

February 27, 2022
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sirach 27: 4-7
Ps. 92
1 Corinthians 15: 54-58
Luke 6: 39-45

How Might We Act And What Might We Speak As Resurrection People?

My former Scripture professor, Fr. Eugene Maly, points out the readings we have today are examples of wisdom literature. Such goes back centuries before Christ. Wisdom Literature is reflective. It speaks about the significance of living and how to live.

The first reading from the book of Sirach gives advice on how one might assess the quality of a person. It uses proverbs, which are short, forceful sayings to give its teachings. It strikes me that we must listen to a person well to understand his or her inner thoughts.

Saint Paul has an interesting perspective on theology, his understanding of God. Paul connects his ethical reflection with his theology. He teaches simply believing in the resurrection is not enough. If we are resurrection people, we will act like it. We will tend to guide others to the Lord as we stretch our own roots to Him. We bring others with us.

In the second reading Paul quotes Hosea chapter 15. Paul uses the passage to point to the ultimate victory over death. It comes in the resurrection of the body on the last day. Our sharing in the resurrection does not come by our own merit. It comes as a result of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. Then, our lived faith in the resurrection serves to inspire others in the community to seek life in Jesus Christ. Our acts of Justice that flow from our belief are seen by others and may be inspirational. I suppose how I speak, what I say and most importantly what I do will inspire or not inspire people to come to the Lord.

The Gospel passage from Luke chapter 6 points to the influence a believer has in a banal way. In the story Jesus asks, "Can a blind person guide a blind person?" He also says, "...every disciple will be like his teacher." Then even more, "For every tree is known by its own fruit." Finally, "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."

It is good that we come here each week to seek the Lord and His teachings. It is also good we spend time together in His loving presence. Send your roots in His direction as a tree sends its roots toward water. Presumably you are sending your roots toward God since you are reading this column. You are attempting to be one with God by hearing his voice in his word. Celebrate the Sunday Liturgy every week with the community of faith. Together let us trust in God that he will lead us to wholeness. In the community you will find awareness and growth in God's love. You will look more like Him and help others find wholeness too.

Your speech and actions, as well as mine, will be more and more like Jesus Christ. The grace we receive through His resurrection will be heard and seen in us. The power of the resurrection will be evident.

Next week's scripture readings.
First Sunday of Lent!
Dt26:4-10;Rm:10:8-13;Lk4:1-13

Time, Talent, Tithing
It is our way of showing gratitude to God for life itself. It is also your way of being part of the mission and participating in the challenge of spreading the Good News of Love.

Attendance last week:	295
Tithes Collected:	\$4,377.00
Online Giving:	\$912.00
Total:	\$5,289.00

Archbishop's Charities and Development Drive
ABCD
Disciples in Faith. Missionaries of Hope. Servants for Charity.
Please make your pledge. Make sure your pledge card designates your pledge originates from Blessed Sacrament Parish. We must claim our quota.

Our Goal
\$62,000.00
Received: \$20,882.00
Pledged: \$16,795.00
Deficit: \$24,323.00
Let Us Do It!

SPIRITUALTY
Pray
Morning, Noon and Night!

PARISH MISSION

Begins

ASH WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday!

March 2nd at 7:00pm.

The Mission Continues Thursday and Friday.

7:00PM Each Evening.

**A Simple Time,
The Lord and Us.**

We will come together to reflect and renew. Let us just be with each other in the presence of God who loves us.

Fr. Dennis will lead us into Lent as he presides and preaches on **Ash Wednesday**. And yes, we will be marked with ashes.

Fr. David Caron, OP will preach on **Thursday** about healing and the Sacrament of the Sick. And the Sacrament will be administered.

On **Friday** one of our own parish members, Gregory Marciszewski, will give a personal witness regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation. (Gregory is a graduate of the Ecclesial Lay Ministry program.) We will be made one again with the Lord and each other in the Sacrament too.

I look forward to sharing this time of renewal and reflection with all of you! *Fr. Bob*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Thursday Evening During Lent**

7:00pm

This "Stations" is a dynamic scriptural based presentation. On some occasions our youth of the parish will lead us. This has been very popular in our parish. Join us if you have not in the past.

(RCIA and Faith Formation students are expected to participate.)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joe Alfaro, Jordan Almendral, JoAnn Anderson, Angiolina Armenti, Michael Beard, Karen Becker, Mary Benivegna, Margarita Bogle, Tom Carver, Sean Chin, Robert Clark, Mary Collis, John Cooper, Logan Costante, Gregoria Daen, Sam DeMarco, Ines DeSalle, Roseanne DeSimone, Lisa DeStasio, John Dooney, Nelson Douaihi, Peggy Duff, Susan Fabbri, Lisa Findlay, Megan Forrester, Joshua Freeman, Richard Gossett, Ana Gilajota, Stephen Goch, Keri Greenan, Richard & Cathy Harper, Tyler Harrison, Dil Hatchett, Cindy Hogman, Tiffany Kentosh, Butch Klinger, Judith Kolo, John LaNeve, Tamika Lee, Bernie Ligget, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Mary McKelvey, Clare McMahan, Frank McNeil, Rylee Mertz, Dan Murphy, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Thomas O'Brien, Barbara Perry, Della Mae Reblin, Lucy Reitano, Coleen Riley, Paul Riley, Dee Ripple, Matilda Rivier, Charles Rousseau, Anthony Ruggiero, Theresa Schluter, Brad Schroder, Ellen Seaman, Roger Sherman, Jim Smullen, Vivian Spasiano, Rick Steffan, M. Stoufer, Richard Taylor, Antoinette Teresi, Constantino Thomas, Margarita Verano, Peggy Weiss, Ed Wrisley, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Lucas Zaky

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 26

4:00 p.m. † Mary V. Murphy by Daniel Murphy
† Frank William Cruz by Rose Daley

Sunday, February 27

9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish
10:45 a.m. Respect Life by Parish

Monday, February 28

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, March 1

8:00 a.m. † Indiana Auguste by Daniel Murphy

Wednesday, March 2

7:00 p.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish

Thursday, March 3

7:00 p.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish

Friday, March 4

7:00 p.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish

Saturday, March 5

4:00 p.m. † Virginia Fabbri by Robert Kraljevich, Cathy McAfee, Audrey Cavaliere

Sunday, March 6

9:00 a.m. † Julius Delisio by Friends
10:45 a.m. † Rose Marchese by David