Our Lady Of Victory

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SUNDAY LITURGY
Saturday at 5:00 P.M.
Sunday at 9:30 A.M.

DAILY MASS
Monday - Friday at 8:00 A.M.

ADORATION - IN THE CHURCH
Wednesdays from 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Last Weekend of the Month
Pre-arrangement Necessary

SACRAMENT OF Penance
Saturday at 4:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Arrangements to be made at least 4 months prior to marriage.

NEW PARISHIONERS
Call Parish Office

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Bulletin Deadline:
Noon Monday
This Sunday, Jesus continues his challenging Sermon on the Mount. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you? Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back." Words like these are challenging! Many of us have grown up in a culture of independence and retaliation against those who harm us. Today's Gospel reminds us that the way of the world is not necessarily the way of the disciple.

In many spiritual texts, saints describe the first stage of the spiritual life as mercenary love of God. That is, we love Him because He "pays" us with graces and good things. Consider for a moment, why do you do the good that you do? Take volunteering, for example. How often do we talk about the good feelings service evokes and how you "get so much more than you give." This is still based on an attitude of return on our investment. Would we volunteer if we knew it was good to do, but we didn't "feel" good afterward? What if the people we helped seemed ungrateful, or if someone at the food pantry stole $20 out of our purse? It can be difficult to love people when we think we might not get anything back. "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?"

As Christians, we are called to imitate God. We follow a God who loves not only His closest friends, but who loves betrayers, deniers, and crucifiers. The Christian walk is one of perseverance and sacrifice. What does your love look like?

(Lpi Resource Center)

**SYNOD SURVEYS ARE DUE BY SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST.** Completed surveys can be placed in the box located on the table at the main entrance of the Church.
PENITENTIAL DISCIPLINES OF LENT

The Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations are as follows:

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. (The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one’s 59th birthday.)
3. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other smaller meatless meals sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

Readings for the Week of February 23rd

Monday: James 3:13-18, Mark 9:14-29
Tuesday: James 4:1-10, Mark 9:30-37
Wednesday: Joel 2:12-18, 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Friday: Isaiah 58:1-9a, Matthew 9:14-15