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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary

Masses

- Saturday Vigil:** 4:00pm
- Sunday:** 8am, 10:30am
- Weekday Mass:** 8:00am (Chapel)
(Monday-Friday, Rosary after)
- First Tuesday**
(of the Month) Anointing of the Sick & Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
(after 8am Mass)
- First Friday:** 8:00am(Chapel)
(of the month) Mass & Devotion To Sacred Heart

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Saturday:** 3:00-3:45 pm
- Sunday:** 7:15 - 7:45am
9:45-10:15am
(Other times by Appointment)

Adoration

- Tuesday:** 8:00am-6:00pm
- Friday:** 8:30am-9:30am

Office Hours

- Mon-Friday** 8:30am-12:30pm
- Wednesday** 8:30am-12:00pm

Secretary Linda Bellocq



Today's Readings

First Reading (Sirach 15:15-20)

If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand. Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him. Immense is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power, and all-seeing. The eyes of God are on those who fear him; he understands man's every deed. No one does he command to act unjustly, to none does he give license to sin.

Psalm (119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34)

R. **Blessed are they who follow the law, who follow the law of the Lord!**

Blessed are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are they who observe his decrees, who seek him with all their heart.

R. **Blessed are they who follow the law, who follow the law of the Lord!**

You have commanded that your precepts be diligently kept. Oh, that I might be firm in the ways of keeping your statutes!

R. **Blessed are they who follow the law, who follow the law of the Lord!**

Be good to your servant, that I may live and keep your words. Open my eyes, that I may consider the wonders of your law.

R. **Blessed are they who follow the law, who follow the law of the Lord!**

Instruct me, O Lord, in the way of your statutes, that I may exactly observe your law and keep it with all my heart.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 2:6-10)

Brothers and sisters: We speak a wisdom to those who are mature, not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away. Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory. And which none of the rulers of this age knew; for, if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel (Matthew 5:17-37)

Jesus said to his disciples: **"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. (I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not kill: and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with brother will be liable to judgment.) and whoever says to brother, 'Raqa,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny. ("You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery. But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.) If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna. "It was also said, Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce. But I say to you, whoever divorces his wife-unless the marriage is unlawful-causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. ("Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors. Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all.) not by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black. (Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes', and your 'No' mean 'No. Anything more is from the evil one.")"**

Gospel Reflection

The Jews believed that "The Torah" (The Law given through Moses), was eternal and unchangeable Self-revelation of God. "The Holy scripture is always true (Jn 10:35) and therefore cannot be refuted and contradicted. But Jesus always gave importance to the person and not to the letter of the law. For the love of the people, he did not hesitate to break even the Sabbath. That is why the sermon on the mount is seen as New Torah. Jesus, as the new lawgiver, sets forth his own position with regard to the Law given through Moses, by providing new interpretation and meaning for the old ones. Jesus did not come to destroy the Torah but to bring it to perfection by bringing out its inner meaning, because Jesus Himself is the ultimate Self-revelation of God.

In today's gospel passage, Jesus explains the real meaning of four Mosaic laws concerning murder, adultery, divorce and false oaths. The first one is **"you shall not kill"**. It condemns any form of killing (Gen 9:5-6). No person has any power over the lives of others, even if the other is a criminal (Gen 4:15). Human life is sacred from the very moment of conception until it ends. Jesus' teaching of not to kill, has many implications that go beyond actual killings. Even the use of offensive language, getting angry or hatred are all equal to killing a person. Jesus says "If you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift".

Then Jesus goes to the next commandment **"You shall not commit adultery"**. Our organs and senses can be the agents of this sin. Our hands become agents of sin according to what we touch and how we touch, in lust or greed or violence. Our eyes become agents of sins according to what they look at. Jesus insists that we should have courage to control the situations before passionate desires become adulterous.

Gehenna is the valley in the city of Jerusalem where people dump their garbage. Those who cannot have moral discipline will run the risk of throwing himself/herself into garbage (Gehenna) as the consequence of their sins.

The third case concerns **divorce**. Marriage is monogamous and indissoluble. The Book of Genesis clearly states that *"The two form one flesh"* (Gen 2:24) but because of the hardness of the human heart, divorce was allowed in Israel. Jesus brings marriage to its original purity. The Catholic Church teaches that marriage is a sacrament involving both a sacred and legal contract between a man and a woman and, at the same time, is a special covenant with the Lord. Divorce is also a grave offense against the natural law.

The fourth case is that of the **oath**: Jesus takes a stand against reckless habit of taking oath. "Do not take a false oath... Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one." Oath is unacceptable because it assumes the role of a pagan God who is like a retaliator. It is also a sign of mistrust, disloyalty, and mutual suspicion.

Ash Wednesday

(Day of Fasting and Abstinence)

Mass Time
8am Church
6pm Church

Annunciation Parish Ladies Club

Will be having their annual 50/50 Raffle. Tickets will be available in the Vestibule after each Mass. Drawing will be at the BBQ Dinner in May.

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.



COFFEE SHOP
 Come by and have some
 Coffee, Breakfast &
 Fellowship after 8am Mass
 Donations are accepted

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	February 11	4pm- Bobby Shubert †
Sunday	February 12	8:00am Parishioners
		10:30am- Peggy Ladner †
Monday	February 13	8:00am- Virgie Lewis †
Tuesday,	February 14	8:00am- Karen Koenenn †
Wednesday	February 15	8:00am- Deceased Members of the Arceneaux Family †
Thursday	February 16	8:00am- Virgie Lewis †
Friday	February 17	8:00am- Lela Haas Curry †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday:	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
Tuesday:	Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day
Friday:	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary



If you are unable to come inside the Church, sit in your automobile and listen to our Broadcasting on 91.1 Fm. You can also listen to a Portable radio in Church if you have trouble hearing.

Claiborne Hill Receipts
 We appreciate dropping off your Claiborne Hill receipts!
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Financial News

Insurance	\$50,596.75
Diocesan Support	\$16,244.79
School Supplement	\$29,225.07
Salaries, Utilities, & Other Expenses	\$189,488.23
Total Yearly Financial Obligations	\$285,554.84
Amount needed each Week	\$5,491.43
Last Sunday Collection	\$3,941.00
Shortfall	-\$1,550.43



Church Cleaning
Team 2 this week

Prayer Request

Jennifer Albrittin	Jean Lee
Judith Amm	Walter Lonbourg
Emilee Battaglia	James Lovett
John Battaglia	Layla Mallett
Stacey Battaglia	Jim McDaniel
Bill Blaisdell	Charles Meador
Stephen Blaisdell	Kathleen Micell
Earline Blanchard	Shannon & Carol Moragas
Gene Breazeale	Barbara Moran
Wilson Breux	Cleopatra Moran
Ernest Brown	Sonny Moran
Ida Brown	Warren Moran
Claude & Linda Burke	Belinda & Kenny Morgan
John Byrnes	Patrick Murphy
Barbara Cameron	Bernadine Necaize
Robert L. Cassell	Bernell Necaize
Kay Cerisier	Janet Necaize
Rosalind & Cynthia Dauzat	Tyrone & Faye Necaize
Cheryl Deschamp	Wilmah Necaize
Jean Dohm	Christopher Nugent
Jessica Duffour	Louis Nunez
Eugene, James, Jerry, Gretchen, Tessa, JoAnn, Jude, Shirley Cucurullo	Timothy Odom
Howard Edwards	Joy Patin
Lois Forest	Jameson Gerard Patin
Ivan Garza	Trudy Pecoul
Peggy Glynn	Larry Phillips
Robert Gould	Judy Richieu
Christine Green-Wood	Abby Rolison
Alexa Hardie	Brooke Rolison
Amanda Jones	Tina Roundtree
Jim & Mary Kenney	Carla Santiago
Donald Koenenn	Karrie Schultz
Linda Koenenn	Jason Schable
Nell Koenenn	Caleb Schwartz
Shelly Koenenn	Sonny Schwartz
Andy Ladner	Jerry Shavers
Barbara Ladner	Mike Shubert
Janice Ladner	Maura Strong
Shelia Ladner	Rose Tebo
Willard & Cecile Ladner	Josie Thomas
Patsy Ladner	Judy Thornton
	Shaylynn Whitfield
	Adrian Wilson

Pray for our Troops

Amir Darwis _____	US Army National Guard
Darrell Little _____	US Army
Devin Nelson _____	US Army
Brandan Witt _____	USAF
Evan Cameron _____	USAF
David Arceneaux _____	USAF
Lance Cuevas.....	USAF
Christopher Abney.....	US Navy

Lord, hold our troops in Your Loving Hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, and bring them home safely. May their sacrifices bring about a lasting and just peace in those lands. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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