

Daily Readings For The Week

Monday February 25th

Reading 1: **SIRACH 1: 1-10**

Responsorial Psalm: **P S. 93:1ab,1cd-2,5**

Gospel: **MARK 9: 14-29**

Tuesday February 26th

Reading 1: **SIRACH 2:1-11**

Responsorial Psalm: **P S. 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40**

Gospel: **MARK 9:30-37**

Wednesday February 27th

Reading 1: **SIRACH 4: 11-19**

Responsorial Psalm: **P S. 119:165,168,171,172,174,175**

Gospel: **MARK 9:38-40**

Thursday February 28th

Reading 1: **SIRACH 5: 1-8**

Responsorial Psalm: **P S. 1:1-2,3,4,6**

Gospel: **MARK 9:41-50**

Friday March 01st

Reading 1: **SIRACH 6: 5-17**

Responsorial Psalm: **P S. 119:12,16,18,27,34,35**

Gospel: **MARK 10:1-12**

Saturday March 02nd

Reading 1: **SIRACH 17: 1-15**

Responsorial Psalm: **P S. 103:13-14,15-16,17-18**

Gospel: **MARK 10: 13-16**

Announcements

1. A warm Welcome to all our visitors who are worshipping with us for the first time.
2. Happy Birthday and Anniversary to those celebrating their special day this week.
3. 2nd collection today is for Communication (Catholic Opinion)
4. 2nd collection next week is for the expenses of the Archdiocese of Kingston.
5. Funeral Mass for Mrs. Blanche Asphall, mother of Very Rev. Fr. Kingsley Asphall, will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 @ Holy Trinity Cathedral @ 11:00 a.m.
Burial @ Dovecot Memorial Park.
6. Senior Citizens meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 @ 1:30 p.m.
7. ASH WEDNESDAY - Wednesday, March 06, 2019.
Begin Lenten preparation for the Easter Triduum. Day of fast (ages 18-59) and abstinence from meat (age 14 and up).

YOUTH EXPLOSION 2019

March 7 to 9, 2019 @ St. Georges's College, North Street.

THEME - "Here I am, the Servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1: 38)

9. FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - Sunday, March 10, 2010.
10. STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Every Friday during the period of Lent at St. Elizabeth Church @ 6:00 p.m.

Have a Blessed Week

Welcome to the Roman Catholic
Community of St. Elizabeth's Church
"A Catholic Community in the Passionist Tradition"



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 24, 2019

**Theme: Growth into the Image of the
Heavenly Father.**

Nelson Mandela was convicted of sabotage during apartheid in South Africa and served 27 years in prison on Robben Island. When he was released in 1990, he didn't seek revenge against his former jailers; rather, he invited one of them, a white man named Christo Brand, to his 1994 presidential inauguration. This compassionate act symbolized the type of healing necessary for a post-apartheid nation. The world was agog at his generosity towards those who humiliated him individually or institutionally. Who acts this way? And, why not seek revenge? Retribution, even!

Celebrating the Eucharist

Sundays: 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Fr. Richard Award, C.P.

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Office is closed on Saturdays & Sundays.

Pastor is available during office hours and by appointment.

Truly we are called to love everyone. The only way to prove that we love everyone is in showing that we love our enemies. It is not easy to love someone who has harmed us or who has harmed someone we love very much. Yet, our Lord asks us to live this pardon each and every day of our life. Others may think that we are crazy, but we must learn to live forgiveness.

The First Book of Samuel presents us with a paragon of pardon:

David. No matter how Saul tried to destroy him, David would not retaliate. David had the opportunity to kill Saul and did not harvest it for vengeance because Saul was the anointed of the Lord. Unsurprisingly, the anointed of the Lord can be a sinner and do bad things. Recalling one of the Ten Commandments, "thou shall not kill," every person is truly the anointed of the Lord and we must refrain from killing. Woefully, is this not what the world tried to do to Jesus, the New Adam?

First Corinthians distinguishes between the two Adams. The first Adam originates from the material, natural world; and the second belongs to the spiritual, eternal world. The former would be hard pressed to forgive at times. Following the tragic Amish school shooting of 10 young schoolgirls in a one-room Amish school in October 2006, observers and followers of the tragedy were anger and grief-filled. In the midst of their grief over this shocking loss, the Amish community didn't cast blame, they didn't point fingers, they didn't hold a press conference with attorneys at their sides. Instead, they reached out with grace and compassion toward the killer's family. This act of forgiveness is a fruit of our relationship with the latter Adam, Jesus Christ. God asks us to forgive. Christ must become our internal guide for how we live and what we choose to do.

The Gospel of Luke exhorts us: 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. Mozart's "Contessa Perdonò" Finale from *Le Nozze di Figaro* captures beautifully the sentiment of forgiveness. The Count, ashamed and remorseful, kneels and pleads for forgiveness to his wife The Countess for misdeeds ("Contessa perdonò!" — "Countess, forgive me!"). The Countess, more kind than he ("Più docile io sono" — "I am more mild"), forgives her husband and all are reconciled. The opera ends in universal celebration. This scenario does not always reflect real life, but it is still an ideal to live up to!

How many of us have the courage to live this way? Perhaps occasionally we summon the strength to live this way. The invitation is to live this way consistently and always, no matter what the consequences. Following Jesus may color us as fanatics to some people and has the potential of disrupting our comfortable ways of living. We need to know how to temper our zealotry without compromising our heart's desire: Jesus Christ. If we truly live from and for the love of Christ, we will know how to give all the compassion and forgiveness we have, prepared even to give our lives for Him who loved us with compassion and forgiveness first.

Let us walk in the way of the Lord.



The Order of Mass

Gathering: *No. 329 "Praise To The Lord! Praise Him!"*

Lord Have Mercy

Gloria

Opening Prayer

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26: 2,7-9,12-13,22-23

{Henry Pratt}

Responsorial Psalm: 103: 1-2,3-4,8,10,12-13

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49

{Nadine Hibbert}

Gospel Acclamation: I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.

Gospel: Luke 6: 27-38

Homily

Universal Prayer

Greeting of Peace

Preparation of Gifts: } *No. 32 "Amazing Grace! How Sweet The Sound"*

2nd Collection

Presentation of Gifts: *No. 141 "Hear, O Lord "*

Hosanna

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Communion: *No. 199 "Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All"*

Meditation: *No. 505 "You Who Dwell in The Shelter of The Lord"*

Sending Forth: *No. 385 "Thank You For Giving Me The Morning"*