

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 27, 2022

Gospel

Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told his disciples a parable,
“Can a blind person guide a blind person?
Will not both fall into a pit?
No disciple is superior to the teacher;
but when fully trained,
every disciple will be like his teacher.
Why do you notice the splinter in your
brother’s eye,
but do not perceive the wooden beam in
your own?
How can you say to your brother,
‘Brother, let me remove that splinter in
your eye,’
when you do not even notice the wooden
beam in your own eye?
You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam
from your eye first;
then you will see clearly
to remove the splinter in your brother’s
eye.
“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit,
nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.
For every tree is known by its own fruit.



For people do not pick figs from
thornbushes,
nor do they gather grapes from
brambles.
A good person out of the store of
goodness in his heart produces good,
but an evil person out of a store of evil
produces evil;
for from the fullness of the heart the
mouth speaks.”

Readings for the week:

**8th Sunday
in Ord. Time**
Sir 27:4-7
Ps 92:2-3, 13-14,
15-16
1 Cor 15:54-58
Luke 6:39-45

Monday
1 Pet 1:3-9
Ps 111:1-2, 5-6,
9 and 10c
Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday
1 Pet 1:10-16
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab,
3cd-4
Mark 10:28-31

**Ash
Wednesday**
Joel 2:12-18
Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab,
12-13, 14
and 17
2 Cor 5:20-6:2
Matt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday
Deut 30:15-20
Ps 1:1-2, 3,
4 and 6
Luke 9:22-25

Friday
Isa 58:1-9a
Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab,
18-19
Matt 9:14-15

Saturday
Isa 58:9b-14
Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Luke 5:27-32

**1st Sunday
of Lent**
Deut 26:4-10
Ps 91:1-2, 10-11,
12-13, 14-15
Rom 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13



Opening Prayer

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that the course of our world
may be directed by your peaceful rule
and that your Church may rejoice,
untroubled in her devotion.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

The good teacher or wise parent often makes a point by exaggeration, as does Jesus in some of his parables, including the mini-parables in today's reading. To have a wooden beam in our own eye makes us a poor splinter-remover for someone else's eye. Smug superiority distorts our vision of ourselves and our neighbor. Some of us would have no trouble winning a black belt for innuendo and faint praise, so quick are we on the offensive against others, and even faster to defend ourselves.

Using the familiar biblical image of a tree whose quality is judged by the good or bad fruit it produces, Jesus teaches his listeners that the quality of people is judged by their actions. There is more involved here than "spiritual eye surgery" to get rid of the judgmental log that blinds us. It is a matter of the biblical heart, that deepest personal reality, the storehouse of our dreams and desires. One of the surest indicators of people is their words: words that are honest and match their deeds, as did Jesus's words, or words that are a sadly hypocritical script for playacting.

The mass media and politicians are a source of many words in contemporary society. The "doublespeak" we get so much of is dishonest and dangerous. We need the wisdom and discernment of which Jesus speaks. Recent history offers many examples of "doublespeak" that may be so familiar to our ears that our hearts no longer have a Christian reaction. "The final solution" meant the genocide of six million Jews; "collateral damage" in war means the killing of innocent civilians; a prison's "management unit" is a solitary confinement block. We need to take the pulse of our newspapers, TV, and governments to make a Christian diagnosis of such language and its reporters.

Closing Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day and the opportunity to grow in relationship with you. So often we remain focused on the shortcomings of others—our family members, coworkers, and friends. Instead, help us to deeply examine the areas where we need growth, that we might produce good as we remain faithful to your Gospel and the way of life to which we are called. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

• Which "splinters" in someone else's eyes do you find yourself preoccupied with and how can you turn that focus on yourself, someone you can actually change?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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Announcements
02/26/22 to 02/27/22

Financials: 02/14/22 – 02/20/22

Weekly Collection Goal \$2400	Total \$1206.00 Over 1194.00		
In Church		\$ 1206.00	
Mail In		\$ 00.00	

Second collection today for Maintenance Fund – Mahalo for your generosity.

Report from Kathy Texeira ~

We were blessed with 18 volunteers this month and welcomed Nancy and Paulette who were a big help! Thank you to Joe, Ongolea, spouses and Wendell for stepping up and learning the process from Glenn on the “How to bake” our Onolicious Sweet Bread. Much gratitude for their willingness to serve!

We baked a total of 341 loaves; including miscellaneous donations less expenses, our NET Profit **\$1,956.74**.

Our next bread day is Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

Thank you for your help and support each and every month!

Announcements (continued)
02/26/22 to 02/27/22

*ASH WEDNESDAY, March 2nd
– Distribution of Ashes @ 6 pm.*

*There will be First Friday Service on March 4th @ 6 a.m.
beginning with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed
by Mass @ 6:30 a.m. Monsignor Watanabe is celebrant.*

Next weekend, 2nd Collection for TONGA. In light of the devastation caused by the underwater volcanic eruption in Tonga, Bishop Larry is asking parishes to take up a **voluntary** Emergency Second Collection for Tonga. Hawaii is blessed to have a significant Tongan community who are often very active in our parishes. Many of their families back home are still suffering, even almost a month after the disaster struck. *Mahalo for your Kokua!*

Have a Blessed Week!

2022

MARCH

SUNDAY

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divine Mercy 8:00 am • Mass 8:30 am • Birthday Blessing • 10-11am Sacramental Prep (2-12) • 2nd collect TONGA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faith Formation Gr 2-12 6:30-7:30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASH WEDNESDAY • Distribution of Ashes 6 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00 am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament • 6:30am Mass/Aointing of the Sick 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:30pm Confession • 4:30 Divine Mercy • 5:00 pm Mass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:30 Divine Mercy • 5:00 pm Mass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:30pm Confession • 4:30 Divine Mercy • 5:00 pm Mass • 2nd Collection Maintenance
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