

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey, they had an argument and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything wrote in the sand: "Today my best friend slapped me in the face". They kept on walking, until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone: "Today my best friend saved my life." The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone, why?" The friend replied, "when someone hurts us we should write it down in the sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it."

How do we respond to hurts and offenses? Jesus gives us some valuable teaching in the gospel today (Matt 5:38-48). Instead of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" forgiving others is practical and logical because, if someone plucks out an eye in revenge, that does not solve a problem and then there are two people without eyes. Plucking out a tooth in revenge does not solve a problem and then there are two people without teeth,. But when Jesus says to offer no resistance to someone who is evil (Matt 5:39) we might wonder if that is wise. Would that allow evil to triumph? In the life of Jesus we see that he did not offer resistance to the evil inflicted on him. As he was being crucified he prayed, "Father, forgive them for they know what they do." (Luke 23:34) But if we take it into our own hands to eradicate evil might we not run the risk of going too far and end up just trying to assert a victory for the sake of victory?

These are some suggestions that I offer to people from time to time: Forgiveness is a decision not an emotion. Hopefully our emotions will follow our decision to forgive but firstly, we must decide to forgive. Forgiveness does not mean blotting out painful memories but it means not acting out of them. When people have difficulty forgiving a hurt I sometimes say to people to repeat to themselves, "I will not allow that person to control my life. I take control of my life back from that person. From now on I will control my life". Another thought that I can help us to forgive is to remember that Jesus died to save the other person just as he died to save you. Try to visualize the person beneath Jesus on the

cross. Can you see Jesus dying for that person?
Fr. Saju Oreethaparambil.

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, Feb 24 **9:00 a.m.**

Jose and Concordia Apostol
req Castillo family
Jagica and Bruno Marzic req Mario Marzic
Souls in purgatory req Pauline

Tuesday, Feb 25 **9:00 a.m.**

Maria, Jan, Tadeusz, Augustus Zeglinski
req family
souls in purgatory req Pauline

Wednesday, Feb 26 **12:15 P.M.**
7:00 P.M.

NO MORNING MASS ASH WEDNESDAY 2 MASSES

In memory of Floriano Benitez
req Ruby Benitez
Juan and Virginia SanAndres
req Naty and Joe deLeon

Thursday, Feb. 27 **9:00 a.m.**
Fortunato Benitez Junior
req Ruby Benitez

Friday, Feb 28 **9:00 a.m.**
Lydia Montecillo req Yaying

For the soul of Antonio Licudine req Roselle
Rose Schlett req Peter and Barbara Stirling

Saturday, February 29 **5:00 p.m**

Fortunato Benitez Junior req Ruby Benitez

Sunday, Mar 1 **10:00 a.m**
St. Charles Garnier Parish Community



PARISH SUPPORT

For Feb. 15/16 2020

Total Collection \$2,517.00

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Garnier Parish



COME, LORD JESUS! Bible Study

Prayer, Scripture, Eucharist, Community

COME, LORD JESUS! is a Bible Study and so much more. It is a program committed to forming small Catholic Faith Communities. The program centers around four basic elements – Prayer, Scripture, Eucharist, and Community – elements inspired by the Holy Spirit and practiced in the early Church (Acts 2:42). We are excited to offer our parish an opportunity to form small faith communities for the purpose of deeper reflection of the Sunday readings proclaimed at Mass. **If interested, contact Fr. Saju. by [email-soreethap@gmail.com](mailto:soreethap@gmail.com) or at 905-317-7105**

Countdown to Lent

Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent, we express our desire to turn toward God and all his children in preparation for Easter.

Lent begins on February 26, **Ash Wednesday**

11:00 a.m. Adoration and Confession

12:15 p.m. Mass

6:00 p.m. Adoration and Confession

7:00 p.m. Holy Mass

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2019

**Are now available for pick up after all Masses.
Thank you for your generosity to the Parish.**



Fast means one full meal and two smaller ones. Abstinence means no meat is to be eaten. The Fasting rule applies to all people between 18 to 60 years of age. The Abstinence rule applies to all those over 14.



EXTENDED ADORATION

Please remember you are invited to spend time in Adoration Monday to Friday following the 9:00 Mass until 1:00 p.m.. We would like to ensure that there is always someone in the church with the Blessed Sacrament

Ideally, it is hoped that parishioners can commit to the same day and time each week. **Please sign the volunteer book at the back of the church indicating the day and time you can come.** We are blessed to have this opportunity for prayer. Please come and encourage others to join you. For prayer request and thanksgiving Email us at saintcharlesadoration@gmail.com



Baptism

Welcome to our Newest Parishioner!

*NOVA THUOMA UCHE KALU, daughter of Uche and Adaugu, baptized on Feb 23, 2020.
Congratulations to all! May God bless your lives with love, joy, peace and an everlasting faith.*

Development & Peace **ANNUAL PASTA SUPPER**

Michelangelo's Centre on **Sunday March 29th** Tickets are \$20 Adults \$10 children (elementary school aged). For more information please call Blessed Sacrament parish office at 905.385.3570

SUNDAY (Liturgical Publications will insert correct Sunday)
