


**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 23, 2020**

Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy. — *Leviticus 19:2b*

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**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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**PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

Dora Pena, Sonia V. Alvarado, Maria Elia Madrigal, Laura Dimas, Irma San Miguel, Gordon Jefferson, Sr., Alonso & Beatriz Garcia, Raul Guzman, Maria Villarreal, Carlos & Maria Amparo Ramirez, Mona Hachar, Pedro Malacara, Jackie Guzman, Maria Esther Arambula, Pablo Rendon, Rosie Villanueva, Gloria Guevara, Robert Griessel, Roberto & Maria Lopez, Gilbert Sanchez, Juan J. Soto, Estela Banda, Esperanza Medina, Orlando Gomez, Emma Velasquez, Hugo Sanchez, Y. Pena, Eliza H. Rodriguez, Robert Madrigal, Michelle & Ramiro Madrigal, Gloria Carranza, Maggie Perez, Socorro L. Valdes, Dora E. Hickle, Denise M. Richardson, Bella Sanchez, Bertha A. Cavazos, Agnes N. Valenciano, Rene Valenciano, Socorro Leyva, Ignacia Sanchez, Zulema Rodriguez, Lucy Valenciano, Jorge Lopez, Maria Sacramento, Maria del Carmen Garcia, Maria Luisa Sandoval, and Guadalupe Hernandez, Aida Cuevas, Maya Garza, Manuel Renteria, Carlos Rodriguez, David Garcia, Juanita Arellano, Alicela Sandoval, Sammy Paez, Blanca Nanez, Joanne M. Aguirre, Andres Cardenas Jr., Roberto Hernandez.

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# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**SATURDAY February 22, 2020**

- 6:30pm** † Alicia R. Martinez (Martinez Family)  
 † Fernando Ornelas, Jr. (Siblings)  
 † Adelfa Martinez (Daughters)  
 † Maria Del Socorro Ramirez (Family)  
 † Gerardo Rodriguez, Sr. (Wife & Family)

**SUNDAY February 23, 2020**

- 8:30am** Special Intention Betty Lucile Barrera (Barrera Family)
- 10:30am** † Arturo Medina, Sr. (Family)  
 † Deacon Leonel San Miguel (Jose Luis & Stella Longoria)  
 † 1st. Anv.-Erasmus Rodriguez, Jr. (Wife & Children)  
 † Pedro Perez (Perez Family)  
 ☺ 18th Birthday Vivian Andrade (Family)

**12:30pm** Birthday Diana Rodriguez

**6:30pm** For the People of the Parish

**MONDAY February 24, 2020**

- 5:30pm** In Thanksgiving Raquel Cardenas (Cardenas Family)

**TUESDAY February 25, 2020**

- 5:30pm** † Estela Z. Kramer (Friend)

**WEDNESDAY February 26, 2020**

**7:00am** Communion Service

**12:00pm** Communion Service

**5:30pm** † Rodolfo Torres, Jr. (Family)


**7:00pm** Communion Service

**THURSDAY February 27, 2020**

**5:30pm** † Gustavo Gonzalez (Family)

**FRIDAY February 28, 2020**

**5:30pm** † Maximiano Banda, Jr. (Family)



*The Sanctuary Lamp Is Burning  
In Loving Memory  
Sergio de los Santos Serna  
(Family)*

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Due to some minor conflicts, we have re-adjusted the 2nd year Confirmation student and sponsor retreats schedule. The following is the schedule for the student/sponsor retreat:

**Saturday, February 29, 2020-** Confirmation student and sponsor retreat for students whose sponsors need/prefer the retreat in Spanish. The retreat will run from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**2nd year Confirmation students-** students' information, and the information for their sponsor must be submitted before the end of February. This is the final deadline. If the information is not submitted by this time, it will be considered lack of interest and my recommendation will be to postpone receiving their Sacrament until next year.

**2nd year Communion students-** retreat will be held on Friday, February 21, 2020. The retreat registration form will be given out next week. We will be asking for \$10.00 to cover the expenses of food and materials that we will be using. As of now, the retreat will run from 3:30 pm - 9:00 pm. This time frame is subject to change. The retreat is only for students in the 2nd year of Communion Preparation.

**MEN'S A.C.T.S. BAKE SALE**

Our upcoming Men's A.C.T.S. team will be hosting a fundraiser for the upcoming retreat in April. Join us the weekend of March 7th and 8th for our bake sale. We will have plenty of delicious home made items for purchase. If you have not yet lived your Men's A.C.T.S. and are interested, you can also drop by the table to pick up an application.



**NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY**

The Nocturnal Adoration Society is an association of Catholics dedicated to prayer before the Eucharist for the praise of God and for the needs of the world. Join us for our monthly vigil February 29th, 2020. We will meet for 6:30 Mass and the vigil will begin after Mass until Midnight. Bring all of your prayer intentions. For more information contact Martin Lopez 771-3051.

**BEST LENT EVER**

You've got 40 days. Who will you become? Possibilities are everywhere! Big possibilities, small possibilities, amazing possibilities; God sees them all. Join Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic Team for another incredible journey through our Best Lent Ever. Sign up to receive emails of daily videos, challenges, and inspirational messages to transform your life during this Lenten season. To sign up for these emails please visit [www.bestlentever.com](http://www.bestlentever.com)



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**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday, although not a holy day of obligation, is a beautiful celebration in which we begin the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday will be on February, 26, 2020. We wear ashes on our forehead as a sign of our mortality and repentance. Through the disciplines of Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving, may we grow in repentance and love of God. We will be observing the following schedule here at San Martin.

**Communion Service with Distribution of Ashes**

7 am, 12 noon, and 7 pm

**Mass with Distribution of Ashes**

5:30 pm

**OBSERVANCES OF LENT**

During the season of Lent, the church has observed practices of penance. These practices are meant to bring us closer to Christ through the discipline of fasting and abstinence. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members from age 14 onwards. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl such as chicken, cow, pig, lamb, etc. Salt and fresh water fish as well as shellfish are permitted. Products derived from mammals and fowl such as dairy and eggs are also permitted to be eaten. If you have questions on the precepts and observances of Lent, you may contact Isidro Avila at the parish office 956-723-5215 x21.

**ADULT BIBLE SHARING**

Have you been curious to dive deeper into scripture? Join us every Tuesday at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in CCD room Sts. Dominic and Elizabeth. Come ready with a bible, an open mind, and open heart. For more information please contact Manuel Sanchez at 956-286-3782.



~~~~~Income for the Week~~~~~

**Total Offertory.....\$11,228.97**  
**Total Expenses.....\$8,430.62**  
**Santa Teresita .....\$117.75**

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