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February 19 — 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)



Today's readings explain why Christians are expected to be holy and how we are meant to become holy people. The first and second readings give us reasons why we should be holy, and the Gospel describes four ways of becoming holy people prescribed for us by Jesus, using three examples of graceful Christian retaliation when people offend us and violate our rights and privileges.

Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount rejects even the concession of milder retaliation allowed by Moses. For Jesus, retaliation, or even limited vengeance, has no place in the Christian life, even though graceful acceptance of an offense requires great strength and discipline of character, as well as strengthening by God's grace. Jesus wants his disciples to repay evil with kindness. Instead of retaliation, Jesus gives his new law of love, grace, forgiveness, reconciliation, and no retaliation. *(frtonyshomilies)*

VII Domenica del Tempo Ordinario (ANNO A)

Gesù Cristo, Dio-con-noi e umanità nuova, insegna ai suoi discepoli il comandamento dell'amore, la nuova legge del Vangelo che sostituisce per sempre la legge pagana del vecchio uomo: "Amerai il tuo prossimo e odierai il tuo nemico".

Il nostro spirito trema sentendo le esigenze di questo nuovo comandamento. Non è forse più facile aggredire chi ci aggredisce e amare chi ci ama? Forse è a questo che ci spingerebbero i nostri sensi, è questa la voce dell'anima umiliata non ancora raggiunta dalla luce del Dio di Gesù Cristo, del solo vero Dio. Ecco perché l'amore di carità è un precetto insolito, che apre ad un nuovo orizzonte antropologico la civiltà antica e ogni civiltà umana possibile.

Visto da questo orizzonte, l'uomo, ogni uomo, appare creato a immagine e somiglianza di Dio e non più formato secondo una natura disuguale e arbitraria, come invece credevano i pagani. Liberato dai suoi peccati grazie all'azione redentrice di Cristo e rinnovato dall'azione dello Spirito, l'uomo, ogni uomo, è il tempio in cui risplende lo Spirito di Dio. Dio ama l'uomo per se stesso, a tal punto che consegna alla morte suo Figlio. Dal momento che Dio ci ama in questo modo e ci ha fatti partecipi del suo amore, noi non possiamo che perdonare il nostro prossimo e aiutarlo perché viva e si sviluppi.

(LaChiesa)

Joke of the week

A senior couple were arguing about the wife's practice of leaving her car keys in the ignition.

'But if I take them out of the ignition, I can never find them again,' she explained.

'That's all very well,' the husband said, 'but what happens if someone steals the car?'

'No problem,' the wife insisted. 'I keep a spare set of keys in the glove compartment.'

(The book of senior jokes)

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Miriam Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Krys Herrmann and Family, Bob Brown, Angela Barto, Diana Nash, Patrick Brennan, Sonia Taranto, Evelyn McDonough, Laurence, Amelia Testa, Floriano Pivetta, Bruna Zando, Rita Paladino, Joe and Monica Zahra, Cathy Taviane, Emma and Tony Mallozzi, Nina Garoffolo, Giovanna Gamberale, Josie, Mark, Mary Theuma

Recently deceased: Mary Kukola, Ubaldo D'Alessandro, Maria Simonetti, Pietro Mobruci, Pietro Paolo Falcone, Pina Troise, John Privitera, Roberta Rossetini (Italy)

Anniversaries: David Morrison, Teofilo Segafò, Ezio Catelli, Rita and Joan Leal, Trevor Richardson, Rose McAllister, Youssef and Najibe Lebnan, Christopher Robinson, Francis and Maureen Lawlor, Pietro Capparelli, Vincenzina Milanese, Giovanna Gurle, Mario Borfotti

We especially pray for all the deceased St. Matthews parishioners, those whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.

Rosters for weekend masses (Feb 25 /26)

Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm: J. Manovella

Sunday 9.00 am: M. Raymond

Sunday 10.30 am: R. Odoardi

Bus driver: J. Butera

Mass times

Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am

Wednesday: **Novena mass: 6.00 pm**

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm

Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

Confessions are available on Saturday 5.00 pm—bookings are essential. Contact the Parish Office.

Sacramental preparation

Any students from government schools in Grade 3 and up wishing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation in 2023, please contact Anna Proud on 0402741258.

Rosary at Regis Fawkner

Regis Fawkner (Major Road) are looking for assistance in reciting the rosary one day per month. If parishioners are able to assist - please contact Rosa : 0401 848 237. I

Project Compassion Sunday (18th & 19th February)

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

As St Pope John Paul II said, "The future starts today, not tomorrow."

St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

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