

*Calendar*

**Monday**  
February 20  
Weekday  
Sir 1:1-10  
Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday**  
February 21  
Weekday  
Sir 2:1-11  
Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday**  
February 22  
Chair of St. Peter,  
Apostle  
1 Pt 5:1-4  
Mt 16:13-19

**Thursday**  
February 23  
St. Polycarp,  
Bishop and Martyr  
Sir 5:1-8  
Mk 9:41-50

**Friday**  
February 24  
Weekday  
Sir 6:5-17  
Mk 10:1-12

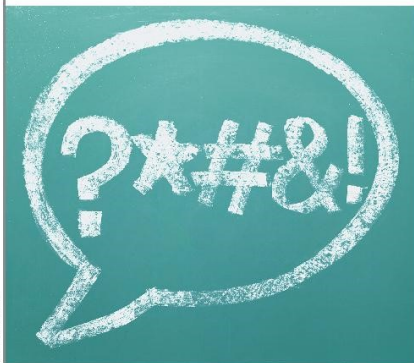
**Saturday**  
February 25  
Weekday  
Sir 17:1-15  
Mk 10:13-16

**Sunday**  
February 26  
Eighth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Is 49:14-15  
1 Cor 4:1-5  
Mt 6:24-34

# Dear Padre,

## Is it ever OK to use “God” and “damn” together?

When we pray “hallowed be thy name” in the Lord’s Prayer, we give God the reverence he is due. Because the Lord’s name is holy, we mustn’t abuse it. The Second Commandment tells us not to “take the name of the LORD...in vain” (see Exodus 20:7). With our tongue, “we bless the Lord



and Father, and with it we curse human beings who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. This need not be so...” (James 3:9-10).

What happens, when our reverence is contradicted by cursing? For some, cursing is a cathartic response to pain or anger. Those who view it as a form of stress management or as a substitute for physical

aggression may contend that condemning in this context is neither literal nor deliberate. If God knows our hearts, that our misuse of his name is insincere, what’s the harm?

“A sharp tongue is the only edge[d] tool that grows keener with constant use,” wrote Washington Irving. In other words, if we constantly and carelessly misuse God’s name, we may stop feeling sorry that it offends him. That irreverent attitude is more offensive—and more dangerous—than the vocabulary. Scripture warns, “Death and life are in the power of the tongue; those who choose one shall eat its fruit” (Proverbs 18: 21).

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### A Word From Pope Francis

*“It’s terrible to see an insult or taunt issue from the mouth of a Christian. It is ugly....To insult is not Christian....Before God we are all sinners and in need of forgiveness.”*

—Angelus, September 7, 2014



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# Assumption of Our Lady



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February 19, 2016

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Hay River, NT

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

Weekday Masses

Mon.-Thurs. 5:30 pm

Friday 12:00 noon

Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45 or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Don for any other sacraments or funerals.



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Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

Date	Readers	Collection	Gift Bearers	Eucharistic Ministers	Coffee & Snacks
Feb 05	Julia Flumerfelt Sherry DaRosa	Emmanuel Da-Rosa Paul Delorey	Eva & Merv Templeton	Davida Delorey Tessie Gonzales Shirley Gutierrez	Marshi & Jaigene
Feb 12	Katherine Lenoir Sheila Ryan-Hachey	Andrew Cassidy Kyle Reid	Engen Family	Louisa Schrumm Doris Caudron Doug Swallow	Grace
Feb 19	Andrew Cassidy Sancie Gostick	Horst B. Doug Swallow	Whittle Family	Julia Flumerfelt Kyle Reid Theresa Swallow	Parish Pot Luck First Communion
Feb 26	Doris Caudron Ruth Boden	Darm Crook Paul Delorey	Jonathan Mac-kenzie Zoe	Tessie Gonzales Kyle Reid Theresa Swallow	Snacks Cancelled
Mar 05	Lisa Capulso Michaela Crook	Kyle Reid Doug Swallow	Steinwan Family	Sylvia Boyer Julia Flumerfelt Davida Delorey	Please sign-up See Grace

## CWL NEWS

### New National Theme: Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call

**Lap Quilt Challenge:** The members of the CWL nationwide are making lap quilts for residents in nursing homes and the patients in hospice. Whether you sew, knit, crochet, patch or quilt, your efforts and prayer-in-action will be most appreciated. Anyone interested in creating a lap quilt is invited to do so. We are hoping to have these quilts ready for our Diocesan Convention at the end of April

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY of the WORD

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls us to be his disciples and to try to live and love according to the values he demonstrated in his own life. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his followers that they must be ready to forgive their enemies.

Confirmation classes continue. Please keep our youth in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament. The celebration of Confirmation will take place **May 6, 2027 at St. Ann's** and **May 7, 2017 at Assumption Parish.**

CONGRATULATIONS and BLESSINGS to our children who received their First Communion today;

Julien Crook, Van Delorey, Taylan Hill, Andrei Permejo and Dason Vermillion.

Thank you to everyone who provided food for the pot-luck.

### OPPORTUNITY for SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Next week-end February 24, 25, 26, a **12 Step Pilgrimage week-end** will be held at Assumption Parish. For more information see the poster at the entrance to the church or see Father Don.

Another opportunity for faith building: a seminar will be taking place at the Pentecostal Church next week-end. Presenters are with AGLOW. See poster in the foyer for more details.

**SNACKS** Please see Grace or call to (876-1063) to sign up.

: <b>Weekly Revenue</b>	
\$1,678.70	Collection
\$0.00	Hall Rental
\$1,678.70	Revenue Total
\$1,764.00	Expenses Total
<b>(\$85.30)</b>	
Expenses are based on the 2015 average	

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 19, 2017

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18

1 Cor 3:16-23

Mt 5:38-48

## Accentuating the Positive

Hate is a passion that can take over a person's heart in a short amount of time. God knows this, and he challenges us to avoid hate and holding grudges. In the law that Jesus preached, we are not even allowed to hate our enemies or persecutors. That is radical!

It is easy to let injuries build up over time. Eventually we find ourselves far away from those we should be closest to or those we once loved. This separation starts in our thoughts and settles into our hearts and behavior. Hate grows, and if it isn't controlled and redeemed, it can pull us down.

We don't have to hate, be angry, or carry grudges if we don't want to. Our hearts and minds can be filled with God's grace. We can work on three levels to

### For Reflection

Michelangelo paints three figures pulling the sinner down. Which three passions weigh down my heart?

How can I use human and spiritual means to point my heart and mind in a healthier, God-focused direction?

overcome hate and anger: visual, verbal, and physical. When angry thoughts invade your mind, look up (visual), speak the truth to yourself (verbal), and change your posture (physical). This helps alter self-destructive thought patterns and helps us refocus our heart and mind. Add these natural means to the supernatural means of calling on God's grace, of receiving the sacrament of penance, and of taking moments of prayer to see and speak his truth over a situation.

We are God's temple. His spirit of peace, mercy, and serenity needs to reign inside us. That means getting rid of negative, hateful, and hurtful thoughts toward ourselves and others. Don't let them pull you down!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *The Sinner*, detail of *The Last Judgment*, circa 1536  
Artist: Michelangelo Buonarroti  
Location: Sistine Chapel altar wall

*"You shall not hate any of your kindred in your heart....  
Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against your own people.  
You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:17-18).*