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Pre-Lent Septuagesima Sunday

FAITH SHARING

Today's readings challenge us to choose freely and wisely to observe the laws given by a loving and caring God. He revealed His laws to His Chosen People through Moses and the prophets in the Old Testament, and through His own Son, Jesus, in the New Testament. For the Israelites, the Torah was not a set of laws, but the instruction or teaching intended to promote the holiness and wholeness of each believer. It was the revealed will of a caring God, for the people with whom had He made His covenant.

The first reading, taken from Sirach, contains the clearest statement in the Old Testament concerning the God-given freedom of the human will.

In the second reading, Paul challenges his Corinthian believers to appreciate the wisdom of God's saving plan for His people, a plan hidden for ages but now revealed by the Spirit.

In the selection from the Sermon on the Mount in today's Gospel, while challenging his disciples to live a life of justice and righteousness which should exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus, as the new lawgiver, sets forth his own position with regard to the Law given through Moses, by providing new interpretation and meaning for the old laws. In today's Gospel passage, Jesus explains the real meaning of three Mosaic laws concerning murder, adultery and false oaths.

Responsorial Psalm

R. **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

ENTRANCE HYMN (Psalm 34:15-16)

V. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

R. **The Lord has eyes for the just and ears for their cry.**

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 5:17-37

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.* But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; and whoever says to his brother, 'Raqa,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, *You shall not commit adultery.* But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna.

"It was also said, *Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce.* But I say to you, whoever divorces his wife - unless the marriage is unlawful - causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.* But I say to you, do not swear at all; not by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held this year at Our Saviour Parish on Sunday, March 5, 2023 after 12:00 Noon Mass.

Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn

Gather Us In

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

144 Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

224 Amazing Grace

Communion Hymn

I Am the Bread of Life

Recessional Hymn

Rejoice the Lord is King

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, February 5

Pre-Lent Septuagesima Sunday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, February 12

Pre-Lent Sexagesima Sunday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, February 19

Pre-Lent Quinquagesima Sunday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

SECOND COLLECTIONS IN 2023

1/29 - Music Scholarship Sunday - For the Music Scholarship Fund

2/5 - For the Mission Fund

3/5 - For the Mission Fund

3/12 - Institution of the PNCC - For the National Church Center

4/2 - For the Mission Fund

5/7 - For the Mission Fund

6/4 - For the Mission Fund

6/18 - Father's Day – For the Clergy Pension Fund

7/2 - For the Mission Fund

8/6 - For the Mission Fund

8/27 - Youth Sunday – For the Youth Fund

9/3 - For the Mission Fund

9/10 - Solemnity – Brotherly Love – For the Bp. Hodur Retreat Center

10/1 - For the Mission Fund

10/15 - Heritage Sunday – Outreach to Poland Collection

11/5 - For the Mission Fund

12/3 - For the Mission Fund

12/31 - Solemnity- Humble Shepherds – Seminary Fund

1/7 - For the Mission Fund

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Let us pray for all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, especially: Howard Friedman, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stephanie Besterici, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Tom Goff, Donald Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, Jan Cherneski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko, Richard Golazewski, Jane Aldorshoff, Elizabeth McAlanis, Dolores McGlone, Marianna Pelka

Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

THE SEASON OF PRE-LENT BEGINS TODAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

The celebration of this season is a preparation for Holy Lent. The three Sundays of Pre-Lent come seventy, sixty and fifty days before Easter. The liturgical color of this season which prepares us to anticipate the spiritual rigors of the Lenten Season is rose. Lent then takes on the somber hue of purple signifying the seven-week period of penitence and introspection and our conversion of heart.

During Pre-Lent the Alleluia heard before the proclamation of the Gospel is eliminated from the Mass and will continue to be so through Lent until Easter morning. In place of the Alleluias, we will hear only a mournful chant called the Tract. Also begun in Pre-Lent is the elimination of the singing of the Gloria which will remain silenced through the Lenten season until the Resurrection of Jesus is proclaimed on Easter.

Floral adornments of the high altar are still appropriate through Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, though such adornment may be abandoned if so desired.

PALMS

If you still have the palms from the last year Palm Sunday, please bring them to the church. They will be burned, and we will make from them the ashes for the Ash Wednesday.

PRE-LENT BOOKLET

Pre-Lent Booklet has been emailed to you. Please print it and keep for your daily using. If you are not on our emailing list you can download it from our webpage www.oursaviorpncc.org, go to the tab "Weekly Bulletin" and search for date Feb 5 (direct link → [HERE](#))



MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

Mass for _____

Date requested _____

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Address _____

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