

KEEPING FAITH FIRST- FAMILY FUN

E D K H Z R Y F Q C
 X C I J I E N G R U
 P J L S N G D N D R
 E S S O C R H I Z S
 C T M I A I G W F E
 T I I W N K P O R L
 I S E D Z N R L U S
 N R E Y E G E F E U
 G S E I I R E R Q S
 G W N V M T C E S E
 N E E I A E V V Y J
 I N M R B T N O W V
 G Z G S H A K E N L
 D N D E R U S A E M
 U M E A S U R E V D
 J S T F I G D Q F E
 C O N D E M N E D R
 T U N I C O X R F U
 P C S N J V P X N O
 S E K I R T S U P P

CLOAK
 CONDEMNED
 CREDIT
 CURSE
 DISCIPLES
 ENEMIES
 EXPECTING
 FORGIVEN
 GIFTS

HIGH
 JESUS
 JUDGING
 MEASURE
 MEASURED
 MONEY
 OVERFLOWING
 POURED
 REWARD

SHAKEN
 SINNERS
 STRIKES
 TUNIC
 UNGRATEFUL

Catechizing Corner!

Jesus exhorts the people “against the universal urge of retaliation. Followers of Jesus are to love their enemy. They are to pray for those who oppress and persecute them. Christians are to love (attitude), to bless and pray (speech) and live according to the teaching of Jesus (action). They are to go beyond the norm of what is expected. This principle of *going beyond* refers to the justice of God expected and initiated at the creation of the world (*besed*). God established a realm of perfect order and harmony at the creation of the world (Genesis). God's free, completely undeserved, equally given, gratuitous love was offered to all people. The response to this love was to be expressed in people's attitudes, speech, and action. God's people were to love God completely, totally and without reservation. This love would be evidenced in the way people loved all of creation: men, women, children, resources, and environment. Thus, to be a child of God meant that the unconditional love of God was to be shown to *all people* inclusively.

Such love was to be demonstrated by *giving, doing good, and lending*. Who was to be the recipient of the giving, good works, and the lending? When Jesus referred to one's neighbor, the Jewish folks assumed it meant a fellow Israelite. “Behind the notion of ‘neighbor’ lies profound disagreement... the neighbor he is to love is the Israelite.” However, Jesus' intention was far more universal. It was directed toward the non-Israelite, the outcast, and the marginalized. When one's love for an enemy is demonstrated by *giving, lending, or doing good* for that enemy, then the lender, the recipient, and the observer pause to take notice. Truly it goes beyond what is a normal expectation.

Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship
Workbook, Cycle C Paulist Press, 1998



Holy Family Catholic Church
 South Pasadena, CA
www.holyfamily.org

Disciple's Reflection

for the

Question of the Week

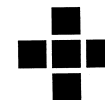
**Seventh Sunday
 In Ordinary Time
 2/20/2022**

A Call to Prayer

**The Word of God
 Luke 6:27-38**

**Faith Sharing
 Questions of the week**

Closing Prayer



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Holy Family is a welcoming Catholic Eucharistic community of disciples of Jesus Christ connecting faith with life and reaching out to those in need!

Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Luke 6:27-38

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"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.
Give to everyone who asks of you,
and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back.
Do to others as you would have them do to you.
For if you love those who love you,
what credit is that to you?
Even sinners love those who love them.
And if you do good to those who do good to you,
what credit is that to you?"

Gospel Glossary

The **ungrateful** are those who don't recognize or appreciate the good that someone has done for them

Even sinners do the same.
If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment,
what credit is that to you?
Even sinners lend to sinners,
and get back the same amount.
But rather, love your enemies and do good to them,
and lend expecting nothing back;
then your reward will be great
and you will be children of the Most High,
for he himself is kind to the **ungrateful** and the wicked.
Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Stop judging and you will not be judged.
Stop condemning and you will not be condemned.
Forgive and you will be forgiven.
Give, and gifts will be given to you;
a good measure, packed together, shaken down,
and overflowing,
will be poured into your lap.
For the measure with which you measure
will in return be measured out to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Adults: What can you do to reach out to a person you find difficult to love?

Teens: We most often love those who love us back. This week, how will you love someone you don't like?

Children: What can you do this week to be nice to someone that is hard to like?

Families: Describe a time when you said "I'm sorry" to another member of the family. What was the result?

Closing Prayer

Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to live in faith, walking always in your footsteps. By your suffering, death, and resurrection, you have made us children of God. As you have loved us and asked us to love one another, help us to love and embrace everyone in our lives.

Fill us with love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, understanding, and tolerance, even when we face the pain of hatred, rejection, and failure.

Guide us to be good disciples. May we seek always the praise and glory of God and the good of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Seventh Sunday