

**INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY**

Today Jesus continues his invitation to us to go beyond the letter of the law by calling us to go beyond our human tendencies toward hatred and revenge. In a world where demands for payback and “gotcha” moments are all too common, we are encouraged to lower the temperature of the rhetoric and reflect the heart of our merciful and loving God. If last year’s Year of Mercy is to mean anything, we are called to continue to show God’s mercy and forgiveness all through our lives.

**INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*Lev 19:1-2, 17-18* Love your neighbor as yourself.

*Psalms 103* “The Lord is kind and merciful.”

*1 Cor 3:16-23* “God catches the wise in their own ruses.”

*Mt 5:38-48* Love your enemies.

Notice in today’s readings that even though Jesus quotes common sayings about revenge and hatred for one’s enemies, inviting his disciples to live contrary to aphorisms, the first reading says exactly the same as Jesus. “You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart.” What a joy to know that our God of love has always invited us to show love for one another and to overcome our fear and hatred!

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Saturday,</b>	February 18, Vigil, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM	Parishioners of Rosary
<b>Sunday,</b>	February 19, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM	Parishioners of Rosary
10:30 AM	Parishioners of Peace
<b>Monday,</b>	February 20, President’s Day
8:30 AM	Maureen Vetrichek (RIP)
<b>Tuesday,</b>	February 14, <i>Sts. Cyril, Monk &amp; Methodius, Bishop</i>
8:30 AM	M. C. Brown (RIP)
<b>Wednesday</b>	February 22, Weekday
8:30 AM	Special Intention
<b>Thursday,</b>	February 23, St. Polycarp (Mem.)
8:30 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>Friday,</b>	February 24, Weekday
9:00 AM	People of Peace

Please see Fr. Brown for Mass Intention requests. The Celebrant is not obligated to publicly announce the Mass intentions; this is a courtesy. If the Celebrant omits announcing the intention, the Mass is still offered for the donor’s intention. If you would like to make a donation for the Sanctuary Lamp for a special intention, please see Father Brown.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

Is there a person or situation in my life through which God is calling me to embrace Jesus’ revolutionary invitation to transform the world by love??

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS**

Earl Rebello, Marianne Foreman Rosemary Martens, Cathy Wood, Ruthie Kress, Curtis Jackson, Danny Somers, Greg Warner, Bill Sultan, Kelly Lightsey, Margi Bockweg, Cathy Banks, John Loria, Hguyen Dau, Hai Van Heller and family, Nathan Collins, Barbara Northrop, Susan Tanney and Peyton Meyers. Please see Father Brown to update the list or to arrange for a visit to a homebound or hospitalized.

**“GOD’S MERCY:  
LOVE’S RESPONSE TO SIN”  
SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017**

**9:00 AM-2:00 PM**

**LOCATION: Our Lady of the Rosary  
Parish Hall  
Panama City, Florida**

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EAST CENTRAL DEANERY  
COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

The day will begin with Mass followed by talks from Fr. Kevin McQuone and Fr. Richard Schamber; time for Confession; a light lunch; and a question-and-answer session. ALL Catholic and Non-Catholic are welcome to attend!! For more info, contact Joan Walker at 850-624-6891 or [joan.walker@saintjohnpc.org](mailto:joan.walker@saintjohnpc.org).

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**

OFFERTORY	\$3,074.00
BUILDING FUND	\$1,868.00
OTHER: Rosary	<u>\$900.00</u>
TOTAL	\$5,842.00

**OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE**

OFFERTORY	\$616.00
BUILDING FUND	<u>\$418.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,040.00

**BUILDING FUND (MONTHLY) NEEDED  
\$5,642.72**

**MONTH-TO-DATE  
\$5,350.00**

**NEEDED  
\$291.72**

**PARISH HALL COUNTDOWN  
AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE**

2/22/2017	\$26,249.18	\$20,771.52
3/22/2017	\$20,771.53	\$15,259.62
4/22/2017	\$15,259.62	\$ 9,713.27
5/22/2017	\$ 9,713.27	\$ 4,132.26
6/22/2017	\$ 4,132.26	\$ 00.00

**THE BURNING OF THE  
MORTGAGE!!!!**

THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE  
IN JUNE 2017.  
AT THIS TIME WE ARE LOOKING FOR  
SOMEONE TO TAKE CHARGE AND  
PLAN  
AND PLAN AND PLAN  
FOR WHAT MAY BETHE  
MOST IMPORTANT EVENT THAT OUR  
PARISH WILL EVER WITNESS!!!!

**TO THE LADIES OF OLR PARISH  
Please help welcome our two newest  
baby boy parishioners at a baby  
shower on**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017  
After 8:30 MASS**

**At OLR PARISH HALL**

Vincenzo D/B: January 5, 2017  
Birth Wgt.: 9lbs 2 oz.  
Mother: Amanda  
Leander: D/B: January 20, 2017  
Birth Wgt.: 8lbs. 9pz.  
Mother: Kristy Walker

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE!  
CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL  
CSA COMMITMENT  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

**February 18-19, 2017  
2017 CSA BROCHURES AND PLEDGE  
CARDS SHOULD HAVE BEEN  
RECEIVED**

**2017 CSA PRAYER**

Lord, hear our prayer as we  
seek to be good stewards  
of the many gifts

You have bestowed on us.  
Give us wisdom to discern Your will for  
us, strength to meet the challenge and  
the grace to be steadfast in our commit-  
ment to You.

Let us use our time,  
talent and treasure  
for Your greater  
honor and glory.  
In Your name we pray. AMEN