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Quinquagesima Sunday

FAITH SHARING

Today's readings explain why Christians are expected to be holy and how we are meant to become holy people. The first and second readings give us reasons why we should be holy, and the Gospel describes four methods of becoming holy people prescribed for us by Jesus using three examples of graceful Christian retaliation.

BIBLE READINGS

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

The first reading, taken from the book of Leviticus, teaches us that we should be holy because it is the command given to us by God through Moses: "*Be holy, for I the Lord, your God, am holy.*" It also shows us the way to share in God's holiness: "*Love your neighbor as yourself.*"

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

In the second reading, St. Paul gives us an additional reason to be holy. We are to keep our bodies and souls holy because we are the temples of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit lives in us.

Matthew 5:38-48

In the Gospel passages taken from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches us four methods of becoming holy as God is holy.

ENTRANCE HYMN (James 2:1, 9)

V. My brothers [and sisters], show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

R. But if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Gospel

MT 5:38-48

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

R. Glory be to You, Lord.

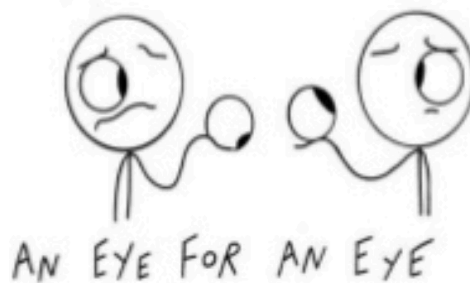
Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said, *An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.* But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well.

If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles.

Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. "You have heard that it was said, *You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.* But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn

#1 Hymn of Faith

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

#159 Jesus My Lord and Saviour

Communion Hymn

#114 Forty Days and Forty Nights

Recessional Hymn

#224 Amazing Grace

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, February 23

Quinquagesima Sunday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Wednesday, February 26

Ash Wednesday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, March 1

1st Sunday of Lent

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

PASTOR'S

PHONE NUMBER

In case of all regular Parish issues please call Fr. Mariusz at 215-535-4978. This number is always linked to pastor's cell phone, so in case of real emergency please also use this number.

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BULLETIN INFORMATION

If you have any information which supposed to be in our parish bulletin, please call or email Fr. Mariusz. Due date for each bulletin is always Friday, 4:00 p.m.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters: Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish; For the health and wellbeing of Howard Friedman, Michael and Bernice Muha, Janet Caruso, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stephanie Besterci, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, John and Jane Aldershoff, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Bob Stutz, Tom Goff, David Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, Dorothy Nabinger, John Russell, Ronald Brower, Jan Cherneski, Thomas Oliver, Sally Bisch, Bea and Stan Sub, Ruth Mechowski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko, Richard Golazewski, Jennifer Sabo.

For the repose of the soul of all our parishioners who passed away, especially Beverly Wunderlich, Ann Wolfe.

Our Father...

Ruth Mechowski – new address: Brookdale Rehab, 380 Forsgate Dr., Monroe Twp, NJ 08831.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, February 26, is a holy day in obligation. All Catholics are obliged to participate in the Holy Mass that day and to do the act of penance by receiving the ashes on the forehead. This special day as the beginning of the Holy Lent cannot be transferred to Sunday. **The ashes will be distributed on Ash Wednesday only.**

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Hopefully you have received by mail *Our Saviour Voice* – Parish Newsletter. If not. It should be available in the back of the church. If it is not there, please ask Joseph for copy.

LENT & EASTER SEASON WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Please come to worship all the following or some Sacred Liturgies:

- **February 26 – Ash Wednesday**
12:00 Noon – Holy Mass with blessing and distribution of ashes.
- **March 8 – Institution of the PNCC**
10:00 AM – Anniversary Breakfast
12:00 Noon – Holy Mass
- **April 5 – Palm Sunday**
12:00 Noon – Holy Mass with blessing and distribution of palms followed by Bake Sale & Ham Raffle
- **April 9 – Holy Thursday (in Philadelphia only)**
7:00PM – The Lord's Supper Mass, The Institution of the Eucharist and Priesthood
- **April 10 – Good Friday**
12:00 Noon – Stations of the Cross
12:30 PM – Liturgy of our Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion, the symbolic Entombment
- **April 11 – Holy Saturday**
2:00 PM - Blessing of Easter Baskets
2:30 PM – Easter Vigil Liturgy, Mass with Blessing of Fire, Paschal Candle and Baptismal Water
- **April 12 – Easter Sunday**
12:00 Noon – Resurrection Mass