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The Ten Commandments provided us with a certain minimum standard. Jesus wants us to go beyond this and aim higher. To fulfill Christ's expectations, we are expected to love even those whom we have difficulty loving. We are asked to give generously, without any expectation of repayment. If we follow Christ's teaching, our approach to maintaining relationships undergoes a radical shift.

It's a huge task! It is no longer a question of conforming to a law, but of doing what God would do. We are expected to see the *big picture* and make the right decisions. Can we do this? Yes, we can! Many saints have chosen this experience and their lives are examples of gratitude, unselfishness, openness and forgiveness. Look around and notice that many of our sisters and brothers have adopted this lifestyle. St. Paul addressed his letter to the Philippians: *To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi...* We are also part of this great community.

We haven't closed our eyes. We see evidence of hatred, atrocities and revenge all around us. Yet, despite our often violent world, we also recognize gestures of generosity and forgiveness within our families, and with friends and colleagues. The media report *good news* stories of hope and fraternity that happen every day. Jesus opened the door for us to reflect on love, on Gospel values and become the "yeast" that makes the bread rise.

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Sunday February 24, 2019 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus wants each of us to adopt a new lifestyle, a new perspective on life, events, people and even God. Christ instructs us not to retaliate but to take a different approach. We won't disregard Christ's challenge when we choose to follow Him.

I think of the Christians who have already heard these words or are going to hear them again in our churches. What are their reactions? Some may disregard Christ's instructions because they present an almost impossible ideal. "Is this the Gospel, the Good News? This is really difficult!"

This passage can make us anxious when we know what often happens in our world is the exact opposite of what the Gospel expects. This novel and radical approach brings us along a narrow path outlined by Jesus.

The Week at a Glance

Sat Feb 23 7:30pm Mass in Zenon Park **For †Emile Lalonde**
 Sun Feb 24 9:00am Mass in Arborfield **For the people**
 11:00am Mass in Carrot River **For Souls in Purgatory**
 Mon Feb 25 Fr Travis' day off
 Tues Feb 26 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For †Madeleine Marchildon**
 Wed Feb 27 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For Our Family**
 Thurs Feb 28 6:00pm Adoration in Carrot River
 7:00pm Mass in Carrot River **For Souls in Purgatory**
 Fri March 1 10:00am Mass in Arborfield Care Home
 Sat March 2 7:30 pm Mass in Arborfield **For Maria Sekler**
 Sun March 3 9:00am Mass in Carrot River **For †Eli Malfair**
 11:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For the people**

Mass Times for Jan/Feb

Sat 7:30pm – Zenon Park
Sun 9:00am – Arborfield
 Sun 11:00am – Carrot River

MASS TIME CHANGE

Mass Times for Mar/Apr

Sat 7:30pm – Arborfield
 Sun 9:00am – Carrot River
 Sun 11:00am – Zenon Park

Announcements and Activities

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Feb 24</u>	<u>Mar 2</u>
Commentator	Joann	Neil
Reader	Mary	Jeanne
Cup	Beatrice, Neil	Neil, James
Hospitality	Flo, James	Bronners
Offerings	Bob, Lisa	Liz, Guy
Sacristan	Joann	Jeanne

Cleaning Schedule

Feb 25 - Mar 3, 2019	Mark & Sue Munson
Mar 4 - Mar 10, 2019	Alois & Laurie Bronner

Last week's collection total: \$ 707.00 **Thank You**

St. Lucy Parish will be hosting **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** on Friday **March 1st at 2:00 pm**. Lunch to follow. Everyone is welcome.

There will be a **Funeral Planning workshop** hosted by St. Lucy's parish on March 26th 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Learn how to plan ahead and make it a prayerful experience.