

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



February 23rd, 2025

THIS WEEKEND

Sunday February 23rd

9 am ** For the People
11 am + Helena Podoba



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Samuel 26: 2, 7~9, 12~13, 22~25

Psalms 103: The Lord is merciful and gracious.

Second Reading: Corinthians 15: 45~49

Gospel: Luke 6: 27~38



THE LORD IS COMPASSIONATE AND GRACIOUS

The readings this week encourage us to be compassionate, towards ourselves, towards others, and in all that we do.

In the **First Reading**, we see how David does not give way to revenge when he finds Saul asleep, vulnerable and under his power. David has a choice, and acts with loyalty and restraint. Saul has persecuted him, but David now spares his life because Saul is the Lord's anointed one.

In the **Second Reading**, St Paul teaches us that although we are earthly by nature,

by modelling ourselves on Christ, the second Adam, we receive his life-giving spirit.

All of the readings prepare us for Jesus's challenging teaching in the **Gospel**. Jesus encourages us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hurt us, to lend without expecting a reward, to love without counting the cost. This is the way Jesus and his Father love us.

As we ponder these texts as Pilgrims of Hope in this **Jubilee Year**, we may wish to pray particularly for a spirit of reconciliation and forgiveness in our own lives, our communities, our country, and in all the situations of war, strife, injustice and suffering in our world.

ARCHDIOCESE COUNTDOWN TO LENT

Taking some time to get ready for Lent will ensure that we aren't going to miss the first week or two, because we are just getting started.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which this year is March 5th and we want to be ready to really take off on that day, rather than just beginning to think about Lent on that day. Part of what makes a vacation or a special anniversary so special is the build-up to it!

PARISH COMMUNITY

LADIES PAINT & PRAY NIGHT

We apologize for having to cancel last Tuesday's Paint & Pray Night due to the

bad weather. This night will be rescheduled. We look forward to the next evening which will be on Tuesday March 18th @ 6:30 pm (weather permitting) in the Hall. No experience required and a \$5.00 donation is requested for supplies. If you would like to attend, you **MUST** register to our hostess Diane Cooper@ JosiesJoys@gmail.com. Limited seating so please reserve your spot early.

EUCHRE NIGHT

Due an unexpected change in plans: **Next Wednesday's Euchre Night HAS BEEN CANCELLED!** Please check future bulletins for a rescheduled date.

LENTEN PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On Sunday, March 2nd, following the 11:00 am Mass, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake brunch. Join us for a parish celebration *before* the beginning of Lent!
A free will offering is appreciated.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This ecumenical service is open to all men and women in the community and this year is written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Cook Islands.

When: Friday March 7th, 2025
Where: St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Beaverton @ 11 am ~ lunch to follow.

ALSO Knox Presbyterian Church Gamebridge @ 7:30 pm ~ light

refreshments provided. Please see posters on bulletin boards.

This morning Deacon Steven Palmer will be in our parish. Welcome Deacon Steve! Fr. Oswin **will** return home to the parish for **6:00pm Mass NEXT Thursday February 27th**. Please continue to keep him and our Holy Father Pope Francis in your prayers!

MASS INTENTIONS

** living or + deceased.

February/ March	Time	Mass for
Thursday 27 th	6:00 pm	
Friday 28 th	6:00 pm	
Saturday 1 st	4:00 pm	
Sunday 2 nd	9:00 am	
	11:00 am	

PRAY FOR THE SICK, HOMEBOUND, HOSPITALIZED & FOR THOSE IN NEED

Jean Adams, Lt. (N) Anthony Adams, Lucia Balugas John Dziuran, Ana Figueiredo, Derek Francis, Angela Hoffbauer, Louise Kozolowski, Brock MacDonald, Mary Porter, Erika Rihel, Joanne & Rick Scrannage, Ralph Slaney.

DONATIONS TO YOUR PARISH

Due to last weekend's snow storm, St. Anthony's Mass was cancelled. Sunday Envelopes/Loose \$ 330.00

Have you prayed about your stewardship support level?

Thank you and God Bless!!