Queen of Peace Catholic Parish
Parroquia Reina de la Paz

February 23, 2020

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” - Mt 5:44

“Yo, en cambio, les digo: Amen a sus enemigos, hagan el bien a los que los odian y rueguen por los que los persiguen y calumnian”. - Mt 5, 44
Readings for the week of February 23, 2020

**Sunday:** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]/Mt 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 [23a]/Mt 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1

-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf. 3a]/Rom 5:12-19 /Mt 4:1-11

Please check schedules on Page 3 for any temporary changes in weekly scheduling.
This Coming Week

Sunday, February 23
*Coffee & donuts served following the 9:00 am Mass in Scallon Hall*

**Food Collection Sunday for Community Meals**

Tuesday, February 25
- 8:00 am Quilting Club & Social
- 1:00 pm Legion of Mary Mtg.
- 1:30 pm Bible Sharing Meet at Bridges Senior Living
- 4:30-6 pm Community Meals
- 6:30 pm Church Class (Sp)
- 6:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Mtg.

Wednesday, February 26 *Ash Wednesday*
- 12:05 pm Mass & Imposition of Ashes
- 5:30 pm Mass & Imposition of Ashes
- 6:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper
- 7:00 pm Spanish Mass & Imposition of Ashes
- 7:00 pm Evening Prayer for the World

**Thursday, February 27**
- 4:00 pm Jazzin’ for Jesus Choir practice
- 6:30 pm Angels’ Choir practice
- 6:30 pm Learning English Class

**Friday, February 28**
- 6:30 pm Learning English Class
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, February 25**
- 12:05 pm Queen of Peace Parish

**Wednesday, February 26**
- 12:05 pm Jim & Marcie Dunnwald Family
- 5:30 pm +Carroll Strubel
- 7:00 pm +Jose Alberto Mendoza

**Thursday, February 27**
- 12:05 pm +Monica Geerts

**Friday, February 28**
- 12:05 pm +Angelina Quinto

**Saturday, February 29**
- 4:00 pm Special Intentions of Josephine & Linda Navarro & Vickie Ecker

**Sunday, March 1**
- 9:00 am +Michael R. Meaney
- 12:00 pm +Jose Alberto Mendoza
- 4:00 pm Family of Willie & Marcella Breuer

Feb. 23, 2020 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today’s first reading, the Israelites are urged to love their neighbors as themselves. In the Gospel, Jesus spells out how we are to do that—to give generously to those who ask of us and not to turn our backs on those who seek to borrow.

Stewardship Week of

Feb. 15-16, 2020 Total of all Masses English & Spanish:

- Adult $4,764.00
- Loose $1,129.56
- Repairs $15.00
- Endowment Fund $1,145.00
- Total $7,053.56

Gran colecta de metales. Se está planeando una gran colecta de metales tales como cobre, aluminio, acero, hierro fundido, etc. Si usted tiene materiales en su garaje y no los usa, puede donarlos. Más información estaremos dando en los próximos boletines.


Cuaresma. Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo. El próximo miércoles de ceniza, 26 de febrero, comenzará el tiempo fuerte de la Cuaresma. Tendremos Misa a las 12 del mediodía y a las 5:30pm en inglés y a las 7:00pm en español. Así como los Viacrucis todos los viernes a las 7:00pm comenzando desde el viernes 28 de febrero. Asista para vivir esta cuaresma 2020 plenamente. Siganos a nuestra página de facebook Parroquia reina de la Paz. Ahí hay información acerca de nuestra comunidad.

Fruto de Nuestro Trabajo:
Sobres .......................$4,764.00
Efectivo ................. 1,129.56
Reparaciones........... 15.00
Endowment fund.. 1,145.00

Nuestra Santísima Madre Reina de la Paz es Madre del Adviento. Caminemos con ella de la mano para preparar nuestros corazones y recibir a su Hijo en Navidad.

Alma de Cristo, santíficame.
Cuerpo de Cristo, salvéame.
Sangre de Cristo, embriágame.
Agua del costado de Cristo, lávame.
Pasión de Cristo, confórteme. ¡Oh buen Jesús! Óyeme.

Dentro de tus llagas, escóndeme. No permitas que me aparte de ti. Del mal enemigo, defiéndeme. En la hora de mi muerte, llámame. Y mándame ir a ti para que con tus santos te alabe, por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.
**PASTOR’S MESSAGE**

**FR. PIERRE’S REFLECTION OF THE GOSPEL OF THE 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.**

**Big of heart and mind**

We are still in the shadow of the Sermon of Jesus on the Mount. This sermon stands in the Gospel as a kind of manifesto of Jesus program, his mission. Today we hear about Jesus interpreting the law. He wants us to stop thinking of human reality in the simplest way; we tend to chop up reality according to some cultural parameters like: it’s either this or that, period. But our human experience tells us that life is not that black and white. There are a lot of grey areas. Dr. Harry Emerson made the distinction between enforceable and unenforceable obligations. The former are regulated by the codes of society and the vigorous implementation of law-enforcement agencies. But unenforceable obligations are beyond the reach of the laws of society. They concern inner attitudes, genuine person-to-person relations, and expressions of compassion which law books cannot regulate. Such obligations are met by one’s commitment to an inner law, written on the heart. Man-made law assures justice, but a higher law produces love. This is what Jesus wants us to understand today. Judaism thought that by only observing strictly the Torah (the law) they would achieve perfection therefore God, but we all know it doesn’t work that way, we are not that holy and strong without God’s grace. Jesus is telling us human perfection doesn’t lie in the strict observance of a set of cultural parameters and that’s it. There is much more to consider. Today he chooses to reflect on three of the Ten Commandments: justice (killing), adultery and truth. The invitation that lies at the very heart of Jesus’ moral challenge in the Sermon on the Mount is that we have to be big of heart and mind. He invites us to have a virtue deeper than that of the scribes and the Pharisees. FYI the scribes and the Pharisees were virtuous people. They strove hard always to be faithful to all the precepts of their faith and were people who believed in and practiced strict justice. But despite of all of that goodness, according to Jesus they still lacked something important we are invited to: a certain magnanimity or a certain altruism. It is an invitation to have big enough hearts and minds that can rise above being slighted so as to be bigger than a given moment. We are called to something higher; to be bigger than the moment we are caught up within. The world offers comfort but you were made for greatness, don’t forget that. “Go make a difference…” Of course someone who is self-centered and petty of heart will not consider himself held to the same moral and spiritual standard; there are plenty of people like that. We Christians cannot fall into this category, we are better than that.

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That being said, Jesus goes beyond the simple assertion of the law, to examine the deeper impulses. In some way Jesus is saying if we are big enough of heart and mind, the law becomes superfluous. That means the laws and principles are very useful to a certain extent, but much more is expected from us and we can achieve this standard, because we are created in the image of God. May Jesus enable us to live up to our Christian dignity! Our Lady Queen of Peace... pray for us!  - Fr. Pierre

**Parish Update—please pray for:**

Deaths: Harold Walitshek February 10

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Parish Happenings**

**Bereavement Ministry Meeting**

There will be a meeting of the Bereavement Ministers on Wednesday, March 4 at 1:30 pm in the church rectory. If you are interested in joining this ministry, we would be happy to have you attend this meeting. Please call the church office at 319-226-3655 or Marsha Stroh at 319-493-8582.

**Sacrament Preparation for Children**

Children wishing to celebrate First Penance and First Communion participate in a combination of religious instruction (in Catholic school or Religious Education classes) and immediate preparation classes. Parents should contact Julie Niemeyer at 319-234-9912 or jniemeyerr@gmail.com for information. Spanish-speaking parents can contact Rosario Gonzalez at 319-883-8795.

**QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE SEPTEMBER 22 — OCTOBER 1, 2020**

A few of the highlights: Celebrate mass at the world’s ancient cities such as Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Cana, Jericho and many more! Be baptized at the Jordan River Baptismal site. Visit the Wailing Wall, Garden of Gethsemane, Mount of Olives and the Israeli Museum and many more biblical sites!

Trinity Tour Travels is a fully licensed and accredited tour group and ministry that specializes in leading church tours throughout the Holy Land. **Taking reservations now!** Join your fellow parishioners in this once in a lifetime opportunity. For more information please call the church office to request a brochure. 319-226-3655.
Ash Wednesday Services Schedule  
February 26, 2020  
Mass & Imposition of Ashes  
12:05 pm English  
5:30 pm English  
7:00 pm Spanish  
6:30 pm Soup Supper  

**Lenten Schedule at Queen of Peace**  
**Individual Confessions**  
Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 11:30-11:50am  
Saturdays: 3:00-3:30pm  
**Communal Penance**  
Saturday, April 4 at 1:00 pm Queen of Peace Church  
**Stations of the Cross**  
Fridays 7:00 pm  
**Daily Masses During Lent**  
Tuesdays through Friday: 12:05pm  
Wednesdays at 5:30 pm  

**Wednesday Soup Suppers during Lent**  
Soup suppers will be served in Scallon Hall immediately after the 5:30 pm service beginning on Ash Wednesday and continue each Wednesday throughout Lent. Everyone is invited.  

**Community News**  

There will be a Holy Hour for Vocations at St. Mary in Waverly on Monday, March 30 from 7 - 8 pm with a witness talk by a seminarian. Please invite representatives from your parish councils, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters, youth, etc. to attend this holy hour. Please let me know of any questions. Thank you!  

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**NAMI**  

DID YOU KNOW... ...that the Black Hawk County chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness offers a variety of education programs and support groups for adults living with mental illness, their partners, family members and friends? Anyone can attend, regardless of the type of mental illness involved. Find out more online here: [http://bit.do/NAMI-Newsletter](http://bit.do/NAMI-Newsletter) or contact NAMI at 319-235-5263 (email: namibh@qwestoffice.net).  

**Adult Formation**  

**LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY**  
Rise...and Do Not Be Afraid  

- Find a schedule of Ash Wednesday services in the local parishes here: [waterloocatholics.org/ashwednesday](http://waterloocatholics.org/ashwednesday)  
- Find a schedule of other Lenten services and activities in local parishes here: [https://waterloocatholics.org/lenten-services](https://waterloocatholics.org/lenten-services)  
- Find a schedule of opportunities to learn and grow this Lent here: [waterloocatholics.org/lenten-opportunities](http://waterloocatholics.org/lenten-opportunities)  
- Find a guide to common Lenten devotions and customs here: [waterloocatholics.org/lenten-customs](http://waterloocatholics.org/lenten-customs)  
- Find a guide to online Lenten resources for adults and young adults here: [waterloocatholics.org/lenten-customs](http://waterloocatholics.org/lenten-customs)  

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION 101** – Saturday, March 7, March 28, April 4. 9:30-10:30 am. Faith Formation Center, Blessed Sacrament Early Childhood Center. This three-part Lenten series examines various dimensions of spiritual direction: what it is, the importance of holy listening, and the ability to discern movements of the heart. The series is free and open to the public. No registration required. It is not necessary to attend all three. Learn more online at: [https://waterloocatholics.org/spiritual-direction-101](https://waterloocatholics.org/spiritual-direction-101)  
If you’re interested, but unable to join us, contact the Faith Formation Center at 319-233-0498.  

**BUSY CATHOLIC’S ONLINE LENTEN RETREAT** – March 16-22. This year’s online retreat features reflections on the Beatitudes by Pope Francis. Receive a daily scripture reading, the Pope’s reflection and prayer for personal meditation; share your insights and read comments from other participants on our retreat blog. Information at 319-233-0498 and online at [https://waterloocatholics.org/online-lenten-retreat](https://waterloocatholics.org/online-lenten-retreat)  
Register online at: [http://bit.do/online-lent-retreat-20](http://bit.do/online-lent-retreat-20)  

**Learn More**  
More information about opportunities for adults is available online at: [waterloocatholics.org/bulletin-board](http://waterloocatholics.org/bulletin-board).