

February 23, 2020
Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time



Parish Calendar

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5pm

Sunday Masses:

6am, 8am, 10am, 12:30pm

Daily Mass(Tuesday to Saturday) at
7:15am

Sunday, February 23

11am R.E Classes/Parent Mtg. **C.R/H**
 12:30pm Mass/Fellowship **CH/H**
 2pm Divine Mercy **CH/H**

Monday, February 24

7:15am Communion Service **CH**

Tuesday, February 25

6pm Finance Meeting **Conf.R**
 5pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help **CH**
 7pm Hispanic Prayer Group **CH**
 7:30pm Neo-Catechumenal **H**

Wednesday, February 26

11am Food Pantry /Senior Box **H**
 10:30am Avalon Mass **Avalon**
 5pm Ash Wednesday Mass **CH**
 7pm Ash Wednesday Mass (Spanish)**CH**

Thursday, February 27

6pm 10AM Choir Practice **CH**

Friday, February 28

12:30pm School Stations of the Cross
 6:30pm Stations of the Cross **CH**
 6pm Youth Ministry **CH/H**
 7pm Hispanic Choir Practice **R.E**

Saturday, February 29

8:30am Funeral (+)Tereza Dagulo **CH/H**
 5pm Vigil Mass **CH**
 7:30pm Neocatechumenal Way **CH**

Calendar Legend

Ch = Church RE = Religious Ed
 CC = Convent Chapel SR = Science Room
 PL = Parking Lot CR = Classroom

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LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

“So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Talk about setting the bar high!

This verse, at the end of today’s Gospel passage from Matthew, sets the tone for all of the readings this week. In embracing stewardship as a way of life, we have a custom-made plan that, with a big dose of God’s grace, will move us towards the holiness of life to which Christ is calling us in this verse. Our first reading, from Leviticus, lays out this theme immediately, as God instructs Moses to tell the whole community to, “Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.” The call to holiness is for everyone because every one of us is made in the image and likeness of an all-holy God. This call should therefore not seem strange or unattainable — on the contrary, it is a call to become our truest selves. And even in this ancient passage, we find practical instruction in how to begin to attain holiness: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.”

The first few verses of our second reading from Corinthians give a further reminder as to why we must live holy lives with this thought-provoking question, “Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?” What great dignity we have as God’s own dwelling place. And what encouragement this should bring us — the call to holiness is possible because we have the Holy Spirit dwelling right within us! The following verses from this passage show us that a life of holiness will not make sense in worldly terms, however. “If any one among you considers himself wise in this age, let him become a fool, so as to become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God.” The stewardship way of life, giving away the best of our time, our talents and treasure to God for His glory and for the sake of others, is the path to holiness. Yet, it appears utterly foolish in the eyes of many.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, our Lord takes this “foolish” concept even further with these illustrations of how we should give of ourselves and our things: “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.” And further still: “love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” Jesus teaches that 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 you to the heavenly Father and a life of holiness, too.

So, with God’s grace and the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, 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.

Stewardship Collection

Total Weekly Collection	\$3,494.32
Other Offerings/Income (Candle, Mass Offerings, Funerals Marriages, Baptisms, Unscheduled Masses & Donations)	\$1,450.64
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$4,944.96
Weekly Offering needed for Operations	\$6,743.00*
Amount Over or Short	-\$1,798.04
*Unplanned expenses in our budget for This Year (Increase) Parish Assessment and Property & Liability Insurance	\$21,898.00

Upcoming 2nd Collection:

**Catholic Relief
Services**

Altar Ministry Cleaning Schedule Team 3

Aurora. Garcia
Nelia. Boloson
Rosalyn. Felipe
Dinision. Cabantin
Arsenia. Pasion
Ligaya. Badua

Rev. Diego Restrepo
Serna

Parish Administrator

Peter Soumwei
Deacon

Ricardo Burgos
Deacon

Bertha Guerrero
Secretary &
Business Manager

Carol Chong
School Principal

Sr. Esther Pagdato, O.P.
Sisters Convent &
Superior

Renier Torres
Pastoral Council Chair

Ping Blas
Finance Council Chair

Danielle Burgos
Religious Education
Director

Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 23, 2020: Repose of the souls:

- (+) Jeffrey Cuaresma
- (+) Lourdes & Eligio Machacon
- (+) Eugenio & Natividad Cuaresma
- (+) Cresencio Eala Sr.
- (+) Celerina D. Eala
- (+) Tereza Dagulo
- (+) Paulino & Annabelle Castillo

Thanksgiving & Healing:

- Ely & Josie Cuaresma & family
- Sekoti Bernard

Birthday & Thanksgiving:

- Marilou V. Urbi
- Marivic V. Tuddao

Thanksgiving:

- Knights of Columbus #17042

Feb. 24-Feb.29@ 7:15am & 5pm. Repose of the souls:

- (+) Cresencio Eala Sr. &
- (+) Celerina D. Eala

Feb. 29th @
10am. Funeral
Mass for
(+) Tereza
Dagulo.
Rest in
Peace.



Ash Wednesday Mass
Schedule; February 26,
7:15am- Mass
12noon- School Mass
5pm- Mass
7pm- Mass (Spanish)

Our Stewardship Prayer

Generous and Loving
Creator, you have called us to
Malama i ka Makana (Cherish
the Gift).

As disciples of your Son, we
ask that your Spirit open our
minds and hearts to
more deeply
appreciate your countless
blessings. Increase your
transforming spirit within us,
so as to nurture
our call to stewardship as a
way of life marked always by
faith-filled prayer,
service to others
and generous giving. With
the kokua of St. Marianne
and St. Damien, teach us to
be good
stewards so we may return a
hundred-fold the makana
entrusted to us.
We pray this through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen

PARISH MINISTRIES

Building & Maintenance
Baptism Preparation
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
Marriage Preparation
Eucharistic Ministers
Lectors
Altar Server
Altar Cleaners
Ushers/Hospitality
Social/Outreach
Neo-Catechumenal Way
Divine Mercy
Music Ministries
Knights of Columbus
Youth Ministry
Gimong ti Novena
*Ethnic Ministries (Hispanic, Samoan, Ilocano,
Chuukese)*

Other Masses, Adorations & Devotions

First Friday @ 7:45am-9:00am -Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament
First Friday @ 6:00pm- Ilocano Mass
First Saturday @ 8:00am- Holy Rosary - Dominican Lay
Associates
First Sunday @ 5:00pm- Chuukese Mass
First Sunday @ 10am Samoan Mass