

# St. Lawrence Brindisi Church

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### DO GOOD AND LEND BUT EXPECT NO REPAYMENT

The message of the Gospel is deep and totally new: Jesus invites his disciples to love their enemies. This teaching is completely unknown in the Hebrew world and was considered strange in the culture of the Greeks. It is a novelty which expresses the love with which God loves humans

The lesson is expressing the basic concept that we should not treat the way others treat us, but as we would want to be treated; we cannot say that we follow Jesus if we believe in Him while we are full of anger, resentment, hatred and vengeance. To forgive requires a heavy price because we have been taught to judge others since our earliest years, and more, we want to occupy God's place. And even more, we are sure that our opinions are better than His. It is unbelievably difficult to forgive not only when we are victims of abuse and irreparable harm, but even when the offense is no more than a careless act on the part of the offender or lack of awareness on the part of the other person. Selfishness is a power that drags us to evil and harm. When we do not forgive we believe that we are fair and just, but in truth we are held back in the past, denying ourselves the ability to rise again, so that we remain as slaves of evil.

### IMMIGRATION ATTORNEYS

Will be here Wednesday, February 27 from 9AM – 11AM in the parish office.

### FORMAL DRESS GIVEAWAY

Young ladies in 7<sup>th</sup> – 12 grade are invited to receive a dress for formal dance/prom. Come to the House of John Paul on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10AM to 2PM.



### SWAP MEET MARCH 23

Spaces available only \$20. Call Teresa (323)567-1439.

### MASS INTENTIONS

5:30PM +Anthony Morales

7:30AM +Jenny Duran-ill, Alma Dene-ill

11:00AM +Marcelo Serrano, +Ana Napoles, +Maria Pulido

### TOGETHER IN MISSION

Last weekend, Archbishop Gomez invited all Catholics to make their annual commitment to the 2019 Together in Mission Appeal. This year, our parish has been asked to raise \$36,400. If you and your family have not had the opportunity to make your pledge, I ask that you complete a pledge card during mass.

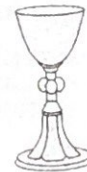
### SUNDAY KITCHEN SALES

Please support the Emaus Group that are in the kitchen today.

### The Chalice Program

#### Can you pray for vocation/more Priest?

Knights & Ladies of Peter Claver asks support for the Chalice Program. The purpose of the Chalice Program is to pray (in your home) for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life. Please sign up after Mass. If your family is not selected during the first rotation, names will be saved. It is possible for the saved names could be used during the next rotation. The Chalice Program starts March 2<sup>nd</sup> and ends November 30<sup>th</sup>.



### SHIELDS FOR FAMILIES

Are now here in the parish office from 10:30am-7:00pm Monday – Friday. They are a Resource Navigation Center empowering families by providing resources and referrals to the community.