



“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.
...For the measure with which you measure
will in return be measured out to you.”

OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 23, 2025

BACKGROUND OF THE LITURGY

GENERAL THEME:

Last week we pondered blessings and woes. Today we consider the command “Love your enemies.” This command sounds forbidding. In fact, carrying out this command is guaranteed to shake up a social order which needs shaking.

Abundance of blessing is to be expected as we heed this command of Jesus: “Love your enemies.” When we have been unheeding, our God still loves us. We open ourselves to deeper friendship with God.

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Saul, the first king of Israel, is envious of David, whom the crowds acclaim as a potential leader. David may be able to do away with Saul and claim the kingship. But he is guided by a sense of Saul’s dignity.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

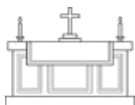
St. Paul properly calls Jesus “the last Adam.” Whereas Adam succumbed to sin, Jesus demonstrated what humanity can be like when freed from sin. The sinless one has set us free from all that could alienate us from ourselves.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 6:27-38

Today we hear the “golden rule,” although Jesus does not give this title to it. Doing what we would expect from others certainly makes sense. But going so far as to love our enemies? Jesus gives us this challenge. We expect good to come from it.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:00 PM	English
Sunday	7:00 AM	Spanish
	9:00 AM	English
	11:00 AM	English
	1:00 PM	Spanish



DAILY MASS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
and 1st Friday’s of the Month 7:00 AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

Every Wednesday beginning at 4:30 PM

Sacrament of Penance 4:45 PM to 6:00 PM

Or by Appointment

Vespers & Benediction 6:00 to 6:30 PM

Mass at 6:30 PM



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, February 22

4:00 pm (E):
 Birthday of Velmajane Sky Adame
 †Mirardo Baduel
 †Rudy Elizondo
 †Mike Garza
 †Robert J. Garza
 †Diego Guerrero
 †Vangie L. Martinez
 †Rigoberto & †Ninfa Salinas

Sunday, February 23

7:00 am (S) Pro Populo

9:00 am (E)
 Birthday of Remilia Ramirez
 Anniversary of Rogelio & Ruth Ayala
 †Mary Elizabeth de la Rosa
 †Irma E. Hernandez
 †Ben & †Rose Soto
 †Mauro Vasquez Jr.

11:00 am (E)
 Health of Leonel Garza
 Health of Rosa Maria Leal
 Health of Susie Ruiz
 †Hector & †Angie Garza
 †Guadalupe & †Sara Longoria
 †Armando B. & †Graciela Martinez
 †Carmen Alicia Martinez
 †Mariano & †Ana Ruiz

1:00 pm (S):
 Birthday of Diego Prudent
 †Jorge Cardenas
 †Manuel Guerra

Monday, February 24

7:00 am

Tuesday, February 25

7:00 am
 Birthday of Oliver Lee Adame
 †Mary Ann Del Toro
 †Simona Vega

Wednesday, February 26

6:30 pm
 In Thanksgiving of Sylvia Sosa
 In Thanksgiving of Eric & Margie Willingham and Family
 †Robert J. Garza
 †Victoriana Castañeda

Thursday, February 27

7:00 am

Friday, February 28

No Mass

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday, February 24, 2025:

Sirach 1:1-10 Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 25, 2025:

Sirach 2:1-11 Psalm 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday, February 26, 2025:

Sirach 4:11-19 Psalm 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175 Mark 9:38-40

Thursday, February 27, 2025:

Sirach 5:1-8 Psalm 1:1-4, 6 Mark 9:41-50

Friday, February 28, 2025:

Sirach 6:5-17 Psalm 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 Mark 10:1-12

Saturday, March 1, 2025:

Sirach 17:1-15 Psalm 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18 Mark 10:13-16

Sunday, March 2, 2025: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Upcoming Lenten Events

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Wednesday, March 5th

7:00 AM — Mass with Ashes

12:00 PM — Liturgy with Ashes

4:00 PM — Liturgy with Ashes

6:30 PM — Mass with Ashes

No Adoration, No Confessions on Ash Wednesday

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Community Stations of the Cross Schedule

Every **Friday** of Lent, Starting at **6:30 PM**

March 7 — CCE Elementary (Monday Classes)

March 14 — Bible Study Ministry

March 21 — Confirmation Class

March 28 — Pre-Confirmation Class

April 4 — CCE Middle School (Tuesday Classes)

April 11 — Catholic Daughters

April 18 — Good Friday/Passion Play by: Confirmation Class

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Wednesday, April 9th — Community Confessions

6:30 PM in the Parish Hall



SATURDAY
MARCH 1, 2025

2025 PRO-LIFE
Conference

DEFENDING LIFE WHEN LIFE IS THREATENED
-AT EVERY STAGE- BEFORE AND AFTER BIRTH

Presentations

Medical Professional Panel

Prayer & Music

Vendors

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Equipo de traducción disponible
para todas las pláticas



SCAN ME

ONLINE
REGISTRATION

\$15 Entry Fee + Shirt

-or-

\$10 Entry Fee

Light Refreshments Provided

8:30AM - 1:00PM

Our Lady of Sorrows School Gym
1108 W. Hackberry Ave McAllen, TX



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February 22-23, 2025



In Loving Memory of,
† Mirardo Baduel