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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (piano & cantor)

Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays	8:30 a.m. Spanish (Mon-Fri.)	12:10 p.m. English (Mon-Fri)
	7:45 a.m. Vietnamese (Thu & Sat)	

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday 4:00-5:00 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

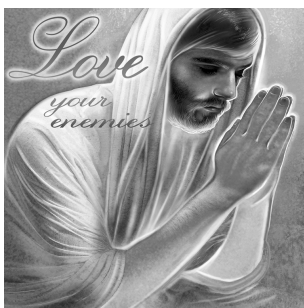
PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon open (12 pm - 1 pm closed)
1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. open (5 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed) 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open
SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FOOLISHNESS



Sometimes the idea of repentance seems old-fashioned, naïve, even foolish. But if you're looking for real foolishness, you'll find it in today's readings.

We begin with Leviticus and the admonition, "Take no revenge and cherish no grudge" (Leviticus 19:18). We've heard that message before, of course, so we might forget how far it is from the so-called "practical realities of life." Saint Paul warns us about being practical, though. Whoever considers oneself wise had better "become a fool," because "the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God" (1 Corinthians 3:18, 19).

This "foolishness" continues in the Gospel: "Offer no resistance to one who is evil" (Matthew 5:39). In fact, offer the other cheek when you've been slapped. Hand over your coat as well as your shirt. Be like God, who sends sunshine and rain on the bad as well as the good. "So be perfect," says Jesus, "just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (5:48).

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (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).

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HOLY AND PERFECT

Our openness to God's powerful action helps us understand Jesus' words in today's Gospel, when he demands that we become "perfect." Most of us shudder at the thought of having to be perfect. The idea of achieving perfection seems impossible, frankly. But, just before despair sets in, we recall that we are merely creatures. If God wants us to be "holy" and "perfect," as today's readings emphasize, then God will provide all we need to chip away at our imperfections. If we nurse a hateful grudge against someone and cannot imagine being free of the resentment, God can help. If we harm our own bodies through bad habits, the holy Spirit can strengthen our resolve and transform our daily behavior. If we long for advantage over others, if we are disgusted by the thought of loving "unworthy" people, if we overwhelmingly prefer comfort and stability over the wildness of lavish generosity—Jesus Christ, King of glory, can convert our timid hearts. These transformations take time, patience, and prayer. Sitting quietly to reflect over today's readings is an excellent kind of prayer, and an inspiring way to begin.

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE During the season of Lent, the Church urges the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

+Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26 and ends on Holy Thursday, April 9.

+Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. This is a serious matter within Church law.

+Fasting means only one full meal a day may be taken.

Two smaller meals can be eaten to maintain physical strength but together they should not equal another full meal in quantity. Snacking between meals is not permitted. Catholics ages 18-59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

+Abstinence forbids the eating of meat or poultry. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged to abstain on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent and continues to oblige throughout their lives. Those who are not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are urged to join in the discipline of abstaining to the extent that they are able.

+Remember all Fridays of the year are designated as days of penance during which we are encouraged to practice self-denial out of gratitude for the suffering and death Jesus accepted for us.

+The time for fulfilling your Easter Duty extends from the First Sunday of Lent (March 1) to Holy Trinity Sunday (June 7).

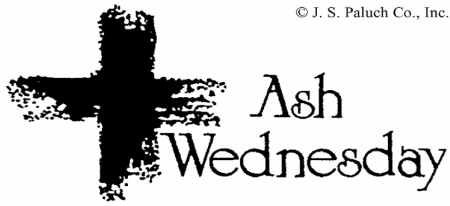


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This coming Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Ash Wednesday, February 26, brings us the beginning of the Lenten season. Below is the schedule for Ash Wednesday masses and services:

- 7:15am** (Vietnamese)
- 8:30am** (Spanish)
- 12:10pm** (English)
- 3:30pm** (Bilingual)
- 7:30pm** (Spanish)

Please remember that ashes are only distributed during the Mass or Prayer Service, not before or after. They are a sign of repentance and shouldn't be seen as a blessing.

***Meménto, homo, quia pulvis es,
et in púlvarem revertéris.***
*Remember, man, that thou art dust,
and unto dust thou shalt return.*

LECTORS SCHEDULE

DATE	8:00 AM	11:30 AM
Feb 23	David Le Genevive Persaud	Edras DeJesus Daisy Soler
Mar 1	Juan Dones Elisia Dones	Daisy Soler Melissa Rivera-Jovel
Mar 8	Genevive Persaud David Le	Eugene Mananga Josephine Nguyen

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

DATE	8:00 AM	11:30 AM
Feb 23	Yvonne Ebea Bethzabe Vera	Gregory Ender Marilyn Martin
Mar 1	Elisia Dones Juan Dones	Pereta Rodriguez Dhariana De La Cruz
Mar 8	Bethzabe Vera Rosa Susana	Fitzroy Williams Dhariana De La Cruz

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
FEBRUARY 24, 2020**

- Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 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

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
FEBRUARY 24, 2020**

- Monday 8:30am** Acción de gracias por el favor concedido, Rolando Mejia Salazar (D); Francisca Jose Glas (D)
- Tuesday 8:30am** Humberto Paulino, Ramon Martinez, Ramona Santos, Antonio Martinez (D)
- 12:10pm Wednesday 7:15am** Binh an
- 8:30am** Cruz Negron (D)
- 12:10pm 3:30pm 7:30pm Thursday 7:45am** Ana Ho Hoe (D)
- 8:30am** Petra Martinez & Baby Peralta (D)
- 12:10pm Friday 8:30am** Filomena & Ricardo Reyes (D)
- 12:10pm Saturday 7:45am** Phero & Maria (D)
- 7:00pm** Felix Domingo Polanco (D)
- Sunday 8:00am 9:30am** Feliciana Vargas Luna (D); Arcenio Salcedo & Jose Salcedo y familia; Crucito Renville Lorenzo (D)
- 11:30am** Patrick Keon (D)
- 1:30pm** Phero Luc (D)

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