



December 24, 2024 -
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Building Faith@HOME

February 23, 2025

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: [1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23](#)

Responsorial: [Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13](#)

2nd Reading: [1 Corinthians 15:45-49](#)

Gospel: [Luke 6:27-38](#)

Love and Mercy: Living as God's Children

Jesus teaches us to love one another as He has loved us—and that means showing mercy just as God is merciful to us. In the Gospel of Luke, He tells us, "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36). This means forgiving, loving our enemies, and giving without expecting anything in return. It may seem difficult, but God never asks us to do something He hasn't already done for us.

When we receive God's mercy, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we are reminded that His love is a free gift—we can't earn it, and we can't lose it. He welcomes us back with open arms and invites us to do the same for others. Each time we pray the **Our Father**, we ask God to forgive us as we forgive others. Jesus doesn't include this to make us afraid of judgment, but to help us see that mercy transforms hearts. The more we understand how deeply Christ loves and forgives us, the more we will share that love and mercy with others in our daily lives.

Jubilee Year - Faith Facts

The Jubilee of Deacons will be held from February 21 to February 23, 2025

Learn about the Deacon Vestments and the prayers said as they vest.

<https://bit.ly/Deacon-Vestments>

The diaconate is the third level of Holy Orders. The vocation of deacons is a call to be ministers of charity, word and sacrament. It is a call to serve those most in need, to advocate for justice and to be **custodians of hope** among the disenfranchised.

Download this coloring sheet with the three levels of Holy Orders (Diaconate, Priest, Bishop).



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Family Table Talk

How have you experienced God's kindness and mercy?
How do you follow Jesus' teaching to "bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you?"

Action:

Pray the **Lord's Prayer** together each night this week. Try to incorporate this as part of your evening prayers together every night.

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time



Gifts of Grace



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Exercise your body and your soul! Jump rope with the Donut Man and practice memorize this Sunday's Psalm in a fun way!

Cut & Pray!



"Bless the Lord, with all my soul, and all that is within me, bless his Holy Name...Psalm 103 Verse 1"



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Forgive and you will be forgiven.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from the evil one.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.



The Golden Rule

Do to others as you would have them do to you.



Mercy

Merciful

The Kyrie

Right after we confess our sins as we pray the Confiteor, we experience the Kyrie, the mercy of God, saying, “**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**” We can ask for mercy by ourselves, but one of the beautiful things about the Mass—and what the Church teaches—is that when we ask for mercy—praying, “Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy”—we can actually do it on behalf of others. “Kyrie Eleison” is a timeless Christian phrase that encapsulates the essence of the Christian faith: a plea for divine mercy and a recognition of human weakness.

In today’s reading, Jesus tells his disciples, “Be merciful, just as your Father.” (Luke 6:36) Jesus is telling us to be merciful also.

Count the number of times you heard the word “Mercy” in today’s Mass. (Merciful can also be counted!)

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the user to write the number of times they heard the word 'Mercy' in today's Mass.

Pilgrims of Hope - The Community of Saints we Journey with...

As pilgrims of hope, we journey in our faith with the saints. Today, Feb. 23, we celebrate the martyrdom of St. Polycarp is the earliest recorded account of a Christian martyr. (LoyolaPress) Polycarp was a disciple of St. John the Apostle. He is remembered as an Apostolic Father, one who was a disciple of the apostles.

Pray with St. Polycarp

Prayer: Saint Polycarp, you were blessed to be among the first followers of the Apostles and worked fervently for many decades to spread and defend the pure faith. In the end, you gave witness to Christ with a martyr's death. Please pray for me, that I may learn from your witness and follow your holy example.

