

**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23, 2020**

MASS INTENTIONS Feb. 26-March 1

Wed., 2/26, 6 pm Ash Wednesday Mass, Par. Int.
 Thur., 2/27, 9 am Mass, Lawrence & Sally
 Remington, R.I.P.
 ?11:00 am Alder House Mass, Int. of Residents
 Fri., 2/28, 9 am Mass, Loraine Weathers, R.I.P.
 Sun., 3/1, 9 am Mass, Lawrence & Sally Remington,
 R.I.P.

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sun., Feb. 23—9:00 am Mass in English

AND—10:15 am Kindergarten through
 6th grade CCD & Junior/Senior High
 Youth Group

MORE—2:00 de la tarde Misa en Español

MORE—6:00 pm Mass in Frances

**Wed., Feb. 26—ASH WEDNESDAY—Day
 of Fast & Abstinence from meat**

AND—12 noon Mass in Frances

AND—6:00 pm Mass in Raymond

Thur., Feb. 27—9:00 am Mass in the chapel

AND—11 am Alder House Mass if a Catholic
 resident is available.

ALSO—6:00 pm Vespers, Eucharistic Adoration,
 Confessions & RCIA class

Fri., Feb. 28—Day of abstinence from meat

AND—9:00 am Mass in the chapel

ALSO—5:00 pm Confessions

MORE—6:00 pm Stations of the Cross in
 Raymond followed by soup supper

Sat., Feb. 29—4:00 pm RCIA class today

Sun., Mar. 1—9:00 am Mass in English.

AND—10:15 am Kindergarten through 6th
 grade CCD & Junior/Senior High
 Youth Group

MORE—2:00 de la tarde Misa en Español

ALSO—5:30 pm Stations of Cross in Frances

AND—6:00 pm Mass in Frances

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS &
 OTHER LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES**

Raymond: Fridays, 5:00 pm
 Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions,
 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross fol-
 lowed by a soup supper.

Frances: Sundays, 5:30 pm
 Stations of the Cross followed by
 Mass at 6:00 pm

**Many thanks to the six Hispanic men
 who moved our church piano to the par-
 ish Hall, and our new piano into the
 church. It was challenging, but they got
 the job done! THANK YOU!!!**

LAY MINISTERS for March 1 at 9:00 AM

Ushers:	Adam Gruber	942-5340
	Charlene Gruber	942-5340
Lector:	Helaina Kennedy	214-1298
Euch. Min.	Pat Heath	942-3868
	Toni Williams	875-5803

Servers: Richter Family & Smaciarz Family

**If you cannot serve on your assigned day,
 please get your own replacement. Thanks!**

**BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU
 TO ALL WHO MADE IT A SUCCESS:**

**Workers: Toni Williams, Elaine Fosse,
 Pat Heath, Adam Gruber, Theresa
 Willeford-Hathaway & Patti Bridgewater**

**Cookies & Juice: Loraine Garrone,
 Mary K. Green, Susie Williams, Toni &
 Bunny Williams, Mary Lou Sell, Grace
 Betrozoff & Jan McDonald**

32nd Sunday in Fiscal Year, 02/16/2020

<u>St. Lawrence</u>	<u>02-16-20</u>	<u>Yr. to Date</u>
Offertory Gifts	777.00	42,612.12
<u>St. Joseph/Holy Fam.</u>	<u>02-16-20</u>	<u>Yr. to Date</u>
Offertory Gifts	232.00	19,161.70

LENT STARTS THIS WEDNESDAY! LENTEN REGULATIONS 2020

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of FASTING & ABSTINENCE from meat.

There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all those age 18 through 59. (Those 17 & younger, and those 60 & over, are not required to fast.)

ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT

All who are 14 years and older are to totally abstain from eating meat.



Traditionally, Lent is a time of penance throughout the Catholic church.

It is also a time when prayer, fasting and alms-giving or charity are emphasized. In our parish, we have participated in the Catholic Relief Service RICE BOWL program, which encourages

us to Pray, Fast, Learn about the poor and Give to those less fortunate. I hope you will join us on this Lenten journey again this year!

NEW PARISH CLEANING INVOLVEMENT

Two women have taken care of most of the cleaning of our facility for several years, but they are no longer able to do it. WE ARE ASKING ALL PARISHIONERS THAT ARE ABLE to take a turn helping our parish.

We now have a list of chores—in English and in Spanish—that need to be done. There are also calendar pages so people can sign up to do a chore on a day that is best for them. Choose a chore you are able to do and put your name and the chore on the date you plan to do it. The calendar will show who is doing what so there is no overlap of people doing the same thing. The more people that sign up, the easier it will be for everyone! PLEASE TRY TO HELP IF YOU CAN. Thank you!

TODAY'S READINGS:

Offer no resistance to one who persecutes you (Gospel).

Rather, love your neighbor (Reading 1) as you love yourself.

As the Lord is gracious and merciful (Psalm),

treat others in the same way, humbling yourself before the Lord (Reading 2).

Starting next week, the prayer list will start over. If you want a name on the next list, please notify the parish office as soon as possible. Thanks!

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Fr. Steve Roman	Kelly Johnson	Erik Stalvig	Del Brown
Lindsey Underwood	Cindy Yasunaka	Chris Stalvig	Lori Voakes
Jamie Chapman	Monique Walters	Janelle Sienko	Avery Mattox
Cheryl Gaurke-Cain	Sheila Haerling	Dennis Coma	Ann Taclay
Elizabeth Spillman	JoAnn Coules	Erika Clausen	Caren Benny
Jeanie Remington Brisco	Jody Karlsvik	Kurt Sutton	Jeff Kraft
Aliya Underwood	Jade Underwood	Jim Johnson	Carole Halsan
For all suffering from wars	For world peace	For all affected by bad weather	



Our Holy Catholic Apostolic Church asks us to remember, reflect and Respond:

Lent is a religious time period of 40 days before Easter. The purpose of Lent is to draw people's focus to prayer, repentance, and renewal of faith. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer for Easter through prayer, doing penance, mortifying the flesh, repentance of sins, almsgiving, and denial of ego. Lent 2020 begins Wednesday, February 26 ends Saturday, April 11. It has a profound spiritual meaning for Christians, as we honor Jesus' ultimate sacrifice by giving up something ourselves.

And if you're among the many people who choose to forgo meat (including fish), milk, and eggs for Lent, you'll have a profound impact on the rest of the world. When you eat cruelty-free, you're saving lives, fighting poverty, and curbing climate change—so your conscience will be that much clearer.

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

FEBRUARY 26, 2020 WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too. It is a solemn reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God. Ashes are often used as a symbol of sorrow for sin in the bible.

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1st Reading – Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

2nd Reading – I Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel – Matthew 5:38-48

Dear Friends in Christ,

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from “me” and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for “our enemy”. When we pray for others, even “our enemies”, maybe it softens their hearts as well.

“So, Jesus instructs his disciples to be perfect, just as the heavenly Father is perfect. Can we really attain perfection with all our human weaknesses? Perfection is a goal of life, which we seek to achieve. The stewardship way of life, giving away the best of our time, talents and treasure to God for His glory and for the sake of others, is the path to holiness and perfection. Yet, it appears utterly foolish in the eyes of many.

Our Lord gives us several illustrations. 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... love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” This is the kind of action and attitude that will make us “children of our heavenly Father.” This is the high bar of holiness to which our Lord is calling us. If your lifestyle and your priorities look a little foolish to the world around you, know that you're probably doing it right in God's eyes. At the same time, you will be filled with a peace that the world around you desperately needs. And your stewardship way of life may just draw those around to the heavenly Father and a life of holiness, too. St. Paul provides a reason for holiness, that is, the human person is that beautiful and magnificent temple in which God dwells.

The elderly American Indian chief who says to the young people that the inner struggle inside us are like two dogs fighting: a good dog and a bad dog. Sometimes, the good dog defeats the bad dog and at other times the bad dog defeats the good dog. After describing what the nature of the inner struggle, one of the young people asked the elder, “Which of these dogs eventually wins the fight?” The elder answers, “The dog you feed more.” This is to say that the quality of food we give to the soul supports us in our inner struggle.

Has anyone attained a level in life where he/she is impeccably holy? May be not. Holiness is not a destination, but a journey, a progressive shift in the art of goodness, a growth in our capacity to love, the ability and willingness to forgive, and the ability to respect the body. With God's grace, we can confidently press on in the stewardship way of life, aiming to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. Our all-holy God desires it and deserves nothing less..

**Thanking you for participating in this Journey as friends,
In the Friendship of Christ,**

Rev Zevier Hirudayaraj Arockiam HGN

Priest Administrator, Pacific County Catholic Parishes

(St Mary Parish, Seaview & McGowan Station,

St. Lawrence Parish, Raymond and St Joseph at Holy Family Parish, Frances)

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