

Calendar

Monday

February 20

Weekday

Sir 1:1–10

Mk 9:14–29

Tuesday

February 21

Weekday

Sir 2:1–11

Mk 9:30–37

Wednesday

February 22

*Chair of St. Peter,
Apostle*

1 Pt 5:1–4

Mt 16:13–19

Thursday

February 23

*St. Polycarp,
Bishop and Martyr*

Sir 5:1–8

Mk 9:41–50

Friday

February 24

Weekday

Sir 6:5–17

Mk 10:1–12

Saturday

February 25

Weekday

Sir 17:1–15

Mk 10:13–16

Sunday

February 26

*Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Is 49:14–15

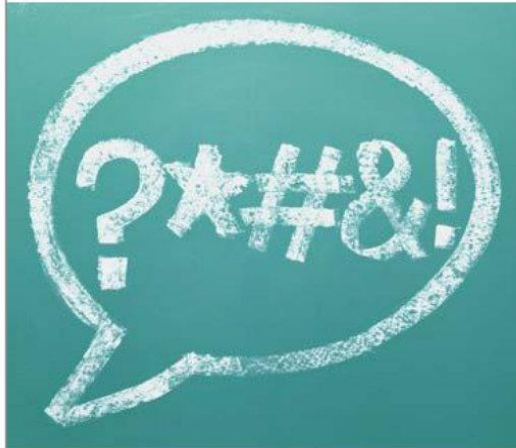
1 Cor 4:1–5

Mt 6:24–34

Dear Padre,

Is it ever OK to use “God” and “damn” together?

When we pray “hallowed be thy name” in the Lord’s Prayer, we give God the reverence he is due. Because the Lord’s name is holy, we mustn’t abuse it. The Second Commandment tells us not to “take the name of the LORD...in vain” (see Exodus 20:7). With our tongue, “we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. This need not be so...” (James 3:9–10).



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What happens, when our reverence is contradicted by cursing? For some, cursing is a cathartic response to pain or anger. Those who view it as a form of stress management or as a substitute for physical

aggression may contend that condemning in this context is neither literal nor deliberate. If God knows our hearts, that our misuse of his name is insincere, what’s the harm?

“A sharp tongue is the only edge[d] tool that grows keener with constant use,” wrote Washington Irving. In other words, if we constantly and carelessly misuse God’s name, we may stop feeling sorry that it offends him. That irreverent attitude is more offensive—and more dangerous—than the vocabulary. Scripture warns, “Death and life are in the power of the tongue; those who choose one shall eat its fruit” (Proverbs 18: 21).

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A Word From Pope Francis

“It’s terrible to see an insult or taunt issue from the mouth of a Christian. It is ugly....To insult is not Christian....Before God we are all sinners and in need of forgiveness.”

—Angelus, September 7, 2014



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2017



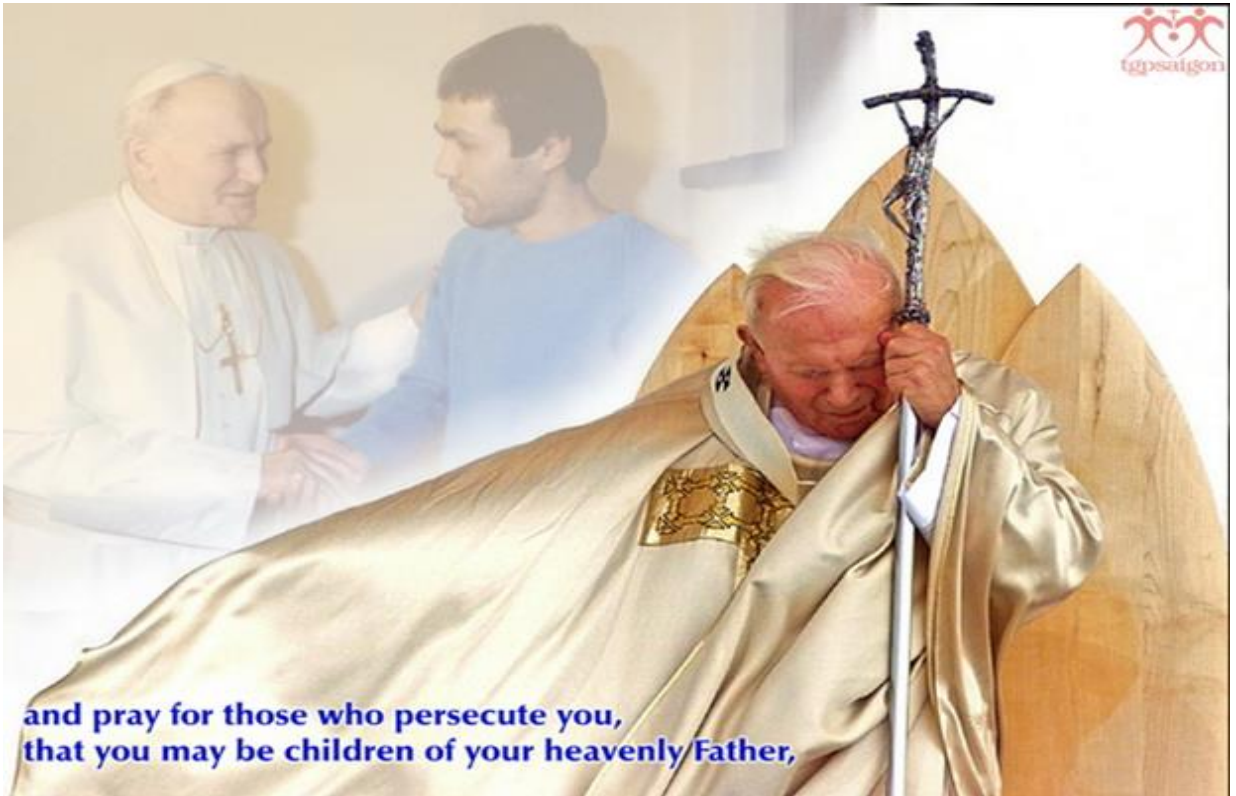
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m.
to 9:30 a.m.
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

Mass Schedule for this Week
Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule
Sun 7:30 am Benefactors
St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions
Sat 4 pm Our Parish Family
9:00am Our Parish Family

Mon 8:00am Benefactors
Tues 8:00 am Spec Int
Wed 6:00 pm +Maria
Thu 8:00 am +Fr Pete
Fri 8:00 am Spec Int

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

"Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow."

Today Jesus continues the powerful teaching of his Sermon on the Mount. Typical of this famous sermon, here he urges us to see things in a new way, specifically regarding situations and people who bother us. First, he tells us not to seek revenge. Instead, we are to demonstrate incredible generosity. Then, he instructs us to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

These instructions don't come naturally to most of us. We are much more inclined to want to get even with those who cause us to suffer, and to wish ill for those who have hurt us. But Jesus proposes another way.

In truth, what good does it do to seek revenge or foster hate? It only continues the cycle of evil. Jesus encourages behavior that will stop the cycle short. He gives us a model that although it may not change the heart of our "enemies" will nonetheless change OUR hearts for the better. When pressed into service for one mile, if we voluntarily go two, then WE are the ones whose attitude and experience is certain to change. Instead of spending the length of that one mile cursing and complaining, we spend the length of two enjoying a surprising kind of freedom: "I chose to do this," instead of "I am being forced to do this."

When we practice the generosity of giving more than we are asked, and the charity of praying for those who persecute us, we will find ourselves in a position to transcend the trouble. It sets us free to not be mastered by the evil around us. Thus, we are able to help end

the cycle of evil and begin a new cycle of love and peace.

May God bless all of us!

...Fr. Khoa

Special Second Collection for those affected by severe weather/tornadic activity in the Hattiesburg vicinity. Bishop Morin invites you to take up a special second collection **this Week**.

Lenten Fish Fry Buffet every Friday beginning March 3-April 7 from 4:00-7:30 PM. Anyone that would like to donate a dessert (cakes, cookies, pies, puddings...) please call Lenell King 228-861-0997. Thank you

Youth Convention: The CYO of Sacred Heart - Dedeaux is collecting blankets (baby and full size) for their annual community project for Convention. Donations will be accepted until March 1, 2017, and all donations are greatly appreciated.

Parish Council: meets **this Saturday** February 18.

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:**

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Total: **\$2,217.00**; Children: **\$12.08**;

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Identifiable: **\$385.00**; Loose: **\$196.00**; Total: **\$581.00**.

****Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84**

Thank you for your generosity.

Church Cleaning: The Knights of Columbus will clean the church on Feb 17 and 24. Thank you.

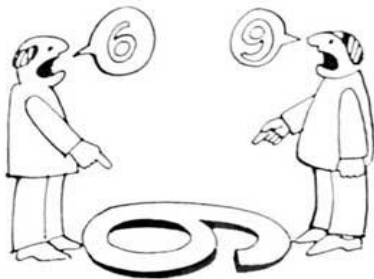
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Sat Feb 18 5pm	Henrietta	Van Pelt, Mike Mays, Diane Mays	Austin S.	August Kermit	W C and Lenell King
Sun Feb 19 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Feb 19 9am	Matthew Peleaz	Will Burke, Susan Peleaz , Robin Peterson	Keegan Carson	Robert Pat	Danny & Kim Wood Family
Sat Feb 25 5pm	Richard Dunlap	Ellen West, Mike West, Henrietta Ladner	Austin S.	David Dale Babin	Mike & Diane Mays
Sun Feb 26 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Feb 26 9am	Kim Wood	James Quintini, Beverly Saucier, Carolyn Brewer	Nick Will	Garland Will Burke	Lester Palmer Family

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

Bible Study: We will study the **Psalms** beginning this Tuesday, February 21 and 22. Please join us. Classes are on **Wed at 6:30pm and on Tues at 9am.** For more information, please contact **Ruth and Henrietta.**

Bereavement Committee: Please contact **Sharon Leimer** at 539-9928. Lasagna, green salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

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Lizana Light: For more information, please contact **Doris or Diane.**

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE
Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding. Please contact us well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive info: one's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:
Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, John Moran, Jerry Rutland, Regina Franke, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Larry Shruff, Andrew Fillengame, Melissa Peterson, Breanna Ladner, Curtis (Cubby) Ladner, Gerald Barrilleaux, Albert Necaie, Margaret Northrop, Betty Howard, Andrew, and Taylor Boyd.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS † PLEASE FILL OUT A NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM AND SUBMIT TO PARISH OFFICE
FR. KHOA WOULD BE HAPPY TO VISIT WITH YOU AND HELP YOU ASSESS YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS.