

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAYS
1:15 PM ENG
2:15 POLISH

Please arrange the date of baptism through the Rectory office after the birth of your child

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Rectory for an appointment at least **six months** prior to the desired date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS
4:00 to 4:45 PM
and
THURSDAYS BEFORE FIRST FRIDAYS
4:00 to 5:00 PM

Other times by appointment.



7th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." - Lk 6:36

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

WEEKDAYS 7:00 AM
SATURDAYS 8:00 AM
SATURDAY EVENINGS
VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM
SUNDAYS
8:00 & 9:15 AM
10:30 AM (Polish)
12:00 Noon

RECTORY HOURS WEEKDAYS

9 AM to 12 Noon
& 1 PM to 4 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

TUES. 12 to 1 PM

MILLIONS OF MONICAS
TUES. 1 to 2 PM

PL PRAYER GROUP
W/ ADORATION
2ND THURSDAYS 7 PM

LAY CARMELITE
CHAPTER -1ST SAT.
AFTER 8 AM MASS

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY
1ST WEDNESDAYS 6:30 PM
(APRIL, MAY, JUNE,
SEPT., OCT. & NOV.)

Our Mission Statement

*Lord, God, all creation is yours, and you call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us. May the example of St. Isidore urge us to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of mankind. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.
Saint Isidore, Pray for Us.*

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7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

IN LOVING MEMORY

Missalettes
Patricia Repetti

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025

5:00 pm + Helen Strebel (A) / + John Cain
+ Lina Guardino & Gary Antonetti
+ John Donohue / + Caroline Stepnoski

7TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

8:00 am + Frank & Mary Bugdin
9:15 am + Joyce Wood
10:30 am The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased
(PL) + Albin (A) & Monika Baldowski & Family
+ Jerzy (14th A), Irena, Margaret, Zbigniew
Aleksandrowicz & Family
+ Antoni Karwowski (A)
+ Zbigniew Czochara (13th A)
+ Marianna & Jadwiga Siedlecka

12 Noon + John A. Kruszon, Jr.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025

7:00 am + Bertha Stepnoski (A)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025

7:00 am Intentions of Christina Davin

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025

7:00 am + Claire Latour
Successful surgery for Phyllis Zolnowski

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025

7:00 am + Caroline Stepnoski

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025

7:00 am Intentions of the Bonocore Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025

8:00 am + Bob Mashia
Intentions of the Baltera & Errick Families
5:00 pm The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased
(PL) + Albert Stepnoski / + Pamela Shield
B-day blessings for Estefania Gutierrez Bonilla
+ Timothy Michael Gilmartin

8TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME, MARCH 2, 2025

8:00 am + Wanda & Stanley Szumczyk
9:15 am + Frank L., Bertha M., Frank L. Jr. Ostroski
10:30 am + Anna & Jan Gojowski
(PL) + Stanisława & Jan Andrychowski
Za Członków żywego Różańca i Rodzinę Radia Maryja
+ Benjamin & Joseph Cicilioni & Family
12 Noon + Mary Ann & Joseph Strebel

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/
Lk 6:27-38

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk
9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172,
174, 175/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/Mk
10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/Mk
10:13-16

Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see
2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

THE WEEK AHEAD

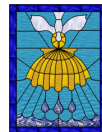
Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Adoration 12 to 1 PM
Millions of Monicas 1 to 2 PM

BAPTISMS

We welcome:

*Poppy Smith, Sophie Salzmann,
Charles Martinez*



ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

The next meeting has been rescheduled from
Wednesday, April 2nd, to Wednesday, April 9th,
so members can attend the trip to NYC.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Immaculate Conception Council

Pancake Breakfast

At Saint John the Evangelist R.C. Church
546 St. John's Place Riverhead, NY

**Save the Date! Sunday,
March 23rd / 7:30 to 12:30
\$15 per person / \$6 children**

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Nancy McDonald * Brendan Gallagher * Kristy West * Josephine Barker * Carol Block * Paul Farber * Benedict Gargulinski * Miguel Angel Castrillon * Nicholas Steinkamp * Teresa Muenkel * Ron Danowski * Peter Kraljic * Mary Mader * Carson Whible * Dave Zazeski * Faye Anderson * Hana Cutler * James Gibson * Jim Kenna * Daryl Alec * Paula George * Christina Donovan * John Giordano * Richard Francis Harrison II * Ursula Mocniak * Joan Zaleski * Catherine and Charles J. Sehy * Grazyna Pawlak * Gillen Family * Blythe Fickenwirth * Jody Breitfeller * Benjamin Gonzalez * Dominique Tirado * Diana Pernicaro * Sammy * Brodie * Joseph Stepnoski * James Kenna * Douglas Clark * Jan Suchta * Justin * Dakota Harmon * Cole Faller * Halikias Family * Liana Forstein * Rosemary & Daniel Ambrosini * Thomas Ryall * Anne Marie Donlon * Dorothy Sousa * Thomas McEnany * Mary Khulman * Michael Alperti * Roseanne Murphy * Barbara Kozlowski * James West * Elizabeth Farruggia * Kelly Wine * Mary Van Duesen * Thomas DeGirolamo * William Berenger * Daria Quarlena * Eileen Borchart * Sheila Nolan * Tom Wisniewski III * Jeffrey Clark * James, George and Barbara Jaeger * Ernest and Alex Aponte * Helen Long * Michael Miglionico * Ralph Conforti * The Barauskus Family * Hope & Brittany Williams * John Marion * Emilia Andrychowski * Augie & Georgianna Lucente * Johanna Benthall * Michelle Giaccone * Gloria Keller * Howard Seifert * Ed Kennedy * Kit Z. * Dolores Contino * Agnes Brown * Anders Ryden * Kevin C. Cook * Anita Costi * Doriane Bay * David Vallone * Brittany Schacor * Karen and Kim Finocchiaro * Eleanor Koller * Grace Mary Schulteis * Victor Sechyshyn * George Angle * Marta Andreotta * Melissa Alexandra * Christian Vidal * Suzanne Thompson * Anna Grefe * Anthony Mannino * Marcella Frisen * Theresa Puglia * Brian Darmody * Leigh Anne Brown * Dan Modjeska * Judy Zakorski * Marie Miley * Marcjanna Stolarzewicz * John Shuot * Patrick Murphy * Brian Crowley * Louise Pampinello * Barbara Fenn

Please keep all those serving in the military and their families in your thoughts and prayers especially: Nicholas Pelosi, Christopher Drowns, Jeffrey Heppner, James Fleming, Thomas V. D'Auria, Mateusz Marzec, Andre DeRosa and Garrett Bracht

Please keep Seminarian, Nicholas Waldron, in your prayers.

OUR COLLECTIONS

Today, February 23: Sunday and Debt Reduction

Next Week, March 2: Sunday and Monthly School

Thank you for your generosity!

DEVOTION & CONSECRATION TO MARY

Once again we are blessed to have Fr. Roy Tvrdik for a mini Lenten mission starting **Sunday evening March 30th at 4:30pm** and again on **Monday March 31st at 1:00pm and 7:00pm**. Fr. Roy will direct us on how to consecrate ourselves to the Blessed Virgin Mary using the guidance of St. Louis Marie de Montfort's Consecration to Mary. Please join us.



Reflections from Pope Benedict XVI

Egoism, the "I" and the "You"

Egoism and the genuine love of self are not only not identical, but are also mutually exclusive. It is possible to be a confirmed egoist and, at the same time to be at odds with oneself. In fact, egoism is often due to one's own inner strife, to the attempt to create for oneself a different "I", whereas the proper attitude to one's "I" grows spontaneously in an atmosphere of freedom from self. We might well speak here of an anthropological circle: to the degree that we seek only for ourselves, try to realize our own potential, and are concerned solely with the success and fulfillment of our "I", to that same degree this "I" becomes disagreeable, irritable, and repugnant. It disintegrates into a thousand forms and in the end there remains only a dissatisfaction with self that leads to flight from oneself and a turning to drugs or one of the many other forms of a self-destructive egoism. Only the yes that comes to me from a "you" makes it possible for me to say yes to myself in and through this "you". The "I" realizes itself through a "you." It is true, moreover, that only when we have accepted ourselves can we address a genuine yes to anyone else. To accept, to "love" oneself presumes the existence of truth and requires that we never relinquish our quest for that truth.

Sprzatanie kosciola.

Jesli ktos chcialby pomoc w sprzataniu kosciola, to zapraszamy w kazdy Piątek okolo godziny 7.30 rano na pol godziny pomocy. Jesteśmy bardzo wdzieczni tym parafianom, ktorzy co tydzien pomagaja z calego serca utrzymac nasza swiatynie w czystosci.

Bog zaplac

Church Cleaning

Help is needed cleaning the church on Friday mornings after the 7:00 am Mass. Only an hour of your time is needed.

The First Jubilee and the Last Medieval Pope (The Catholic Thing by Christian Browne)



The first jubilee was the result of popular piety that found papal approbation. In 1299, word spread across Europe that the growing crowds in the Eternal City, on February 22, 1300, Boniface VIII issued a Papal Bull declaring a Holy Year and formally offering the most indulgent of indulgences to those faithful who venerated the Apostles Peter and Paul at their respective basilicas. Contemporary sources say perhaps 200,000 pilgrims made the journey to Rome, instituting a pious custom that endures more than seven centuries later.

The first jubilee was a triumph, yet history has been rather unkind to Boniface VIII. Dante, who participated in the pilgrimage, helped to spoil Boniface's reputation by predicting in *Inferno* that the pope would wind up in Hell amongst the simoniacs, though historical evidence for that particular papal sin is slender. Boniface is often held up as an aggressive, even absurd, proponent of papal power, largely based upon the final sentence in his bull *Unam Sanctam*: "Furthermore, we declare, we proclaim, we define that it is necessary for salvation that every human creature be subject to the Roman Pontiff."

Unam Sanctam, however, is not the medieval equivalent of a modern totalitarian manifesto. It was an attempt to re-state the principles of the proper governance of society – a Constitution of Christendom – under which "there are two swords; namely, the spiritual and the temporal."

The temporal sword is a legitimate source of authority entrusted to the hand of the prince, distinct from but, ultimately, at the service of the Spiritual Sword. Spiritual matters are obviously superior to temporal concerns. From the perspective of Faith, this conception is logical and indisputable. It is not a claim to worldly power after the manner of a dictator, but a natural consequence of the order of Creation.

The Constitution of Christendom did not endorse absolute monarchy. On the contrary, the pope, as Vicar of Christ, had the right and the duty to judge princes. The *potens iudicaris* was not an arbitrary power of subjective preferences, but one based upon the objective application of the moral law. It was a guarantor of equality, because all men, pauper or prince, are subject to the Divine Law. A king is not excused from, and is not beyond, the moral law. The Church exists to enforce the moral precepts.

The natural supremacy of the Spiritual Sword also enabled the pope to act as arbiter in conflicts between princes. The pope could seek peace, settling violent conflicts among the Christian nations. Dissolute and immoral rulers who might be cruel, tyrannical or unfaithful could face the sting of the Spiritual Sword, since the pope might impose punishments such as excommunication or interdict, as warranted.

By the close of the 13th century, the rising nation-states, England and France, began to chafe under this constitutional order and the annoying interference of the Church that it permitted. The French King Philip IV was a ruthless operator – a throwback to Emperor Henry IV and a precursor of Henry VIII and Napoleon. He wished to curtail the independence of the Church and eliminate papal influence over the affairs of his kingdom.

Unam Sanctam was partly the result of the conflict that arose over Philip's assertion of the right to tax the clergy (he needed money for war) in defiance of canon law. Despite Boniface's attempts at conciliation, the dispute grew beyond taxation to touch the fundamentals of the rights of the papacy to govern the clergy. Philip also sought to place the Church under his control after the manner of the German Emperors, against whom Boniface's predecessors had struggled for over two hundred years.

Boniface could not let that happen. He was a tough, and perhaps somewhat rash, ruler, but he acted in good faith. Philip, on the other hand, had no interest in an amicable resolution with the papacy. He manufactured crises and defamed Boniface before the Estates General as a reprobate, tyrant, and false pope. In 1302, the king publicly burned Boniface's admonitory bull *Ausculta Fili*, and he conspired with the pope's mortal enemies, the Colonna family, to destroy him.

Unam Sanctam was Boniface's grand reply to Philip's denunciations. The king, however, cared nothing for words on a page and decided to ensure that Boniface could not impose canonical penalties on him. In 1303, Philip's conniving minister, Guillaume de Nogaret, led a gang to attack the pope in his summer residence at Anagni. The "Outrage at Anagni" is one of the great – and forgotten – turning points in history. Nogaret's thugs sacked the papal town and held Boniface prisoner for three days, subjecting him to physical and mental abuse, until the townspeople expelled the invaders. Boniface died three months later.

In 1305, Philip engineered the election of a Frenchman as Clement V, and the popes moved to Avignon for the next 70 years. Upon the return of the papacy to Rome, the Great Schism erupted, splitting the Church between two popes – and then three – for nearly 50 years. When the schism finally came to an end, genuine reform had still not taken hold. Savonarola went to the stake in 1498 and Luther to the door of the Church of All Saints in 1517.

With Boniface's fall, the Constitution of Christendom fell and so ended the High Middle Ages. His demise set off a series of disasters that, two centuries later, resulted in the Reformation. Yet by the strange workings of Providence, 725 years after he declared a jubilee, Boniface's successor has once more opened the Holy Doors. And the crowds can once again come to venerate the tomb of the Apostles.

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Essential Virtues and Elements Of Our Christian life

In today's Gospel (7th Week in Ordinary Time Cycle "C") Jesus gave a very important sermon on these essential virtues and elements that must guide our lives and actions as Christians. It is a new commandment because, it overrules the Old Testament law of reprisal attack or retributive justice. There is no doubt that, humanly speaking, it is a very difficult one. However, it demands a lot of sacrifice and courage.

So, how do we reconcile our constant quest for justice with the virtues of mercy and compassion? Is there any common ground between them? This is especially, in our world where we constantly speak of mercy, and at the same time advocate for the strictest sense of justice. There is, maximum punishment (even death penalty), for our offenders.

"In justice God condemned us, in mercy he redeemed us." Yes, it is what it is. Justice and mercy can be mutually exclusive contrary to what our society has programmed us to believe.

Hurts and wounds do not heal so fast. In some cases, their scars do not disappear completely during one's life time. However, Christ knew this perfectly well. He not only preached this sermon, but he also lived it. So, he is not asking us to do what he did not do.

Paul reminds us in our second reading that, we derived our body and way of life from the earthly man (Adam). While we derived the spirit that gives life and animates our body from the heavenly man (Christ).

Hence, those who have received Christ are guided by his spirit. They are born of the Spirit. Though, Christ's new commandment may seem difficult, His spirit and grace will enable us to live these essential virtues and elements of our Christian life.

There are so many lessons for us from today's readings. First, we must learn to leave vengeance for God. So, we must not take every opportunity for revenge against our offenders. Forgiveness heals all wounds, and wipes all scars away.

Second, we must not always bow to pressures from circumstance, or from our colleagues in order to do evil. This is because, two wrongs can never make one right. Reprisal attack or revenge may hurt one even more than it will hurt one's offender. In this case, we may win the war but not the peace, the love and, the friendship.

Finally, no matter our situation or circumstance, we must not lose the sense of the sacred. We must guard against sin. Also, let us remember that we cannot help God in his judgement. He knows what to do, how to do it, and the best time to do it. So, we must let God be God "Lord is merciful and kind."

Peace be with you! Maranatha!

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**Join Fr. Tadeusz on our
Parish Bus Trip To
New York City**

Wednesday, April 2nd



Guided tour of St. Patrick's Cathedral. Mass at 12 Noon.
Three-course lunch at Ramarino's Italian Restaurant.
Round trip coach bus. \$195/pp upon registration.
Register by March 1st.