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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)

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### Weekdays

8:30 a.m. **Spanish** (Mon-Fri.)

12:00 p.m. **English** (Mon-Fri)

7:45 a.m. **Vietnamese** (Thu & Sat)

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### 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)

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. - 5:00 p.m. open

MONDAY - THURSDAY 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

## LOVE AS GOD LOVES



Our Gospel today continues Jesus' Sermon on the Plain, in which we heard Luke's version of the Beatitudes. This week, Jesus gives us new "commandments," telling us how to live and act in the world as his disciples, rooted in the radical love of God for humanity. It reminds us of his later speech about loving one another as he loves us, in other words with a God-like love, the kind we see in today's psalm about God's mercy. How else could we do as Jesus tells us by loving our enemies, which seems impossible, until we remember that God gave us the example of Jesus, who is like God but also like us? David understands this merciful love when he spares the life of his enemy in the first reading. Finally, Paul tells us that we will become like Jesus if we act as he did, as God does.

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It's likely that some friends or followers of Jesus told him, from time to time, to "get real" when his teachings seemed too hard or impractical. John's Gospel, near the end of the Bread of Life discourse, reports that some disciples out and out turned away because it was too hard to continue following Jesus. When Jesus said to love our enemies, pray for those who hurt us, or do good for those who hate us, the response, "get real," wouldn't be surprising. And yet, the very life and witness of Jesus is filled with his prophetic examples of doing just that; of refusing to return harm for harm. The lives of the saints are likewise filled with such examples, especially those saints who were laborers in the field for justice and peace. Is this command of Jesus difficult? Yes. Is it impossible? No.

## ROLE REVERSAL

It could have come straight out of a Hollywood script: two enemies, former friends and admirers of each other now pitted against each other. So it is today with Saul and David. Saul had actually praised David for slaying Goliath, and rewarded him by placing him in charge of Israel's military force. David flourished, and was praised, admired for how clearly the hand of God was upon him. Of course, Saul became jealous, and soon hatched a plot to finish him off. In a turning of the tables, Saul actually becomes the vulnerable one, and David has more than one opportunity to kill him. But it is not a surprise ambush that keeps David from slaying Saul, but the realization that Saul is a *meshiach* (Messiah), God's anointed one, the first to bear this title in Israel. Twice David has an opportunity—the second time he even has a witness and accomplice—and yet he will not do what it seems like the script says he should.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading** — We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

**Gospel** — Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38).

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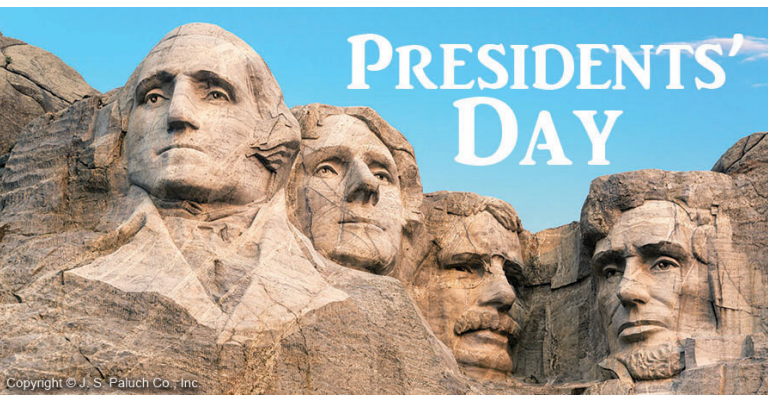
## REWRITE!

Jesus is also a master of subverting our expectations of what the script is going to do. The scriptwriter we call Luke is even more detailed than Matthew in what "love your enemies" means. Luke spells out specific, active ways to counteract the deeds of those whom we would label "enemies." Beyond that, Luke's Jesus says not to lend merely the shirt off our back, but our coat as well; to lend money not only to those who can repay, but to those who can't. This is the script of God's *Meshiach*: do not perpetuate or escalate violence, but reply to it with love. What you think is sufficient generosity needs to be doubled, at the very least. Whenever it seems like the direction of the story needs to be changed—so that harm or sin or cruelty is overcome by love—change the story. Through God's goodness, we are free to change our story; through God's grace, we have Jesus to show us the way.

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK**  
**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
 that, always pondering spiritual things,  
 we may carry out in both word and deed  
 that which is pleasing to you.  
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
 who lives and reigns with you  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 God, for ever and ever.

**Sunday**  
 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday**  
 St. Peter Damian; Presidents' Day  
**Tuesday**  
 The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle;  
 Washington's Birthday  
**Wednesday**  
 St. Polycarp  
**Saturday**  
 Blessed Virgin Mary

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY,  
 FEBRUARY 21, 2022 IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESI-  
 DENTS' DAY. THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE BILINGUAL  
 MASS THAT DAY AT 9AM.



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
FEBRUARY 21, 2022	
Monday:	Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Wednesday:	Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday:	Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
Friday:	Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:	Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday:	Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK	
FEBRUARY 21, 2022	
<b>Monday</b> 9:00am	Miguel Jaquez (D)
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30am 12:00pm	Estanilao Hernandez (D)
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30am 12:00pm	Anthony Negron (D)
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30am 12:00pm	
<b>Friday</b> 8:30am 12:00pm	
<b>Saturday</b> 7:45am 7:00pm	Anton The (D) Humberto Paulino, Ramona Santo, Antonio Ramon, Manuel Martinez (D); Ana Mena Adames (D); Juana Francisca Fernandez - Primer Año, Nadine Flores - Segundo año
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am 9:30am 11:30am 1:30pm	People of SNT, Jason Richard Hyde (D) Miguel Angel Vichay Tovar (D) Filomena & Ricardo Reyes (D) Gioan Chat & Maria Nghi (D)

***We pray for the People of St. Nicholas of Tolentine.***  
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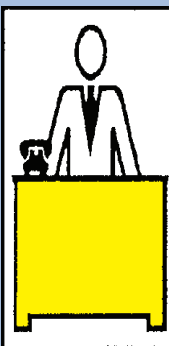
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