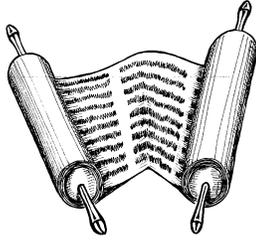


February 12, 2017

## Ordinary Time

Sixth Sunday



**“I Have Come Not to Abolish  
But to Fulfill”**

Today’s gospel reading involves a teaching about the Torah, the Law. For Jews, the Torah is the revelation of God’s will. Living the Torah is a privilege for Jews.

When Jesus says he has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law, it is incorrect to assume that he is dismissing the Old Testament. Rather, the Torah is so important to Jesus that he is suggesting deeper ways to fulfill it. Jesus suggests that followers go beyond a minimal observance of the law and follow it in a deeper way.

Today’s Bulletin is printed in memory of Betty Martinez and is sponsored by her family.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend are donated by Loretta & Tony Janak in thanksgiving to God on the occasion of their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 18  
6:30 p.m. Larry Seifert  
Sunday, February 19  
6:30 a.m. Betty Martinez  
9:30 a.m. Spec. Intention – Loretta & Tony Janak

### PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

**First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17 – 18**  
**Responsorial Psalm: 103**  
**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23**  
**Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48**

### Altar Society Noodle Soup Dinner – Feb. 26

Donations toward the Dinner are accepted and appreciated. Raffle tickets for prizes to be given away at the Dinner may be purchased from Altar Society members, at local businesses or at the Parish Office.

**The Sanctuary Light  
will be lit this week  
in memory of Larry Seifert.**

### LOOKING AHEAD ASH WEDNESDAY – LENT

**Ash Wednesday – March 1**

**Mass Schedule:**

St. Joseph’s, Moulton

6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

St. Mary’s, Praha

5:00 p.m.



### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays of Lent, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent, 6:00 p.m.

### Lenten Bible Study

If interested or for more information contact Anna Bartos at 596-4872 by February 19.

### Lenten Fish Fry

Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent

### Lenten Fasting and Almsgiving

As Jesus’ disciples we have a responsibility to care for our brothers and sisters at home and in all nations. The Season of Lent provides us the opportunity to help those in need.

### Second Collection (Rice Bowl)

Sundays of Lent and Easter Sunday

### ORIENTATION

#### *Are You A True Disciple?*

Matthew’s Sermon of the Mount portrays Jesus as the new Moses giving the people God’s commands. Jesus, however, takes the original Ten Commandments to a new level. It is no longer enough to keep the letter of the Law; we must also keep the spirit. Gods sees not just our actions, but our hearts as well. Murder and adultery were forbidden, but now so are anger and lust. It seems an impossible challenge. But Jesus offers a different kind of perfection, one marked by patience and humility and openness to others even when we are challenged or criticized. A true disciple is always a work in progress, a sinner in need of forgiveness, a seeker who does not have all the answers, only better questions. Are you a true disciple?

### Quilters Needed

Do you know how to quilt? Want to learn how? The Quilting Ladies have started a quilt for the Church Picnic Auction and could use your help. If you have a few hours to spare contact Betty Maskey at 596-4590.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

MON. – Altar Society Meeting, 2 p.m., Family Room

– Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., YMC

TUES. – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room

WED. – Champions Club Meets, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., YMC

– Knights of Columbus Meeting

THURS. – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room

– KC Bingo, former KC Hall

FRI.– Parish Office closed on Fridays.

## REFLECTION

### *Jesus Takes The Law To The Next Level*

Today's Gospel, a continuation of Jesus' instruction of his disciples, begins with a statement of intent and a general principle. Jesus' words and position, as recorded by Matthew, answer the twofold question: What attitude should we take concerning the traditional commandments and what is the relationship between "righteousness" taught to us by the Old Testament and that preached by Jesus?

Jesus states with utmost clarity that he has come not to abolish the law of the prophets: "I have not come to abolish but to fulfill". Jesus has come so that all its potential may unfold, that it may be understood and observed in the Spirit that enlivens it more and more, and in order to "fulfill" it, to take it to its completion. From now on, whoever rejects one of the least commandments of the Law and teaches others to do so will be last in the Kingdom of Heaven. To give a bad example by contemptuously disobeying a commandment, even a "little" one is a scandal. Worse still is to teach others to do the same. The warning addressed to the scribes and Pharisees is directed also to all the disciples of Christ. The practice of justice specified by the Law, down to its least commandments, is the condition of entrance into the Kingdom of Heaven.

On the contrary, whoever observes the least commandments and teaches them to others will be declared great in the Kingdom of Heaven. This judgment must be understood in connection with the Beatitudes and in the general context of Matthew's Gospel. Jesus says to those he addresses as blessed, "Your reward in heaven is great."

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Feb. 12 – John Gomez, Heather Rebecok  
 Feb. 13 – Linda Mikulencak  
 Feb. 14 – Agnes Jasek, Debbie Rother  
 Feb. 15 – Timothy Kleihege  
 Feb. 16 – Gladys Mikulencak  
 Feb. 18 – Carol Dvorak, Pat Kubicek Jennifer Rothbauer

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Feb. 12 – Congratulations Barbara & Allen Hermes  
           on your 35<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
           – Congratulations Windi & Matt Michal  
           on your 5<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
           – Cleo & Leroy Nieto  
 Feb. 14 – Mava & Marcus Jalufka  
 Feb. 18 – Niki & Chad Chaloupka

### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**Today** – Youth Mass (5<sup>th</sup> Grade); C.C.D.  
           – First Communion Parents Meeting  
**Feb. 13** – K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade After School Program  
**Feb. 15** – 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade After School Program; 9-11 C.C.D.  
**Next Sunday** – C.C.D.

## WORLD MARRIAGE DAY – TODAY

The observance of World Marriage Day was adopted by the Worldwide Marriage Encounter and continues to grow and spread. In 1993, Pope John Paul II, imparted his Apostolic Blessings on World Marriage Day. This event honors husband and wife as head of the family, the basic unit of society and the Church. It salutes the beauty of a couple's faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life.



### ORDINARY TIME: 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY

The Sermon on the Mount, of which part of the introduction was proclaimed last Sunday (the Fifth Sunday) constitutes the framework of a new "sequence" made up of the Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Sundays. First, chapter 5 of Matthew's Gospel is continued to the end; then, the last part of chapter 6.

The tone is a little different from that of the introduction, but the line of thought remains the same. We must keep in mind the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount in order to understand well what follows. The aim is to arouse in the hearers new concepts of the Law and morals. This teaching "is not rigorous and intransigent, is not an observance to maintain at all costs, but a call which urges us on farther and farther.

The Gospel of Matthew is addressed to believers who have already experienced the good news. They know they are called to live like Jesus. Therefore, to remind them of the demands of their discipleship makes good sense.

**Sixth & Seventh Sundays** - shows how Jesus' teaching renews and fulfills the "justice" and the precepts of the Law.

**Eighth Sunday** - gives us the end of this development. We must choose between God and money; trust must pervade the behavior of the children of the Kingdom.

### LENTEN FISH FRY

Plans are being finalized for the annual Lenten Fish Fry. In the past, some parishioners have expressed the wish to help with the Fish Fry but were unable to do so for various reasons. You could help by making a monetary donation or by baking a cake(s) for dessert. To help, fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail slot.



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I can bake a cake(s) on the following day(s):

\_\_\_ Mar. 1    \_\_\_ Mar. 3    \_\_\_ Mar. 10    \_\_\_ Mar. 17

\_\_\_ Mar. 24    \_\_\_ Mar. 31    \_\_\_ Apr. 7

My Monetary Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_