

# Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## “But I Say To You...”

“An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth...” may be one of the most—quoted Bible verses; however, we often ignore the rest of the passage. We hear Him say today, “You have heard it say, ‘An eye for an eye...’ but I say to you...”



The gospel message fails to endorse many of society’s evils and today’s passage is certainly no exception. The idea of forgiving others is not politically correct in many circles, nor is it palatable in many minds. If we were to lunch with Jesus and honestly discuss our feelings in the matter while listening intently to His response, what might be the outcome? Perhaps it would be well if we were to come and see.

## Feast Of St. Joseph

The annual St. Joseph Altar will take place **Saturday, March 18**, in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are invited to come and view this beautiful altar in tribute to St. Joseph and to enjoy a meatless meal with friends and family. Parishioners who are able are invited to donate a **MEATLESS** vegetable, seafood, rice or pasta dish, or a **MEATLESS** casserole, for serving to the public. Prepared dishes will be accepted Saturday after 9:00 a.m.



The schedule is as follows:

### Blessing of Altar and Tupa Tupa

Blessed by Fr. Burnick Terrebonne on Saturday, March 18, 11:00 a.m.

Meals served to public from noon until 4:00 p.m.

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

**Mass in honor of St. Joseph**—Saturday,

March 18, 5:00 p.m.

## We Thank You

Dear Sts. Peter and Paul Family,

Thank you so much for the abundance of resources that you brought to us for the moms and babies that we serve at the center. What a blessing!



We greatly appreciate your continued partnership with us in our community.

Pregnancy Help Center

Cindy Collins, Staff and all the Moms and their precious babies

## Offertory Giving

In another passage from His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus continues to turn his disciples’ way of thinking upside-down. One of the lessons for the Christian steward in today’s Gospel is that if we have a chance to help someone in need, we should be generous and give more than is expected of us. Jesus went “the extra mile” for us. Can we be more like Jesus and “go the extra mile” for others?

<b>Weekly Budgeted Need</b>	<b>\$7,100.00</b>
<b>Last Sunday</b>	
Envelopes	\$7,321.00
Loose	730.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,051.00</b>
<b>Progress Report</b>	
Cumulative Budget	\$234,300.00
Cumulative Income	<u>236,232.35</u>
<b>Ahead &lt;Behind&gt;</b>	<b>\$ 1,932.35</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	
<b>(Building Fund)</b>	<b>\$ 1,667.00</b>

## Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention

“That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.”



## Ash Wednesday—March 1

Mass and Distribution of Ashes  
8:00 a.m. and **NOTE** time 6:30 p.m.

## Mardi Gras Schedule

The Church Office will be closed **Monday, February 27, through Wednesday, March 1**, in observance of the Mardi Gras holiday. The Office reopens **Thursday, March 2**, at 1:00 p.m.



## Victims Of Abuse

In continuing our commitment of support and healing, we invite and encourage people who have been sexually abused recently or in the past by clergy, religious, or other employees or volunteers of the Archdiocese of New Orleans to call the Victims’ Assistance Coordinator, Sister Carmelita Centanni, MSC, PhD. 504-861-6253.



**Mass Intentions Requested****Monday, February 20***(Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29)*

No Mass Scheduled

**Tuesday, February 21***(Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37)*

8:00 a.m. Louis Mangano, Sr.

**Wednesday, February 22***(1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19)*

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

**Thursday, February 23***(Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50)*

8:00 a.m. Debbie Goodey

**Friday, February 24***(Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12)*

8:00 a.m. Arthur Zimmer, Jr.

**Saturday, February 25***(Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16)*

5:00 p.m. Maurice Bersuder Sr., Robert Jenevein, Joseph Jenevein, Harry & Catherine Tracy, Capt Pete Vogt, Madel Ketterer, Nancy McCann, Eugene Blanchard Jr., Rosemary Poche, Tina Mangano, Ken & Adele Salzer, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Roszczynialski Family, Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Imelda Gares, Roger Doucette, Joseph D'Antoni Jr.

**Sunday, February 26***(Is 49:14-15; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34)*

7:00 a.m. Wilfred Sanchez

8:30 a.m. Burnick Terrebonne Sr., Jerome Roszczynialski, Bruce Frederick, Andrew Lambert, Margaret Clayton, Suzanne Renckly, Atherton Ragusa, Ronnie & Betty Lambert, Antonians & Benefactors, Nellie Roszczynialski, Ramon Garay Sr.

10:30 a.m. Parishioners

**Tabernacle Lamp**

This week the Tabernacle lamp in the Sanctuary burns in memory of Joseph J. Milczarek.

**Pray For The Sick**

Valdeana Bauer, Audrey Bonnet, Diana Bradshaw, JoAnn Brewin, George & Wanda Butko, May Caballero, Patricia Cuccia, Dotsy Chedville, Deacon Pat Downey, Steve Dunn, Marcelle Ernewein, Carroll Fourcade, Jeanette Gomez, Doris Hall, Deacon John Howard, Virgie Hurstell, Allen & Joan Jagneaux, Maria Kalcic, Gloriette Kiern, Elizabeth Kitel, Pat Langsford, Cheryl Martin, Shirley Matthews, Rose Mire, Vito Montalabano, Shelia Morgan, Jessie O'Dell, Cheryl Poiroux, Robert Reinecke, Ed Roszczynialski, Cathy Smith

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Legion of Mary**—Monday 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Hall

**Tuesday Morning Rosary**—Tuesday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and the St. Jude Novena in St. Anthony Hall

**RCIA Tracks I & II**—Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in classrooms

**Apologetics**—Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

**Patriotic Rosary**—Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

**Women's Spirituality**—Sunday, February 26, at 11:30 a.m. in St. Anthony Hall

**Pro Life Oratory Contest**

St. Tammany Right to Life is sponsoring its annual Pro-Life Oratory Contest, Saturday, March 11, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Luke's Youth Center, 910 Crossgates Boulevard, Slidell. Contestants must be high school juniors and seniors. The speeches should be five to seven minutes in length. Topics include "Abortion, Euthanasia or Fetal Stem Cell Research." Cash prizes will be awarded. Call 985-640-3680 for more information.

**Altar Society Membership**

Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul Church are invited to join our Altar Society. The Altar Society meets on the last Tuesday of the month after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Its purpose is to maintain the beauty and dignity of the Church, as well as sponsor events which are closely associated with the various liturgical seasons. Dues are \$10 per year and can be placed in the collection basket during Masses, placed in drop box or mailed to the Church Office. Make checks payable to Sts. Peter and Paul Altar Society.

**A Great Book**

In regard to this great Book, the Bible, I have but to say it is the best gift God has given...All the good Savior gave to the world was communicated through this Book. But for it we could not know right from wrong. All things most desirable for man's welfare, here and hereafter, are to be found portrayed in it.

Abraham Lincoln

**Best Sold Book**

A Bible is the world's best-seller; it is also the best bargain.



## Spirituality Center Programs

### What is Spiritual Direction?

Throughout the history of the church there have always been men and women who listened to the prayer experiences of those wanting assistance with their prayer. Learn how Spiritual Direction can help you grow in prayer life, nurture your relationship with God and enable you to become more attentive to God in your daily life.

Wednesday, February 22, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Presenter: Sr. Gloria Murillo, STJ

Register: <https://asc.arch-no.org> or 504-861-3254

Fee: \$25.00 (adjustments can be made)

Place: Archdiocese Spirituality Center

2501 Maine Avenue, Metairie

### A Lenten Retreat In Daily Life

Would you like to experience Sacred Scripture—not just study it? Do you have a deep desire to grow in your faith and prayer life? Are you seeking a deeper relationship with the Lord through prayer? Would you like to experience a directed retreat without interrupting your daily life?

Saturday, March 4 and April 8 10:30 a.m.-Noon

Weekly meetings with a Personal Spiritual Director

Register: Before March 1

<https://asc.arch-no.org> or 504-861-3254

Fee: \$40.00 (adjustments can be made)

Place: Archdiocese of New Orleans North Shore Pastoral Center, 4465 Highway 190 E. Service Road, Covington

### Lent is the Church's Springtime

A Lenten day of reflection that will help us recognize God's action in our everyday lives. Lent is not so much about what we "give up" but what God wants to offer us if we are willing to let go of some obstacles.

"I tell you, most solemnly, unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest."

Thursday, March 9, from 10:00 a.m.-Noon

Presenter: Sr. Dorothy Trosclair OP

Register: <https://asc.arch-no.org> or 504-861-3254

Fee: \$25.00 (adjustments can be made)

Place: Archdiocese of New Orleans North Shore Pastoral Center, 4465 Highway 190 E. Service Road, Covington

## Lent

At Lent we must ask, not "what have I given up?", but instead "what have I given?"

## Wait For The Answer

Answers to prayer  
Come in various ways  
Sometimes in minutes  
Sometimes in days  
And some take years  
To fully unfold  
The harvest of love  
And blessings they hold.  
Answers to prayer  
Come in various forms  
Sometimes in sunlight  
Sometimes through storms  
Some blossom early  
And some blossom late  
But each one will flower  
If you have faith and wait.

## Save The Date

On Saturday evening March 11, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass, the youth who attended Washington, D.C., will serve a meal, present a slide show of pictures, and give personal testimony of the March For Life trip.

Please join these young people for a great meal and presentation.



## Choosing God's Way

Your way, not mine O Lord  
However dark it be  
Lead me by Your own hand  
Choose out the path for me  
Smooth let it be, or rough  
It will still be the best  
Winding or straight, it matters not  
It leads me to Your rest.  
Not mine, not mine the choice  
In things both great and small  
Be You my guide, my strength  
My wisdom and my all

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## What is Presidents' Day?-February 20

Presidents' Day is the popular and commonly used name for the United States federal holiday officially called Washington's Birthday. It is celebrated annually on the third Monday of February.

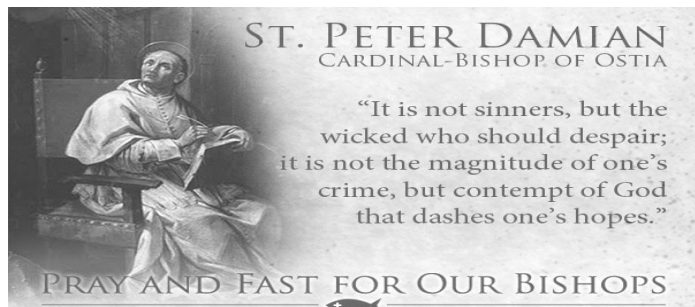


Presidents' Day honors and celebrates the life and achievements of George Washington, the first President of the United States (1789-1797) and 'The Father of his Country'. The day is, in practice, often used to honor and remember all past US presidents, and in particular Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson.

Presidents' Day was created in 1879, first celebrated the following year. It was originally held on Washington's actual birthday (February 22). In 1971 this was changed to the third Monday of February. It was the first federal holiday to be created in honor of an American citizen.

Presidents' Day is an occasion for community celebrations and parades. Many stores and businesses hold special sales. The Purple Heart military badge (which carries an image of Washington) for soldiers injured in the course of duty is awarded on Presidents' Day.

## St. Peter Damian—February 21

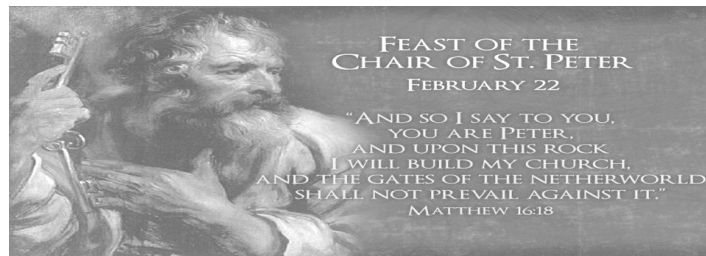


Born of poor parents at Ravenna, Italy, he was orphaned when very young and raised by a brother for whom he tended swine in his youth. Another brother, a priest at Ravenna named Damian whose name he adopted as his surname, sent him to Faenza and then to Parma to be educated. Peter became a professor, began to practice great austerities and in 1035 joined the Benedictines and lived as a hermit devoting himself to intensive study of Scripture. He was elected abbot by the monks, founded five other hermitages, and became famous for his uncompromising attitude toward worldliness and denunciations of simony.

He was never formally canonized, but local cults developed on his death, and in 1828 Pope Leo XII extended his feast to the Universal Church and declared him a Doctor of the Church. He wrote many works on ascetical theology. He died at Faenza while on the way back from Ravenna, which he had just reconciled with the Holy See.

*"Lives of the Saints"*

## Chair of St. Peter The Apostle-February 22



Church historians affirm positively that St. Peter founded the See of Antioch before he went to Rome. Antioch was then the capital of the East. St. Gregory the Great states that the Prince of the Apostles was Bishop of that city for seven years. It is also a fact, based upon the unanimous consent of Christian antiquity, that St. Peter was at Rome and founded the Church there. However, his sojourn in the capital of the Roman Empire was not continuous, as he was often absent when performing his apostolic functions in other countries.

This feast, which commemorates St. Peter's pontifical authority, formerly was celebrated on two different days: January 18, in honor of his Pontificate at Rome, and on February 22, in honor of his Pontificate at Antioch.

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## Why Pray the Stations of the Cross?

### Reasons from Pope Francis

The Stations of the Cross are an ancient tradition in the Catholic Church going back to the fourth century when Christians went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Like many of our Catholic traditions, the Stations of the Cross can be rich, deep and meaningful, but at the same time we can lose sight of their significance and how to relate them to our everyday lives.

Continuing the idea of Pope Francis as our spiritual director this Lent, the reasons from our Holy Father on why we should pray the Stations of the Cross:

**They Allow Us to Place Our Trust in Him**-World Youth Day, Way of the Cross, July 26, 2013

**They Put Us into the Story**-World Youth Day, Way of the Cross, July 26, 2013

**They Remind Us That Jesus Suffers with Us**-World Youth Day, Way of the Cross, July 26, 2013

**They Compel Us to Action**-World Youth Day, Way of the Cross, July 26, 2013

**They Helps Us Make a Decision for or Against Christ**- Good Friday, March 29, 2013

**They Reveal God's Response to Evil in the World**-Good Friday, March 29, 2013

**They Give Us the Certainty of God's Love for Us**-Way of the Cross, July 26, 2013

**They Guide Us from the Cross to the Resurrection** Good Friday, April 18, 2014

