



February 20, 2022

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection February 13, 2022

Collection \$ 270.00

Attendance 26

February 27, 2022

Lector: Rebecca Harriman
Commentator: Gaby Stanley
Ushers: Schlottmann Family

Readings for February 27, 2022

Reading 1: Sirach 27:4-7

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

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Prayer List - Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Walter Jennings, Jr, Joan Jennings, Jody Riffey, Stephen Petrowski, Christine Scarpinato, Michael Linkous, Megan Talbert, Rosanna Vallo, Mikey Malloy, Jerry Dalton, Kenneth Martin, Alesandra Little, and Father Bernie.

(Please contact Stan Stanley if you have additions or deletions)

Mission Coop Weekend- Thanks to Msgr. Joe Lehman from St. Bede's in Williamsburg for celebrating Mass with us today. Father Boat will return next week.

February Birthdays

Cole Trail	Feb. 1
Jennie Willett	Feb. 5
Stephanie Tedesco	Feb. 9
Melody Riffey	Feb. 11
Amanda Willams	Feb. 11
Karen Audas	Feb. 14
Rebecca Harriman	Feb. 15
Dan Butler	Feb. 20
Emelda Tabar	Feb. 27

January Anniversaries

John & Mickey Balconi	Feb. 4
Pam & Lee Crowder	Feb. 15
Tim & Mariah Taylor	Feb. 29

What can we do before Lent begins

Preparing our hearts is a process of preparing our desires. This means practicing our sense of anticipation. If I imagine Lent as an "ordeal" or a time I dread in some way, then I've already pre-disposed myself to not get very much out of it. These days before Lent are a time to start anticipating something wonderful that is about to happen.

Daily Prayer This Week

We can find much to pray with from **James** this week. We can reflect on "bitter jealousy and selfish ambition," and how divisive it is. If we know what to do, he says, we should do it. Riches can truly lead to all kinds of sadness. We are not to "complain about one another." James says we should pray if we are suffering, sing songs of praise if we are in good spirits, and if we are sick, we should ask to be anointed with healing and the forgiveness of our sins. James is like an examination of conscience for our continuing to grow in closeness with our Lord and for a community to continue to grow in his Spirit.

We could spend the whole week reflecting on Jesus' calling us to not judge one another. We can turn to the one who drove out evil spirits and ask for his help, his grace, to be freer to let go of those judgements and the habit of being critical and severe. We can ask for the grace to get rid of everything that leads us to sin. Most of all, we can keep asking to let our hearts be touched by his love for us - as imperfect as we ourselves are - so that we can learn the kind of compassionate and merciful love he desires we share with others. He loves us because we need loving and he wants us to love others who need loving. He wants us to be healers, where healing is needed.

Where we feel most resistant, we can pray all the more earnestly for his healing of our hearts. Old habits can be healed. It takes openness to his grace and practicing new patterns of behavior - doing it a different way. So, if I feel I can't, or don't know how to change, I can turn to him and ask for the healing I need for a fresh start, a new beginning in reacting differently, and treating others differently. I can ask for the grace to trust his grace as I practice greater patience, forgiveness, compassion and love. We can trust that asking for these gifts will be successful because we are asking for what he wants to give us.