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The king was satisfied with his explanation and let him go. <http://www.preservearticles.com/2012041930778/the-lost-camel-short-story.html>
We go through our lives 'not' noticing the details that others leave behind. It could be the difference between being there for someone and, about what really is the truth.

Do you notice the people in your church and do you really see what their lives are all about?

Readings for 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C/2

FIRST READING: 1 Sam 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23 The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Ps 102:1-4,8,10,12-13 R. The Lord is kind and merciful

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 15:45-49 *Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Jn13:34)) Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Lk 6:27-38 : *Be merciful as your Father is merciful.*

Weekly Diary : 21st February – 27th February 2022

Monday 21st	: 8.00am.	Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Tuesday 22nd	:10.30am.	Funeral Service—Lt. Jure Selak (George)
Thursday 24th	: 9.30am.	Mass followed by Rosary
Saturday 26th	: 5.00pm.	: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C/2
Sunday 27th	: 7.00 am. + 9.00 am.	: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C/2

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen. (St Augustine)

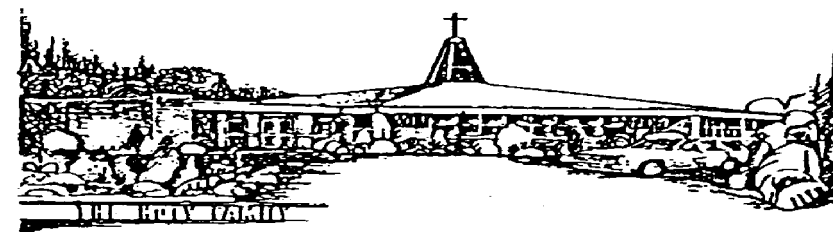
Prayers have been requested for the following :

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jure Selak (George), Patrick Thomas Powell, Peter John Smith, Joan Manning

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Penridge, Peter Crowe, Jesus & Salustia Balasabas, Julie Victoria, Saneng David, Eulalia Vizon, Giuseppe Cini, Maurice Hanrahan, Mollie Dyer, Philip Egan

SICK LIST: Lavinia Azucena, Marta Szysz, Riley Dodds, Mary Carrick, Kayden Chong, Ruth Stretton, Gerard Bijoux, Peter O'Rourke, Fr. David Wilson S.M., Rhalda Leonard, Sasha Whelan, Ann Daly, Bernard Murphy, Marie Roberts, Romulo Salilig, Peter Pape, Beverly Holley, Orazio Smeralda, Darren Pascoe, Peter Smith (Ashmore), Joe McAloon, Madeline Hodgetts, Marie Turnbull, Christine Kyriakides, George Kyriakides, Morris Lynch, George Docherty, Christina Ang, Sofia Bean, Vivienne Mitchell, Shingo Sawabe, Sonia D'Angiolo, Riany Chandler, Juliet Wee, Jean Di Benedetto, Marie Dupois, Abigail O'Donell, Terry Owsnett, Ronald Sincock, Dolares Kelly, Mary McDonnell, Bill Walker, Courtney Blount, Simon Stretton, Philomena McAloon, Margaret Kwong, Marilyn Rodgers, Frank Hewitt, Anthony Donellan, Dolores Kilian, Mary Ann Boehme, Maureen Currie, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Elizabeth Norris, Ken Hannam, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, RUNAWAY BAY



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C/2

Sunday 20th February 2022

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Please contact the Parish Office.

Baptisms
Every 2nd & 4th
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HELLO! From Fr Marty

7th week in Ordinary time



I have been musing about the 7th week of Ordinary time, as we are only two weeks away from Ash Wednesday. 8am Mass. Here's some of the reading I have been pondering.

From the bible to casinos, seven is often considered to be a magical, perfect, and lucky number. Jesus told us to forgive those who hurt us seventy times seven times. Clearly he meant that to mean infinity. Genesis speaks of the seven days of creation, scripture speaks of seven archangels, and the Book of Revelation speaks of the Seven Seals of Revelation. The bible is saturated with the number seven. It would take several pages just to list the references.

What is true for the Christian bible is paralleled elsewhere: There are seven lucky gods of good fortune in Japanese mythology, and the Buddhists believe that Buddha walked seven steps at his birth. In Judaism, there are seven days of mourning, the weekly Torah is divided into seven special sections, there are seven blessings recited at a Jewish wedding, the Jewish bride and groom are feted for seven days, and there are seven primary emotions attributed to God. In the Islamic tradition, there are seven heavens and seven earths, seven fires in hell, seven doors to heaven, and seven doors to hell.

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And then there are these facts connected to the number seven: There are seven continents in the world, seven colors to the rainbow, seven days in a week, seven basic musical notes, seven stars in the Big Dipper, and seven celestial bodies visible to the naked eye. Seven is the calling code for telephones in Russia. In North America, major-leagues baseball, basketball, and hockey all decide their final championships through a seven-game series, and seven is the jersey number chosen by many elite athletes, including Mickey Mantle. Casinos too like the number seven. Lining up a row of sevens is the route to many a jackpot.

Jesus, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, nature, the measurement of our weeks, Russian telephone codes, major league sports, Mickey Mantle, and casinos – now that's an audience! It's no accident that there are lots of lists of "sevens":

For example: we have all kinds of theological and church-lists of seven:

Christian theology speaks of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Council, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. Of Seven Deadly Sins: Pride, Envy, Wrath, Sloth (Acedia), Greed, Gluttony, and Lust; and of Seven Corresponding Heavenly Virtues: Humility, Kindness, Patience, Diligence, Charity, Temperance, and Chastity. It also speaks of the Seven Last Words of Jesus: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do"; "Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise"; "Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit"; "Woman, this is your son ... This is your mother"; "My God, my God, why have you forsake me?"; "I thirst"; "It is finished".

Mohandas Gandhi spoke of Seven Social Sins: Politics without principle, wealth without work, commerce without morality, pleasure without conscience, education without character, science without humanity, and worship without sacrifice. To this, Roman Catholics have added Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching: The life and dignity of the human person; the call to family, community, and participation; rights and responsibilities; the option for the poor and vulnerable; the dignity of work and the rights of workers; solidarity; and care for God's creation.

Roman Catholics have Seven Sacraments: baptism, confirmation, Eucharist, reconciliation, healing of the sick, holy orders, and matrimony. Seven Corporal Works of Mercy: Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. And Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy: Instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, admonish sinners, bear wrongs patiently, forgive offenses willingly, comfort the afflicted, and pray for the living and the dead. Moreover, Roman Catholics venerate the Seven Sorrows of Mary: The prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the child Jesus in the temple, meeting Jesus on the way of Calvary, Jesus dying on the cross, receiving the body of Jesus in her arms, placing the body of Jesus into the tomb.

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And of course, not least, we have the famous Seven Wonders of the World, though now there are arguments as to what precisely constitutes that list: Some argue for the original list, The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, others propose The Seven Wonders of the Modern World, some speak of The Seven Wonders of the Contemporary World, and still others affirm that the real wonders of this world are constructed by nature and they list instead The Seven Natural Wonders of this World.

So what's the true list? What, in fact, constitutes the Seven Wonders of the World?

Recently this story appeared on the internet: A teacher asked her students to name The Seven Wonders of the World. A number of students, with the help no doubt of electronic gadgets, quickly produced the various lists. One young girl, however, without any electronic research, produced her own list. The Seven Wonders of the World, she submitted, are: seeing, feeling, tasting, smelling, touching, breathing, and loving. That list, I believe, trumps all other lists and includes all the sacraments.

What do you really see?

Once two merchants lost a camel.
They met a traveller and asked him if he had seen it.
The man replied was your camel blind in the right eye?"
"Yes, he was", replied the merchants.
"Was it lame in one left foot?" The man asked again.
"Certainly it was", said the merchants.
"Was its front tooth missing"? said he to them."
"Yes" said they.
"Was it loaded with honey on one side and with wheat on the other?" "That is just how it was loaded," they answered.
So they said, "Please take us to it."
Yet the man said, "I have not seen your camel and I do not know where it is"
The merchants got angry and said, "Then how could you tell us so exactly everything about our camel?"
"That is my secret" said the man.
The merchants took the man to the king who asked him where the camel was.
The man replied that he had not seen it.
At this, the king asked him how he knew so much about it.
The man answered that the camel had eaten grass only on the left side of the path. So he knew that it was blind.
The marks of its one left foot were faint. This showed that the camel was lame.
While eating grass, it had left a little turf in the middle. So he learnt that it had lost front teeth.
There were ants carrying grains of corn on one side of the path and flies eating honey on the other.



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