



The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: It appears that God's people have disregarded the Lord's ways and preferred their own. Moses instructs them to renew their covenant community by returning to the Lord "with all your heart and all your soul." Love of the Lord and fidelity to the commandments are the essential elements of covenant relationship. These are not "too mysterious and remote for you." They are very near to you, easily accessible in your life's experience as they are "already in your mouths and in your hearts." All that is required is for each one to carry them out. The challenge for any disciple centers not so much on knowing what is right but on having the courage and strength to do what is right. Covenant love relationship demands that we not only "know" but also "do".

Responsorial Psalm 69: The refrain from this lament psalm, "Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live," captures well Moses' instruction to the people in the First Reading. Covenant love and relationship emboldens the psalmist to turn to the Lord for mercy and help, assured already that the Lord does hear and responds. The Lord "hears the poor" and spurns not those in bondage. God's response is connected to the rebuilding of Zion and all those who love the Lord and abide by the commandments shall inhabit the land. Such assurance of God's love and mercy restores covenant relationship and motivates us once again to renew our covenant love.

Second Reading: Colossians extols Christ as "the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation," through whom the universe was created. In Christ, all things hold together. In Christ, God becomes human, and through his life, Death, and Resurrection, reconciled all things that had gone astray and lost their connection with God. Since the fullness of God was pleased to dwell in Christ, he, through his self-emptying love for all, was able to reestablish God's peace and harmony that binds the universe together. We are still sorting out what reconciliation of all creation means for us as humans but also for all of God's created works.

Gospel: To understand the essence of the law summarized by an inquiring scholar of the law, Jesus proceeds to recount the parable of the Good Samaritan. For Jesus, loving the neighbor as yourself is the criteria for assessing one's love of God. Therefore it would have been important to know the exact definition of neighbor so that one could be faithful to the commandment. Jesus' parable brings his audience to a moment of insight and decision. The definition of neighbor as one who treats another with mercy, breaks down all artificial boundaries that divide us, and rests on the insight that we are to treat one another in the same fashion that God treats all creation. We are called to treat one another with mercy, no matter who the other is or what we think the other deserves. To love God is to treat one another with mercy, reconciliation and love. What decision will you make?

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Deacon Kwok and Fr. Negusse with the hosts of the First Sunday of the Month Gathering after the 10:30am mass.

Thank you to the hosts of the First Sunday of the Month Gathering

8:30am — Prepared by Elizabeth Chin

10:30am — Pelilia Serrantes, Rita Javier, Adelaida Gruba, Violeta Hobayan & Leonora Dizon

St. Peter's Annual Fundraising Dinner and Talent Show

When: Saturday, September 10, 2016

Where: St. Peter Parish Hall

Time: 7: 00pm - 10:00 pm



"Back to the 80's" is our theme for the event.

Buy your tickets early and join us for a totally awesome evening of dining and entertainment!

MASS INTENTIONS / LECTIONARY READINGS

July 9 Sat	<i>No morning Mass</i> 5:30 PM Mass— + In remembrance of Eduardo Serrano	<i>Readings are the same as Sunday</i>
July 10 Sun	<i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:30 AM Mass— + In remembrance of Shirley Di Biase 10:30 AM Mass — For the parishioners & visitors of St. Peter Parish	Dt 30:10-14 Ps 69:14,17,30-31,33- 34,36,37 Col 1:15-20 Lk 10:25-37
July 11 Mon	9:00 AM—Word and Communion Service	Is 1:10-17 Ps 50:8-9,16b-17,21-23 Mt 10:34-11:1
July 12 Tue	9:00 AM—Word and Communion Service	Is 7:1-9 Ps 48:2-8 Mt 11:20-24
July 13 Wed	9:00 AM Mass — +In remembrance of Chung Kwong Ho	Is 10:5-7,13b-16 Ps 94:5-10,14-15 Mt 11:25-27
July 14 Thu	9:00 AM Mass — +In remembrance of Maria Lenny Rayray	Is 26:7-9,12,16-19 Ps 102:13-14b,15-21 Mt 11:28-30
July 15 Fri	9:00AM Mass — +In remembrance of Jose, Feliza, Prudencio, Florencio & Zosimo Halos	Is 38:1-6, 21-22,7-8 Is 38:10-12,16 Mt 12:1-8

WEEKLY OFFERINGS July 2/3, 2016

**Sunday
Contribution
\$4,103.62**

**Peter's Pence
\$70.00**

**Capital
Improvement
\$217.00**

**St. Vincent de Paul
\$600.00**

Weekend Presiders

July 9/10
Fr. Alex

July 16/17
Fr. Mani

July 23/24
Fr. Vu

July 30/31
Fr. Negusse

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"The harvest is rich," Jesus tells the seventy-two in today's Gospel, "but the workers are few." The situation is the same today. How can I help with God's harvest? Am I called in to the field? Am I one who could provide food or shelter or wages to those who toil in the fields of the Lord?