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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The first reading is taken from the First Book of Samuel (1 SM 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23). The prophet Samuel, on the instruction of God, anointed David to be the second king of Israel. Saul the first king, because he had displeased God, was to lose his kingship. His throne was to pass not to his son, but to David, an unknown stranger from the village of Bethlehem. This reading describes the event that occurred during Saul's search for David.

The second reading is taken from St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians (1 COR 15:45-49). In this Chapter of Paul's first letter to Corinthians the Apostle is speaking of the resurrection of all men from the dead.

The Gospel is taken from St. Luke (LK 6:27-38). It would at first sight appear that the demands that Christ makes on our charity here are anything but easy. Loving one's enemies is asking a lot. Blessing them and praying for them might be all right for St. Francis but expecting it of us seems to be going very far. Asking for a blow on the second cheek while the first is still twinging with pain seems fit only for a martyr. Not to try to take tack what was stolen from us looks very foolish. Yet it was Christ who made all these demands.

However, before we give up in despair, and decide that this type of Christianity is not for us, let us look a little more closely at the demands that are made. To love our enemy does not mean we must throw our arms about him every time we meet him (he would not let us anyway!). It



means we must do all in our power to rid our minds of any hatred of him, and try to see the good that is in him. Not judging and condemning comes under this heading. Human sinful beings that we are, our faculty for seeing in our neighbor the real man as he is before God, is very limited and very prone to error. There are justly convicted robbers and murderers in our jails, in whom God can see a lot of goodness even now, and perhaps future citizens of heaven later on.

Not demanding back what was unjustly taken from us does not mean that we may not have recourse to the legal or other means available to us for obtaining compensation in such cases. What it does forbid is personal (generally forceful) restoration of our rights and property.

Another consoling point to bear in mind is that the vast majority of our fellowmen have no inclination to injure us in our person or our property and will never do so. If we feel we have a lot of enemies only waiting for the chance to pounce on us, we would do well to examine our own consciences very

carefully and then look for the many good points there are in our neighbour's character.

"An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, life for life" was the practice amongst the Jews at the time of Christ and for centuries before (Ex. 21 :23-25). Christ sets up the "golden rule" of fraternal charity in place of this Law of Talon. Every man should truly love his neighbor for he is his brother. What is more, Christ's mission on earth has made him a son of God and an heir to heaven. Our chief interest in our neighbor must therefore be a spiritual interest. If he offends us, he offends God which is much more serious. Our charity should help him to seek God's forgiveness. That he should seek ours is of very minor importance in comparison with that.

You would like your neighbour to help you to reach heaven. "You go and do likewise" to your neighbor, and you will both get there.

Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: Sexagesima Sunday

"The sower went out to sow his seed . . . Now . . . the seed is the word of God" (Gospel).

Every springtime God, as it were, rewrites the Book of Genesis and Creation. Appropriate to the coming spring, Jesus is now pictured as the Divine "Sower." He sows "seed" in the soil of our souls, covered with "rocks" of hardening pride, "thorns" of softening "pleasures!"

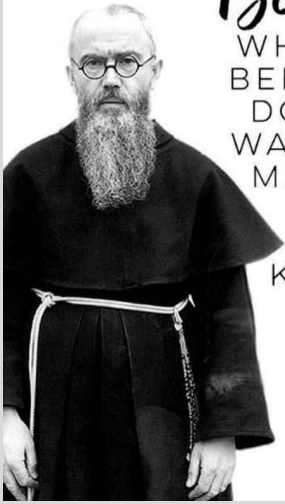
The Epistle is a vivid picture, moving in quick action over Europe and Asia, but above all moving our souls to action as it

describes the sacrifices of Paul, the "sower," sowing the "word of God," despite passions from within, persecutions from without.

— Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

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The Dead Theologians Society


Saints of Yesterday Inspiring Youth of Today

The Dead Theologians Society is a national organization that seeks to engage high school students through prayer, catechesis, and social activity that is rooted in the Catholic tradition and based on the Lives of the Saints. DTS meetings are open to all Catholic high school students and are held in the parish meeting room of St. Patrick Church in Weston.. The next meeting is Sunday, March 3. For more info, text @dts-weston to 81010.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Victory 379



The Catholic Daughters are women of Faith under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary, glorifying the Lord, and serving others! The Court is not exclusive to parishioners of St. Patrick Church. Members can be from any parish that does not have a court. Join us at our next meeting on Monday, March 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Boniface Church hall. Yearly dues are \$30 and are due now. Checks can be made payable to CDA 379 and mailed to P. O. Box 764, Weston, WV 26452.



Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the St. Patrick School cafeteria. All Catholic men, 18 and older are encouraged to get involved in this vital organization.

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Kid from St. Patrick Church can go for free. Registration forms are in the vestibule or can be printed at www.campbosco.com.

Farewell to Alleluia

January 2019 is just a memory and February is not far behind. Lent is almost here. This year St. Patrick Church will revive the old custom, saying goodbye to the Alleluia. A farewell celebration of the Alleluia will be on Tuesday, March 5 immediately after Mass. The 8:15 Mass will be an all school Mass so that all students and faculty can participate. Please invite family and friends to help us revive this custom!

Denying ourselves the most perfect expression of jubilation in our prayers, we are enabled to retreat deeper and deeper into the spheres of penance and self abnegation.

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Good Morning Caller, You're on Swap Shop

Tune in to WHAW radio (96.3, 107.7) on **Saturday, March 2 at 9:00a.m.** Fr. Deviese will be live on Swap Shop with radio host Steve Peters to discuss the Third Annual IrishFest.

Book Club

Are you a Catholic woman who likes to read books that can help you grow in your faith? If so, please join us for a book club designed just for this. The first meeting will be March 31 at 2:00 p.m. in the parish meeting room of St. Patrick Church. Women from all parishes are invited. The first book will be Signs of Life by Dr. Scott Hahn (the book given out at Christmas Masses). If you have any questions please email: christinacrim@yahoo.com.

Grace Before and After Meals

Don't forget to not only give thanks before but also after meals. We are so busy to get about our lives we forget to thank God for the meal we just enjoyed. Listed below are both prayers to make it easier to incorporate them in our daily lives.

Before: Bless us, O Lord! and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

After: We give Thee thanks for all Thy benefits, O Almighty God, who livest and reignest world without end. Amen. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Collecting Palms

We are collecting all your old palms. The palms will be burned to make the ashes used on Ash Wednesday. A collection box is in the vestibule or you may drop palms at the parish office. There is no need to put them in rubber bands or package them, just place them in the box.