm

NO Religious Education K- 6th —

NO Youth 7th – 12th/Confirmation Prep —

Adult Faith Formation—Mary Studies 7:00pm

**Tuesday - Feb 21**—St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Mass – Cindy Guillot by Berger Family 8:30am

## Wednesday - Feb 22

Mass – Gene Erzinger by Berger Family 8:30am

Divine Mercy Cenacle 7:00pm

## Thursday - Feb 23

Mass – Sylvia Ewasko by Berger Family 8:30am

Stewardship Committee 9:30am

NO Finance Council —

## Friday - Feb 24

Mass – Park Cover Jr. by T. Cover 8:30am

## Saturday – Feb 25

Confession 3:30pm

Mass + Inez Coyne by T. Koch 5:00pm

## Sunday - Feb 26

Mass at OLOL 8:30am

Mass for parishioners/intentions 10:30am

Spring Fundraiser Breakfast 10a-Noon

### SAINT PETER DAMIAN

Saint **Peter Damian** (Latin: *Petrus Damianus*; Italian: *Pietro* or *Pier Damiani*; c. 1007 – 21 or 22 February 1072 or 1073) was a reforming Benedictine monk and cardinal in the circle of Pope Leo IX. Dante placed him in one of the highest circles of *Paradiso* as a great predecessor of Saint Francis of Assisi and he was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1828. His feast day is February 21. To learn more about this exceptional saint please go to...



[http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=780](http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=780)

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### GOD IS LIKE...

God is like ALLSTATE - You're in good hands with Him.

God is like DELTA - He's ready when you are.

God is like ALKA-SELTZER - Try Him, you'll like Him

### IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 26th – Spring Cemetery Fundraiser Brunch  
 Mar 01st – Ash Wednesday Soup Supper  
 Mar 12th – KC St. Patrick's Day Dinner  
 Apr 16th – Easter

### THE 3-MINUTE RETREAT

Relax and be aware of God's loving presence as you answer his call to be a sign of love in the world. We never know if our labor on behalf of others will bear fruit. Sometimes there are moments that offer glimpses of a possible positive outcome, but often we never know for sure. The virtues of faith, hope, and love give consolation and joy to what we do for others in God's name. We strive to have our words and actions show that God has made a wonderful world for us and desires to be in relationship with us. The outcome cannot be controlled. But we believe that good works done with love will bear fruit in God's time. How patient am I with not being able to control a desired outcome?  
 (Speak to God, using these words or others that come to mind for you.)  
 God, thank you for calling me into relationship with you. Watch over and guide me in faith, hope, and love. Amen  
 -Ginny Kubitz Moyer, author of Random MOMents of Grace (Loyola Press)

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.” Let the Holy Spirit scrutinize and strengthen your marriage by participating in a World Wide Marriage Encounter weekend at the Sheraton Hotel, Bellevue on April 28th-30th. Apply at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org). For more information call 206-772-2344. [www.sacredheartradio.org](http://www.sacredheartradio.org)

### A PRAYER FOR WINTER

We give thanks for the blessing of winter.  
 Season to cherish the heart.  
 To make warmth and quiet for the heart.  
 To make soups and broths for the heart.  
 To cook for the heart and read for the heart.  
 To curl up softly and nestle with the heart.  
 To sleep deeply and gently at one with the heart.  
 To dream with the heart.  
 To spend time with the heart.  
 A long, long time of peace with the heart.  
 We give thanks for the blessing of winter.  
 Season to cherish the heart.  
 Amen.

### FISCAL YEAR REPORTS FOR 02-12-17

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>St. Aloysius</b>			
Weekly Revenue	\$3,985.00	\$2,963.00	\$1,022.00
Fiscal YTD	\$107,817.00	\$97,779.00	\$10,038.92
<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b>			
Weekly Revenue	\$788.00	\$790.00	-\$2.00
Fiscal YTD	\$27,366.40	\$26,070.00	\$1,296.40

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In recent days, following the Trump Administration's Executive Order regarding immigrants and refugees, we have continued to hear a great deal of anxiety from members of our community those who are directly affected by the order, those who want to join in the effort to address problems in our immigration system, and those who have legitimate concerns about the security of our country.

As Pope Francis constantly reminds us, we are called to live Christian charity and to protect and defend the dignity of every human person, especially the poor and most vulnerable. Immigrants and refugees are among the poorest and most vulnerable people in our age, and the Catholic Church in the United States has, for many years, been a source of welcome and solace to those who are displaced. Though many of its features are temporary, we are deeply concerned about the effects of the Executive Order. We have both a right and a duty to protect our borders and our citizens; at the same time, we have a responsibility to come to the aid of those who seek a better life, with their families, in our wonderful country.

As we wrote last month to the Catholic immigrant community in Western Washington, "United with all U.S. Bishops, we will continue to safeguard and maintain the well being of those entrusted to our care. We will continue working with our government to bring about a just and effective solution for all who have fled persecution, violence and poverty in order to build a better life for themselves and their families. The Archdiocese of Seattle will continue to offer its programs and services to assist you in the path to citizenship and to keep all families united."

For many years, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has been at the forefront of working for immigration reform, and that continues to be the case. We encourage you to join in the Bishops' efforts for a just and safe immigration system. To learn what you can do to help, please visit the USCCB's Justice for Immigrants website.

To our sisters and brothers who are particularly anxious at this time, we say again: Remember that our loving Father, who knows all things and has numbered even the hairs on your head, will watch over and protect you and your families. Let your trust in the Lord and our Blessed Mother remain strong, as we continue to pray for one another, for our leaders and our nation.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Most Rev. J. Peter Sartain  
Most Rev. Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S.  
Archbishop of Seattle Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle  
Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle

A: There are just three people.  
A grandfather, his son, and his grandson.

## VALENTINE PUNS



Please, under no circumstances think that I do not realize the following Valentine puns are anything other than painful and torturous. But for those who like that flavor of the genre, here you go, lol! Late but still worth sharing.

What do farmers give their wives on Valentine's Day?  
A hog and kisses!

Why did the pig give his girlfriend a box of candy?  
It was Valenswine's Day!

Do skunks celebrate Valentine's Day?  
Sure, they're very scent-imental!

What did the French chef give his wife for Valentine's Day?  
A hug and a quiche!

Liz: "I can't be your valentine for medical reasons."  
Jon: "Really?"  
Liz: "Yeah, you make me sick!"

What does a man who loves his car do on February 14?  
He gives it a valenshine!

What did Frankenstein say to his girlfriend?  
"Be my Valenstein!"

## ONE RETREAT LEFT FOR FEBRUARY

*The Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at The Palisades*

**Feb 24-26:** Encountering Christ in the Sacraments of Healing- — Men's & Women's Retreat  
Fr. David Mulholland

For more information or to make reservations:  
Phone: (206) 274-3130 Fax: (206) 382-3482  
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## SAINT QUOTE

"You must ask God to give you power to fight against the sin of pride which is your greatest enemy – the root of all that is evil, and the failure of all that is good. For God resists the proud."  
—St. Vincent de Paul

## END OF YEAR TAX STATEMENTS

Tax season is upon us. St. Aloysius and Our Lady of Lourdes parishioners were sent their End of Year Tax Statements last week. Please contact Patty Rumpza in the office if you do not receive one or it is incorrect. Please call 360-829-6515 or email: [office@saint-aloysius-catholic-church.org](mailto:office@saint-aloysius-catholic-church.org)