

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 16, 2020

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.

— 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

CHOICE

"If you choose you can keep the commandments," Sirach tells us. God "has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand" (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

Psalm — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$3,521.00	\$2,553.00
Number of Families contributing	114	86
Total Pledge for 2020	\$167,031.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (6 Weeks)	\$20,429.00	\$20,048.00
Received to Date	\$13,879.00	\$11,171.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$6,550.00	\$9,877.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$296.00	\$1,487.00

Thirty-two ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$10.00	\$27,445.00

One person made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$43,642.00

POOR BOX totaled \$19.00.

26 **CHILDREN** contributed \$72.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 90; Saturday 7:00 P.M. was 195 and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 110.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A teacher, after dinner, started checking homework done by her students. Her husband was strolling around with a smartphone playing his favorite game "Candy Crush Saga". When reading the last paper, she started crying with silent tears. Her husband asked, "Why are you crying dear? What happened?" She replied, "Yesterday I gave homework to my 2nd grade students. They were to write something on a topic — "My Wish". Now, while checking the last paper, it makes me cry."

The husband asked curiously, "What's written in the paper that makes you cry?" The wife said, "My wish is to become a smartphone. Many parents love their smartphones very much. They care about their smartphones so much that sometimes they forget to care about me. When my father comes from the office tired, he has time for his smartphone but not for me. When my parents are doing important work and the smartphone is ringing, within a single ring they answer it, but not to answer me even if I am crying. When they are talking to someone on their smartphone, they never listen to me even if I am telling them something important. So, my wish is to become a smartphone."

After listening the husband got emotional and asked, "Who wrote that?" She replied, "Our son."

Gadgets are beneficial, but they are for our ease not to cease the love amongst family and loved ones. Children see and feel everything that happens around them. Things get imprinted on their mind with an everlasting effect. Let's take due care, so that they do not grow with any false impressions.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Jack's Cathy in loving memory of her on her 69th Birthday;
2. the Gallons in loving memory of Johnny and Catherine Ann Gallon on their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversary;
3. the Family of Pete "Mockhem" Mulholland and Peyton Sherlock in loving memory of them on the 4th Anniversary of their deaths;
4. Mary Burke, Ann Burke, and Susan Burke in loving memory of Annie Babe Costello on the 40th Anniversary of her death;
5. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

JOKE OF THE WEEK "There will be a meeting of the Board immediately after the service," announced Rev. Morris.

After the close of the service, the group gathered at the back of the church for the announced meeting. However, there was a stranger in their midst. He was a visitor who had never attended the church before.

"My friend," asked Reverend Morris, "Did you understand that this is a meeting of the Board?"

"Oh, yes," came the rejoinder from the visitor, "and after that sermon, I'm about as bored as you can get."

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed this Monday, February 17th in observance of President's Day.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for the *Bishop's Annual Appeal*. Please be generous in this collection.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Mother Theresa and St. Raphael; a member for a donation in honor of the Infant of Prague; and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

JUST TO LAUGH

When your life is in darkness, pray to God and ask Him to free you from darkness. Even after you pray, if you are still in darkness —
PLEASE PAY THE ELECTRICITY BILL.

THREE KINDS OF PEOPLE

There are three kinds of people in the world: The **WILL'S** – The **WONT'S** – The **CANT'S**.

1. The **WILL'S** accomplish **EVERYTHING**.
2. The **WONT'S** oppose **EVERYTHING**.
3. The **CANT'S** fail in **EVERYTHING**.

THREE FASTEST MEANS OF COMMUNICATION

1. Tele-Phone
2. Tele-Vision
3. Tell a Woman

Still need **FASTER** – Tell her **NOT** to tell **ANYONE**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; Presidents' Day

Friday: St. Peter Damian

Saturday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the soul of Ann Sherlock on the 35th Anniversary of her death.

Tuesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for all the sick and St. Joseph for all the holy souls in purgatory.

Wednesday: For the repose of the soul of Beasley on the 2nd Anniversary of his death.

Thursday: For the repose of the soul of Bessie Riley on her Birthday.

Friday: In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.

SEEDS FOR THE SOUL

*You planted seeds of faith among us,
Growing strong as trees,
With branches reaching to the sky,
Kissed by God's gentle breeze.*

*You planted seeds of hope among us,
Nourished by the rain,
And with the sunlight's warmth they bloomed,
Their colors God ordained.*

*You planted seeds of love among us,
Their vines caress our hearts;
Woven tightly by God's hands
We'll never drift apart.*

READERS

Sat. Feb. 15th, 4:00 P.M.
Christina & Leah

Sat. Feb. 15th, 7:00 P.M.
Bridgette Anna & Carolyn

Sun. Feb. 16th, 10:00 A.M.

Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat

Sat. Feb. 22nd, 4:00 P.M.
Ritz & Joy

Sat. Feb. 22nd, 7:00 P.M.
Carolyn & Jay

Sun. Feb. 23rd, 10:00 A.M.

Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday - Cheryl
Tuesday - Rose Marie
Wednesday - Cathy Lisa
Thursday - Annette
Friday - Christina

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. **Feb. 15th**
Front Bridget Ann
Left Cup Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

Feb. 16th **Feb. 23rd**
Pete Man's Nora Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday Cathy Pole
Tuesday Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday Margaret Butts
Thursday Betty Jo
Friday Mary Cat

THINK SERIOUSLY

The **HAPPINESS** in your life keeps you **SWEET**.
The **TRIALS** in your life keep you **STRONG**.
The **SORROW** in your life keeps you **HUMAN**.
The **FAILURES** in your life keep you **HUMBLE**.
FAITH IN GOD will always keep you **GOING**.

HOW TO GET HAPPINESS

Happiness comes a lot easier when you stop complaining about your problem and you start being grateful for all the problems you don't have.

CHOSEN BY GOD

*God only puts us through as much as we can handle so the people who struggle the most have been **CHOSEN BY GOD** to be the strongest ones.*

REMEMBERING

Always remember to forget, the things that made you sad.
But never forget to remember the things that made you glad.
Always remember to forget the friends that proved untrue.
But don't forget to remember those that have stuck by you.
Always remember to forget the troubles that passed away.
But never forget to remember the blessings that come each day.

PRAYER CORNER

LORD JESUS

Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and make my heart like yours. Strengthen my heart, mind, and my will that I may freely choose to love what is good and to reject what is evil. Amen.