

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 19, 2023

Gospel

Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples:

*“You have heard that it was said,
An eye for an eye and a tooth for a
tooth.*

But I say to you, offer no resistance to one
who is evil.

When someone strikes you on your right
cheek,
turn the other one as well.

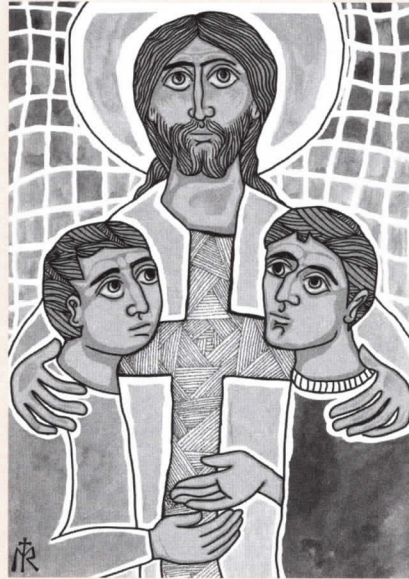
If anyone wants to go to law with you over
your tunic,
hand over your cloak as well.

Should anyone press you into service for
one mile,
go for two miles.

Give to the one who asks of you,
and do not turn your back on one who
wants to borrow.

*“You have heard that it was said,
You shall love your neighbor and hate
your enemy.*

But I say to you, love your enemies
and pray for those who persecute you,
that you may be children of your
heavenly Father,



for he makes his sun rise on the bad
and the good,
and causes rain to fall on the just and
the unjust.

For if you love those who love you, what
recompense will you have?

Do not the tax collectors do the same?
And if you greet your brothers only,
what is unusual about that?

Do not the pagans do the same?
So be perfect, just as your heavenly
Father is perfect.”

Readings for the week:

7th Sunday

in Ord. Time

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18

Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8,

10, 12-13

1 Cor 3:16-23

Matt 5:38-48

Monday

Sir 1:1-10

Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-

2, 5

Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday

Sir 2:1-11

Ps 37:3-4, 18-19,

27-28, 39-40

Mark 9:30-37

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

Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

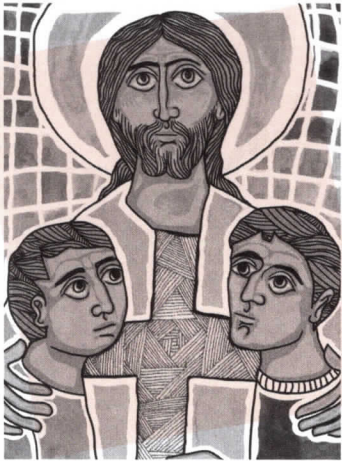
Ps 51:3-4, 5-6,

12-13, 17

Rom 5:12-19 or

5:12, 17-19

Matt 4:1-11



Opening Prayer

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,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

When speaking about the Old Testament response of “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth” (Exod 21:24; Deut 19:21; Lev 24:20), Jesus is not trying to distinguish between Old Testament harshness and the New Testament love ethic—a false dichotomy. “An eye for an eye” was a moral advance over unbridled and excessive revenge or “payback” in tribal societies. What Jesus proclaims is again a radical re-interpretation of the Law, and with the dramatic skill of a great teacher he presents his audience with some “case studies” to make his point.

If someone strikes a disciple’s cheek, instead of retaliating, the disciple should offer the other cheek as well. If a debtor is taken to court and ordered to surrender his cloak as collateral for a loan, the disciple should also give his tunic. Palestinian eyebrows would be raised at the memorable mental picture of the debtor disciple standing publicly naked in the court, bereft of both his under and outer garments, the latter often used also as a blanket at night! The third example is that of a disciple’s response to what could be legally demanded by a Roman soldier: that a Palestinian carry the soldier’s heavy pack for a mile (1,000 paces). As one trudged past the milestone, not to dump the pack but offer to go another mile with the occupying enemy would seem absolute foolishness. Likewise, to give to anyone who wants to borrow seems extreme.

But God is so generous, and a disciple should be so secure in this love, that there is no need to insist on one’s rights. Writing his gospel through the prism of the death and resurrection of Jesus, Matthew sees the light of Jesus’s response to love broken into the colors of the generous, practical, and radical.

Closing Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day and the opportunity to grow in relationship with you. May we grow daily in your love so to share that it with others. In giving unconditional, countercultural love, may we follow your gospel and the way of discipleship. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

- Where in your life could you extend forgiveness? Knowing that forgiveness doesn’t always mean offering a blank slate to one with a pattern of hurting you, what would forgiveness look like in your situation?

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 Prayers.”

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MASS TIMES:

Fr. Anastacio Postrano, Pastor

Daily Mass: 6:30 AM – 7:30 AM (except Mondays)

Saturday: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

4th Wednesday Masses are at 9:00AM at Hale Makua Nursing Home (Wailuku).

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every 1st Friday: 6:00 AM

CONFESSION

Saturday: 4:30 PM

After every weekday mass or by appointment.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism, Confession, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Funerals please call the office to make an appointment (808) 244-3284 or (808) 385-3021 (please leave a message).

You can also reach us via email at stannwaihee@gmail.com.

Financials: 02/06/23 – 02/12/23

Weekly Collection Goal \$2400	Total \$2904.00 Over \$504.00	
In Church	\$	1474.00
Online Giving	\$	1380.00
Mail In	\$	50.00

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 22 – distribution of Ashes @ Morning mass, 6:30 a.m. Hale Makua Wailuku on Wednesday, February 22 @ 9:30 a.m. – distribution of ashes as well. Reminder to those attending; must be vaccinated and masked.

Ohana In Christ is the Annual Appeal for the Catholic Church in Hawaii...this campaign is through June 30, 2023. St. Ann has a goal to meet of \$6,625. We are at 30% with a total of \$2,005 credited to this amount. A balance of \$4,620 remains.

Your Stewardship of Treasure will especially help:

- 1) Parish Priests and Deacons in recruitment, professional development, health, and wellness needs.
- 2) Youth & Young Adult Ministry; developing faith formation groups, programs, events and support Catholic schools.
- 3) Those Most in Need; resourcing parish food and shelter programs, and Catholic social ministry agencies serving our kupuna, keiki and migrant communities.

Next weekend, Second Collection for the Ohana In Christ campaign. Mahalo for your generosity.