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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 79

Reading 1 [Lv 19:1-2, 17-18](#)

The LORD said to Moses,
"Speak to the whole Israelite community
and tell them:
Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am
holy.

"You shall not bear hatred for your brother
or sister in your heart.

Though you may have to reprove your
fellow citizen,
do not incur sin because of him.

Take no revenge and cherish no grudge
against any of your people.

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
I am the LORD."

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13](#)

R. (8a) **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

R. **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

He pardons all your iniquities,
heals all your ills.

He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R. **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
Not according to our sins does he deal with
us,

nor does he requite us according to our

crimes.

R. **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he put our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who
fear him.

R. **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Reading 2 [1 Cor 3:16-23](#)

Brothers and sisters:

Do you not know that you are the temple of
God,

and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

If anyone destroys God's temple, God will
destroy that person;

for the temple of God, which you are, is
holy.

Let no one deceive himself.

If any one among you considers himself
wise in this age,

let him become a fool, so as to become wise.

For the wisdom of this world is foolishness
in the eyes of God,

for it is written:

*God catches the wise in their own ruses,
and again:*

*The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise,
that they are vain.*

So let no one boast about human beings, for
everything belongs to you,

Paul or Apollos or Cephas,
or the world or life or death,

or the present or the future:

all belong to you, and you to Christ, and
Christ to God.

Alleluia [1 Jn 2:5](#)

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
the love of God is truly perfected in him.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel [Mt 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."