Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Pursuing A Moral Higher Standard

Sts. Peter and Paul Church **February 17, 2019**

GOOD NEWS!

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus offers a rather radical call to holiness. Many of us have a hard time accepting that we are all called to such levels of morality. Yet, read to whom Jesus is speaking here. The Gospel says his audience is everyone: his apostles, his disciples, and a large number of other people from around the region. The Second Vatican Council offers a reminder when it says, "Fortified by so many and such powerful means of salvation, all the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord, each in his own way, to that perfect holiness whereby the Father himself is perfect" (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [Lumen Gentium], 11).

A key to progress in any personal area is keeping hungry, never being fully satisfied. The same goes for our faith and relationship with our Lord. If our goal is to be comfortable, to follow the path of least resistance, then mediocrity is our goal. Jesus is anything but mediocre. He proposes to us a high moral standard that isn't reached by coasting.

Our souls are hungry by design. They are never fully satisfied in this life because we desire the Infinite—we desire God.

Luckily, our Lord not only proposes a high moral ideal of holiness, but he also gives us his very Spirit so we can reach the heights he proposes. And so we can pray with St. Augustine, "Give me what you command, and command what you will."

— Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection: Do I consider myself a Catholic who is tending and working toward holiness? Would Jesus consider me a Catholic who is tending and working toward holiness?

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Reading I - Jeremiah 17:5-8

These verses in Jeremiah outline two ways of living – only two – there is no middle ground. Those who trust in mere mortals are accursed, but those who trust in the Lord are blessed.

Reading II - 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Judaism emphasized the wholeness of the person – body and soul. That emphasis continued in the Christian church. Paul wants the Corinthian Christians to know that belief in the resurrection – both Christ's resurrection and the general resurrection of believers in the last days – is foundational to the Christian faith.

Reading III - Luke 6:17, 20-26

Surrounded by a vast crowd, Jesus pronounces a series of blessings and a series of woes. He does not tell anyone to do anything. Instead he describes how things are. And how things are, according to Jesus, is the upside-down version of how we usually regard them.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading– 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9, 12-13, 22-23

2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel - Luke 6:27-38

FEBRUARY Prayer Intentions from Pope Francis

Human Trafficking -For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the sick in our Parish

Loranzo Alota
Becky Alota,
Darlene Amoro
Susie Cababa
Avon Czerwinski
Regina Czerwinski
Yuriko Enomoto
Encornita Esteban
Charles Goo
Robert Heisler
Encornita Esteban
Encornita Esteban
Maria Elena Jencks
Jack Jucewicz
Christopher Jucewicz
Richard McCrea Jr.
Edwin C. Munalem
Betty Ann Nault
Judy Orlando
Andrea Pontillas
Ruth Tavares-Toma

We are updating the list of prayer for the sick. Please submit their name so that we might continue to keep them in our prayers. Mahalo for taking the time to fill out the information.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lourdes Paterno Sian who died on November 17, 2018.

Her Funeral Mass was celebrated February 8, 2019 at the Santa Teresita Church in Mangilao, Guam.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

FASTING

- In the diocese in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both Ash Wednesday **(March 6th)** and Good Friday **(April 19th)**
- To *fast* means to consume one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meals (excepting water and medicine) is not permitted on fast days.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

- Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.
- To abstain means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although eggs and milk products are acceptable. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted, though the penitential character of the abstinence should be kept in mind.

EASTER DUTY

- All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept is to be fulfilled during the Easter Season unless it is fulfilled, for a just cause, at some other time during the year. This period is extended to include all the weeks of Lent and the Easter Season up to Trinity Sunday (June 16th)

LENTENT PRACTICES

- The faithful are encouraged during Lent to attend daily Mass, receive Holy Communion, participate in penance services, and receive sacramental absolution; to take part in public and private exercises of piety, give generously to works of religion and charity, perform acts of kindness toward the sick, aged, and the poor; to practice voluntary self -denial, especially regarding food, drink, and worldly amusements; and to pray fore fervently, particularly for the intentions of the Holy Father.
- Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls this year on March 6th. Ashes are to be blessed as a sign of our entry into the season of conversion, repentance, and reconciliation. Ashes are to be blessed by a bishop, priest, or deacon. Others may be associated with the clergy in the distribution of ashes.
- Funeral Masses may not be celebrated on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday, nor on the Sundays of Lent. When pastoral reasons require that a funeral be celebrated on these days, only a Funeral Outside of Mass may be held.
- To afford the faithful opportunities to participate in Lenten prayer services, pastors are encouraged to have such prayer services at least twice a week, including the Way of the Cross on Fridays, Exposition and Benediction, Evening Prayer, and evening Masses. A homily or instruction should be included.

BLESSING OF THE OILS AND CONSECRATION OF THE CHRISM

On Oahu, the blessing of the Sacred Oils will be during the **Chrism Mass on Thursday, April 4th at 7 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Honolulu**

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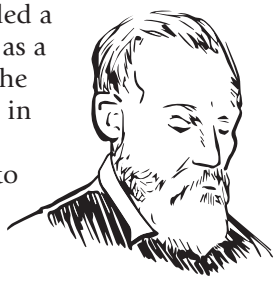
Thoughtful Moments

St. Jerome Emiliani



St. Jerome led a wayward life as a soldier until he was captured in battle and turned back to God. After a miraculous escape, he returned to Venice and studied for the priesthood. After being ordained, he began working for the poor. He was especially devoted to caring for orphans—victims of a recent war. To help, he and some companions founded the Clerks Regulars of Somascha. He is the patron saint of orphanages and abandoned children.

Through the eyes of a child

Let a child's wonder about the mysteries of God's love awaken your own sense of excitement. In connecting with your children, you may find you are reconnecting with the child in yourself.

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might" (Deuteronomy 6:4).

Share what you love about being Catholic

We choose to be Catholic because we know joyful practice helps us to become the people God wants us to be. A good way to help children find the same joy in our Faith is to share what we love about it ourselves:

"My grandmother prayed the Rosary every day of her life," said Lisa. "When I was old enough, she gave me my own Rosary and taught me how to pray it. This prayer has helped me through many tough times in my life and I pray it often with my own children."

"I enjoy celebrating the seasons of the liturgical year and marking the milestones of our Faith," said Chris. "My children love changing the colors of our displays, singing seasonal hymns, and learning the stories of saints from long ago."

"I fell away from the Church when I was in college," said Erica. "Then I started dating a man who was a devout Catholic and I went to Mass a few times with him. We fell in love and he asked that I go to Confession so we could receive Communion together. I did it for him, but felt such a thrill when I heard the words of absolution and realized that Jesus really did forgive me. Now we tell our children that Confession brought us together."

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics choose godparents for baptism?

In the early Church, most people who were baptized were adults converting to Christianity. Because of the persecution, sponsors would confirm the integrity of potential converts, called catechumens, to make sure they weren't spies. They would also instruct the catechumens. When infant baptism became more common, sponsors would make the Profession of Faith for the infants and be responsible for raising them in the Faith if the parents were unable to. This is when the name "godfather/godmother" came into use.

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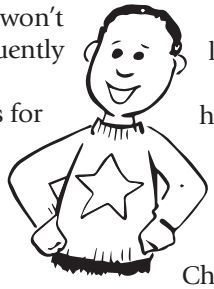
What gifts will you offer your child?

All loving parents want to give their children gifts. Unfortunately, we know that the gifts we can give won't bring lasting happiness. Instead, we can pray frequently and fervently for gifts that will. Consider making petitions for these gifts a part of your daily prayers for your children:



Wisdom. Ask that your child be inspired to avoid poor choices and have the wisdom to lead a Gospel-centered life.

Courage. Fortify him to stand for justice and speak out against bigotry, unfairness, and cruelty.

Strength. Pray that as she grows she will withstand negative peer pressure.

Compassion. Help him follow Jesus' commandment to love one another.

Discernment. Endow them with the skills to select healthy friendships.

Independence. Ask that children care less about what others think of them and be more interested in pleasing God.

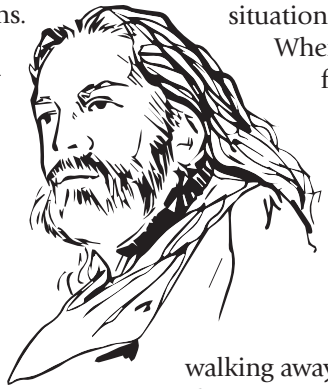
Faith. Give them faith in God, belief in the teachings of Christ, Scripture, and of the Catholic Church. These are the foundation for a healthy life and eternal salvation.

These gifts will make us happy forever.

Scripture LESSON

Luke 6:27-38; Loving like God

This Gospel passage is all about Christ-like conduct with difficult people or situations. Jesus tells us to "love your enemies...forgive." It's easy to love our friends, but nearly impossible to love those who treat us badly.



Love is acting for the other's good; it's not (just) a feeling. We know our love is authentic when we can pray for our enemies, do a favor for someone who can't repay us, repay an insult with kindness, or return violence with non-violent resistance.

Forgiving others means we stop accusing them in our hearts. It's choosing not to prolong a bad situation by hoping for revenge. When we forgive, it sets us free—free to move on with our life.

What can a parent do? Tell children that truly following Christ means doing the right thing even if it's difficult or unpopular. Not taking reckless dares, walking away from a fight, and choosing not to "get even" aren't signs of weakness, but require real strength of character. The surest sign of being God's children is if we love others the way he does.

Feasts & Celebrations

Feb. 2 – The Presentation of the Lord. In accordance with the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple to make the required offering forty days after his birth, and Simeon praised God for revealing the long-awaited Savior.

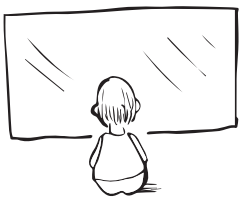
Feb. 21 – St. Peter Damian (1072). Childhood deprivation may have created a desire for an austere life. St. Peter Damian became a disciplined monk but was called to serve as a bishop for many years and served as advisor to seven popes. He retired to monastic life and died in the care of his brother monks.

Feb. 25 – St. Caesarius of Nazianzus (369). Brother of St. Gregory of Nazianzus, St. Caesarius served as physician to the emperor Julian the Apostate. Julian tried to convince St. Caesarius to renounce his faith, but the saint refused and later resigned his post. After surviving a terrible earthquake in Nicaea, he decided to be formally baptized (most people back then delayed baptism until later). He died soon after.

Parent TALK

Limiting the TV time

I was becoming concerned that my children were spending too much time in front of screens. Most of their conversations revolved around movies and television shows. They wouldn't miss their favorite programs but they were missing hours of their lives.



My concerns were confirmed one night when we lost power for a few hours during a long thunderstorm. No television, no computers, no iPads. The girls grew bored, cranky, and restless. Finally, I lit candles and pulled out board games. We played Dominoes, Monopoly, Trivial Pursuit. The power came back, but Kara and Dad were tied and wanted to play to the finish.

After that night, I realized we needed to make a change. In order to earn screen time, the children had to spend time reading, playing outside or doing chores. Since then, they have found other ways to have fun and don't need their devices nearly as much.

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STEWARDSHIP

TIME – TALENT – TREASURE

TREASURE

Mahalo for your generous contributions and Faithful Stewardship.

The Collection for ***February 9-10*** is as follows:
$14,114.77

Envelopes & Loose Collections	$7,792.88
Mass Intentions	365.00
Electric Votive & Candles	646.45
Total:	**$8,804.33**

ENVELOPES

IDENTIFIABLE	**43%**
UNIDENTIFIABLE	**57%**

Building Fund	$38.00
Outreach	20.00
Donation	1,710.08
Augustine Ed. Fund	2,058.36
Altar Flowers	200.00
Total:	**$4,026.44**

Special Collections:

Solemnity of Mary	20.00
Latin American Mission	6.00
Black & Indian Mission	6.00
50th Anniversary	906.00
Stained Glass	344.00
Catholic Charities	2.00
Total:	**$1,284.00**

SECOND COLLECTION

Building For The Future

This month's Building Fund Collection will be on the weekend of February 24—25. the Kitchen renovation materials are delivered and installation will begin soon. Our Building Fund at work!

OPERATION RICE BOWL

is right around the corner. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. We will be including stories of people and places who are helped by your Lenten sacrifices and prayers.

This Week's Events February 17 –February 23, 2019

M – Main Church, U–Upstairs Parish Conference Room,
R – Reception room, B - Blue room, G - Green Room,
C – Courtyard

Sunday — **February 17**
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:15 am —Rosary (M)
8:15 am — Youth choir practice (B)

Monday — **February 18**
President's Day, Holiday, Office closed

6:30 pm – Charismatic Prayer Group (M)

Tuesday — **February 19**

6:10 am – Rosary (M)
11:15 am – Rosary (M)
7:00 pm – Centering Prayer (M)

Wednesday — **February 20**

6:10 am – Rosary (M)
7:30 am – Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help (M)
11:15 am – Rosary (M)
1:00 pm – Legion of Mary, Queen of Peace (R)
6:00 pm – RCIA (B)
7:00 pm – Scripture Study (B)

Thursday — **February 21**
St. Peter Damian, Bishop

6:10 am – Rosary (M)
11:15 am – Rosary (M)
5:15 & 6:00 pm – Choir Practice (M)

Friday — **February 22**
The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

6:10 am – Rosary (M)
7:40 am - Eucharistic Adoration/Sacred Heart Devotion
10:00 – 11:30 am Confession and Spiritual Direction
10:45 am – Divine Mercy Devotion & Chaplet
11:15 am—International Rosary
11:45 am—Benediction

Saturday — **February 23**
St. Polycarp, Martyr

11:15 am – Rosary
3:30 – 4:30 pm – Confessions (M)

We will need your blessed palms from last year for Ash Wednesday (March 6). Please bring them in beginning next week and place them in the marked baskets. Mahalo nui loa.

50th Anniversary

Mahalo to our volunteers and to the Anniversary committee for the delicious malasadas and baked goods last week.

The funds raised will finance the projects to prepare the church for her 50th Anniversary.

We are looking for creative minds who can interview, organize and write for the church 50th Anniversary book and video.

Please contact the office at 941-0675.

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

May 24 - 26, 2019

Theme:

Divine Mercy and the Message of Fatima

Register yourself now and invite your families, friends, prayer group members, ministry members, neighbors and co-workers to the **DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE**

Theme: Divine Mercy and the Message of Fatima

Dates: May 24 – 26, 2019
(Friday – Sunday)

Location:
Hawaii Convention Center, Honolulu, Oahu

Keynote speaker: *Archbishop Bernadito Auza, Apostolic Nuncio, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the Untied Nations*
Featured Speaker: *Fr. Donald Calloway, Marians of the Immaculate Conception*
Speakers: *Fr. Mark Wheelan, Mr. Eric Mahl Mrs. Judy Studer, Prof. Americo Lope-Ortiz*

Due to limited seats, one-day registration will not be allowed. Seats will be reserved only for participants attending 2 or 3-day conference (same price) $75 for Adult and $65 for Youth (age 17 and under)
Call for more information: (808) 389-5764 or www.divinemercyhawaii.org/register

Hidden Blessings

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us that people who are poor, hungry, or sad are blessed! Do they sound blessed to you?

Bad things that happen to us have hidden blessings in them. If you are poor then your family and friends are more important to you than money and things. If you are hungry then you appreciate food more. If you are sad then sometimes it's easier to remember to pray.

But things that seem bad have another hidden blessing in them- when you are suffering, you can give your sadness or hurt to Jesus. Tell Him you are offering it up along with Him on the cross. He will give you grace to make your soul stronger. You can offer things up for other people too, and God will use your gift to help them!

Next time you feel unhappy about something, try to find the hidden blessing!

Answers to Cross-Word puzzle
Across: 3 who 5 trusts 8 cursed 10 year 11 that 13 barren 14 but 17 beings 19 roots 21 heat
Down: 1 groots 2 is 4 has 6 stream 7 human 9 distress 11 tree 12 he 14 beside 15 Lord 16 from 17 bush 18 in 20 it

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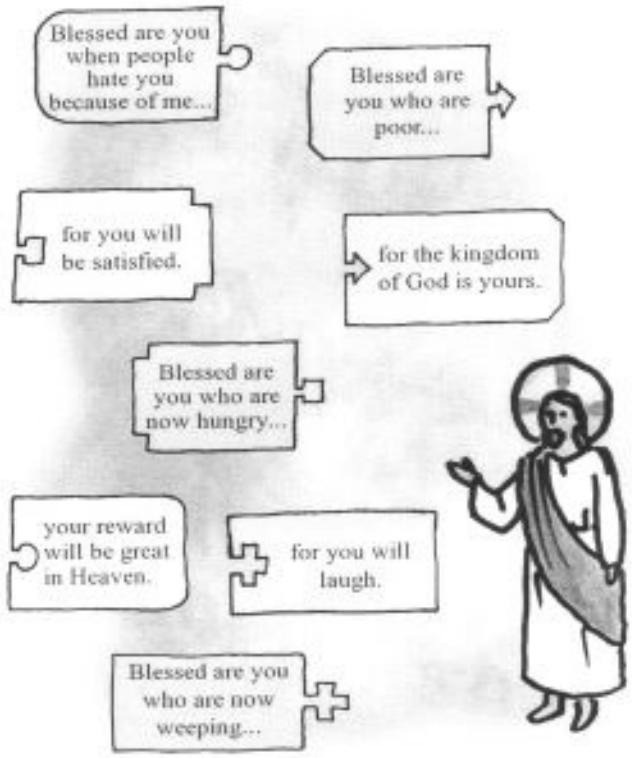
Can you match up the pieces in this puzzle?