



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

St. Jude's Shrine, February 23, 2025.

COMMENTARY Brothers and sisters, on this day dedicated to the Lord, let us celebrate his love, his goodness and his faithfulness. Today the Lord expresses his invitation to live love without limits, offering forgiveness to those who have offended us and loving our enemies. Let us open ourselves to the Lord's invitation and allow ourselves to be formed by his grace that will transform us into true witnesses of his Kingdom. Let us stand and begin our holy Eucharistic Celebration with the entrance hymn, and welcome **Father Ricardo Nassif**.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

1. ENTRANCE SONG

Create a new heart, Holy Lord.
Beckon our lives through your word.
Open our eyes to your call,
United as one for your World.
Heighten our minds to your thoughts.
Heal us of pride and of hurt.
May we go forth in your name.
We pray our hearts change.

1. The heart of the cross lowly and poor, calls us on.
Lord, it is you promising hope, promising truth.
Refrain
2. Restless the hearts who yearn for your peace in this land.
Deepen the dream: justice brings life, justice redeems.
Refrain

2. GREETINGS

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. All: **And with your spirit.**

3. PENITENTIAL ACT

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

1. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart,
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy
2. You came to call sinners,
Christe have mercy, Christe have mercy
3. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, to intercede for us,
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy

Celebrant: May almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
All: **Amen.**

4. GLORY

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest
And on Earth, peace on Earth
Peace to people of goodwill.**

1. We praise You, we bless You
We adore You, we glorify You
We give You thanks,
For Your great glory.
Lord God heavenly King,
O God Almighty Father
Refrain
2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
You take away the sins of the World,
Have mercy on us.
You take away the sins of the World,
Receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand
The right hand of the Father
Have mercy on us
Refrain
3. For You alone are the Holy One
You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the most High,
Jesus Christ.
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory
Of God the Father
Refrain
Amen, Amen, Amen.

5. LET US PRAY

Celebrant: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the holy spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
All: **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

6. 1ST READING (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23)

A Reading from the book of Sirach:

In those days, Saul went down to the desert of Ziph with three thousand picked men of Israel, to search for David in the desert of Ziph. So David and Abishai went among Saul's soldiers by night and found Saul lying asleep within the barricade, with his spear thrust into the ground at his head and Abner and his men sleeping around him. Abishai whispered to David: "God has delivered your enemy into your grasp this day. Let me nail him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I will not need a second thrust!" But David said to Abishai, "Do not harm him, for who can lay hands on the LORD's anointed and remain unpunished?" So David took the spear and the water jug from their place

at Saul's head, and they got away without anyone's seeing or knowing or awakening. All remained asleep, because the LORD had put them into a deep slumber. Going across to an opposite slope, David stood on a remote hilltop at a great distance from Abner, son of Ner, and the troops. He said: "Here is the king's spear. Let an attendant come over to get it. The LORD will reward each man for his justice and faithfulness. Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD's anointed."

The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

7. RESP. PSALM (103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13)

R (8a) The Lord is kind and merciful. (2x)

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

R The Lord is kind and merciful.

He pardons all your iniquities,
heals all your ills.
He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R The Lord is kind and merciful.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

R The Lord is kind and merciful.

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he put our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

R The Lord is kind and merciful. (2x)

8. SECOND READING (1 COR 15:45-49)

A Reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians:

Brothers and sisters:
It is written, the first man, Adam, became a living being, the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

9. GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (John 13:34)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (2x)

I give you a new commandment . says the Lord:
Love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (2x)

10. GOSPEL READING (LK 6:27-38)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you!

All: **And with your Spirit.**

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel, †
according to St. Luke:

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to You Lord, Jesus Christ.**

Homily

**11. PROFESSION OF FAITH
(APOSTLE'S CREED)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. All: Amen.

12. PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, let us raise our prayers to God, trusting in his mercy and his infinite love for us, saying with faith:

Response: **Lord, make our hearts like yours!**

1. Before those who have done us harm...
Response: **Lord, make our hearts like yours!**

2. Before those who have declared themselves our enemies and hate us...
Response: **Lord, make our hearts like yours!**

3. Before those who have persecuted and slandered us...

4. Response: **Lord, make our hearts like yours!**

5. Before those who have asked us for something to borrow and have not returned it...

Response: **Lord, make our hearts like yours!**

6. Before those we have judged and condemned in our thoughts...

Response: **Lord, make our hearts like yours!**

(other prayers of the community)

Celebrant: Lord, make us all people open to your love so that we may be able to make possible what seems impossible to us: to love everyone, even our enemies. Through Christ, our Savior. All: **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

13. OFFERING SONG

**Take our bread, we ask you,
Take our hearts, we love you,
Take our lives, oh Father,
We are yours, we are yours.**

1. Yours as we stand
At the table you set,
Yours as we eat the bread
Our hearts can't forget.
2. We are the signs
Of your life with us yet;
We are yours, we are yours
Refrain
3. Your holy people
Stand washed in your blood,
Spirit filled, yet hungry,
We await your food
4. Poor though we are,
We have brought
Ourselves to you;
We are yours, we are yours.
Refrain

Celebrant: Pray, brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church.**

14. PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Let us Pray

Celebrant: As we celebrate your mysteries, Lord, with the observance that is your due, we humbly ask you, that what we offer to the honor of your majesty may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

15. EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: **It is right and just.**

Preface II:

It is truly right and just, our duty and salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father most holy, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, your Word through whom you made all things, whom you sent as our Savior and

Redeemer, incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin. Fulfilling your will and gaining for you a holy people, he stretched out his hands as he endured his Passion, so as to break the bonds of death and manifest the resurrection. And so, with the Angels and all the Saints we declare your glory, as with one voice we acclaim: **Holy, Holy...**

Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God of host
Heaven and Earth,
Are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest (2x)

Blessed is he who comes
In the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest (2x)

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness. Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body + and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT: FOR THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT: FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

All: **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with **Francis our Pope and Odilo our Bishop** and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, * with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be co-heirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Celebrant: **Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever. All: Amen.**

16. COMMUNION RITE

Celebrant: At the Savior's command, formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: **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 evil.**

Celebrant: Deliver us, Lord; we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will, Who live and reign for ever and ever. All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant:

(Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All: **Peace be with you!)**

17. LAMB OF GOD

(2x the sentence) Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the World:

have mercy, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the World:
grant us, grant us peace.

Celebrant: This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper. All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

18. COMMUNION SONG

**I am the vine and you the branches.
Remain in me as I remain in you;
You will bear great fruit in me.**

1. A new commandment I give you:
Even as I have loved you,
Now love one another.

Refrain

2. No greater love is there than this:
Than to lay down your life,
Your life for your friends.

Refrain

3. I am the living bread from heaven;
If you eat this bread,
You will live forever.

Refrain

4. All those who eat my flesh and drink my blood
Remain in me
And I remain in them.

Refrain

5. The words that I have spoken

Are spirit and life,
They are spirit and life.

Refrain

6. And now as I have washed your feet,
So you must do
Just as I have done.

Refrain

19. PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

LET US PRAY

Celebrant: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we may experience the effects of the salvation which is pledged to us by these mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

CONCLUDING RITES

20. FINAL BLESSING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your Spirit.**

Celebrant: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son † and the Holy Spirit. All: **Amen**

Celebrant: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All: **Thanks be to God**

21. FINAL SONG

**You are the voice of the living God,
calling us now to live in your love;
to be children of God once again!**

1. Praise for the night that shines through the night,
from darkness to light, from death to new life,
and praise to the morning that brings forth the sun,
to open our eyes to the Lord! (2x)

Refrain

2. Praise for the water that springs from the sea,
the seed that gives life to all believe,
God's love overflooding our hearts know the joy
to be daughters and sons of the Lord! (2x)

Refrain

3. Praise for the singing and praise for the dance,
with new heart and voice, all raise the song
of praise to creation; all heaven and Earth,
come sing of Glory of God! (2x)

Refrain

*Join us every 4th Sunday of the month
at 10 am at St. Jude's Shrine.*

Our next Mass is on March 23.