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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2023

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 [God], this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

— 1 Corinthians 2:9-10



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekdays:

Tuesday: 6:00PM

Wednesday-Friday: 8:00AM

Adoration/Healing Mass

The 1st Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 5:00 P.M. and Mass at 6:00 P.M.

Tuesday - Friday: Thirty minutes Adoration before Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday and Sunday: Thirty minutes before each Mass or by appointment.

Baptism:

Infant Baptism is celebrated the 3rd Sunday of the month. At least one parent must be a registered member of the parish for at least 3 months. Parents **and** godparents **must** attend a one hour Baptism preparation class prior to the scheduled Baptism. For other guidelines and details, please call the parish office.

Matrimony:

Call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor. Diocesan guidelines require an initial interview at least 6 months before the wedding date. Please call the parish office for further information.

R.C.I.A.:

This is a process for anyone who wishes to become Catholic. Please call the parish office for further information.



February 11th 4:30PM Onley Antoine (RIP) by Frederick Antoine; Michael Louis Linden, Sr. (RIP) by Anthony & Ceal Carmouche; Gloria Mae Roy, Gussie Roy & Gus Roy (RIP) by Berlinda Mouton; "For All Children who were Victims of Abortion" by Langston Adams; Lena Montgomery (16yr. Death Anniversary-RIP) by The Jones & Montgomery Family

February 12th 9:00AM For All Parishioners

February 14th 6:00PM Alfred Sanders, Jr. (RIP) by Nuong Tran & Family; Eldridge & Earline Smith (45yrs. Wedding Anniversary-Living) by Smith Family; Mary Lee McZeal (RIP) by Margaret Jones

February 15th 8:00AM "For All Children who were victims of Abortion" by Langston Adams

February 16th 8:00AM

February 17th 8:00AM Michael Louis Linden, Sr. (RIP) by Nuong Tran & Family

February 18th 4:30PM Sylvia Bernard Sylvia (RIP) by Harold Sylvia; Anthony Stevenson (RIP) by Chavis & Bowden Family; John B. Henry, Sr. (RIP) by Maggie Henry; "For All Children who were Victims of Abortion" by Langston Adams

THE GLORY OF THE DIVINE WAY

Today's readings draw us into ageless, vibrant depths. Followers of God's law, we belong to ancient traditions. Children of God, we marvel at the freshness of creation. The Old Testament readings, from Sirach and the Psalms, celebrate the rich blessings we receive when we observe God's commands—not because we are slaves to the law, but because the law gives life in abundance. Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians confirms the glory of divine law, but warns that God's ways tend to be unpopular and misunderstood in this world. Paul speaks of the ancient wisdom of God, which is mysteriously both "hidden" and "revealed." God does not have secret codes that we earthly mortals cannot understand; in love, God reveals the glory of the divine way in Jesus. Saint Matthew's Gospel emphasizes the importance of living in God's law, enlivened by a deep and personal relationship with Jesus.



Turkey Leg Committee will be selling Smoke Turkey Legs for \$10 on Saturday, February 18, 2023 from 3pm to 6pm in the Parish Hall. We will be taking orders after Mass deadline is Feb. 11 & 12. You can also call or text orders to Leo Carmouche @ 409-344-1125 or Rodney Broussard @ 409-363-3375, or any committee member. Any parishioner who would like to help defray the expense of purchasing turkey legs please contact Leo or Rodney.



It's Mardi Gras time and we need your help! Mardi Gras SETX will be held on February 16th to 19th in Downtown Beaumont and we need volunteers. The more volunteer hours we work, the more profit the church earns. There are several areas that need volunteers. To sign up, or for additional information, please contact Crystal Williams at (409) 365-3790.

Collections

February 4th & February 5th

9:00AM	\$3,626.00
4:30PM	\$2,851.00
Mail	\$ 885.00
Totals	\$7,362.00



Welcome to the Red Hatters who turn out to worship with us at 9:00am Mass.

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 — Happy are those who observe God's commands (*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*).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our readings today together provide powerful insight into how to be faithful disciples. Sirach reminds us that, in the deepest places in ourselves, in our primary attitudes and tendencies in living, we face choices. We have real agency to embrace what is good, and resist what is destructive, for our own flourishing and for the common good. We are shaped, but we are not ultimately shackled, by social forces or by other persons. In Matthew's Gospel, we read that God cares not only about our observing boundaries, but about these deep areas of ourselves and our basic choices in life. God knows our fears and wounds that influence our choices. God is actively providing wisdom, as Paul wrote to the Corinthians. God will help us sort out the bewildering decisions we often face. God is here, deep within, offering challenge, healing, and courage so we may choose to love.

BOTH PRESENT AND FUTURE

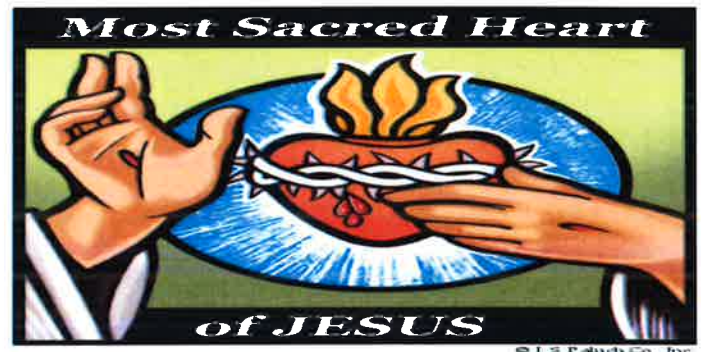
Matthew continues Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in today's Gospel, which is Jesus' extended teaching on the central theme of his ministry, the Kingdom of Heaven. Matthew highlights Jesus as a teacher like Moses, and who is rooted in the law of Moses. Jesus interprets the law by intensifying its meaning, by going to the root values behind the specific teachings in the law. These include reconciliation with others; mutual care for all persons as sacred, especially women; and being trustworthy and honest.

The Kingdom of Heaven is described as both in the present and in the future. When these values are lived out in daily life within the community, the Kingdom becomes present there and demonstrable to others. Jesus also spoke about life in the future, when God fulfills the divine promises to establish fully justice and peace on earth. The reconciliation, care, and trust experienced now will reach their fullness in the promised Kingdom.

WITH EACH OTHER

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount today turns to the relationships within the community. Jesus understands the traditional teachings about relationships in light of the coming Kingdom. He describes a deep trust and accountability among members of the community. Not settling for meeting minimum requirements, he points his new community toward an intimate knowledge and caring for each other, so that all may flourish as individuals and as a whole.

Although he highlights the dignity of each individual person, Jesus also envisions a community life where there is both a responsibility for each other and an accountability to each other. Members are to attend to each other's struggles and sorrows. Members become aware that their individual choices and lifestyle will be an example to others. We are to work out how to follow Jesus together in community, not only as individuals. We discern and live out our community's vocation, not only our own. Our unity with God is also with each other.



"Come Back to the Heart of Jesus"

BLACK HISTORY MONTH Super Bowl weekend! Super Bowl LVII (57) has Black history two Black quarterbacks (Mahomes/Kansas City Chiefs & Jalen Hurts/Philadelphia Eagles) from Texas (Channelview & Tyler, TX). Doug Williams was the 1st Black quarterback to start in a super bowl. The others to have won super bowls are Mahomes & Russell Wilson. Those Black losing in a super bowl are Steve McNair, Colin Kaepernick and Cam Newton. Michael Vick was the 1st #1 quarter picked in the 2001 draft. Steve "Air" McNair was the 1st Black MVP in 2003, and Mahomes and Lamar Jackson both won Back-to-back MVP's.

License to Sin

In the James Bond movies, 007 has a license to kill. He can shoot all the bad guys he wants without worrying about being charged with murder. God, however, does not issue a license to sin. The first reading from Sirach reminds us that any time we choose between life and death, good and evil, it is our free choice and our responsibility. God may allow us to make bad choices, but God never commands anyone to sin.

Jesus goes even deeper than Sirach. The people of Sirach's time had followed the laws and commandments that governed external actions. But Jesus taught that thoughts and desires that lead to sin can also be freely chosen or rejected. In the Gospel he gives us some examples.

The first is about killing. Jesus says that anyone who gets angry enough to kill or who looks down on his neighbor as not deserving to live has committed murder in his heart. Because the Eucharist is our sacrament of unity, we should take care to be reconciled with others before coming to the altar.

The next warnings are about adultery and divorce, breaches that also begin with interior feelings. Jesus exaggerates when he tells us to cut off a hand or tear out an eye, because he knew how easily we rationalize our feelings and pretend they are harmless. Jesus takes marriage seriously and expects his disciples to do the same.

His final example concerns taking oaths. Jesus gets to the point and says that we wouldn't need oaths if we always told the truth and kept our promises. Our faith is based on the knowledge that God keeps promises. Shouldn't we do the same?

THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR BUILDING FUNDS. NEXT WEEKEND, THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

Fr. Anthony will bless those celebrating a wedding anniversary in February. Next weekend he will bless those our youth.




IF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND IS ON OUR PRAYER LIST AND HE/SHE GETS WELL OR PASSES, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO DELETE HIS/HER NAME. THANKS.

Pray for ... Sharon Adams, Ethel Allen, Lucinda Allen, Nedra Alpough, Thelma Alpough, Lyric Anderson, Juliana Barnes, Emma Bonton, Diane Bowd, Aletra Bowman, Tom Bronnon, Geraldine Broussard, Cecilia Brown, Beverly Carmouche, Doris Jacob Castile, Curtis Clark, Lionel Clark, Jr., Kenneth Cormier, Aletha Covington, Isaiah Covington, III, Nekemia Covington, Cheetara Cox, Janelle Dale, Bernadette Dames, Valerie Dennis, Charles Doyle, Kaitlyn Dugas, Herman Dugay, Yourmae Duplechain, Vincent Fertitta, Sylvia A. Fisk, Ronald Fontenette, Sandra Fontenette, Jonathan Fontenot, Normand Fontenot, Michael Fontnette, Jr., Gloria Foreman, John Francis, Alton Gallentine, Wilda Green, Malinie Guidry, Annie Guillory, Elzina Harris, Zacchaeus Hart, Robin Hataway, Aerial Hawkins, Mildred Hayes & Family, Edmonia Henderson, Crystal Henton, James Henry, Fay Hines, Gladys Wilson-Hollins Yvette Jacquet, Hazel January, Mary Jenkins, Darlene Joe, Zackary U. Johnson, Jr., Linda M. Jones & Family, Roderick Jones, Steven Jones, Wilda Jones, Curtis Joseph, Hilda Joseph & Family, Elda Kennerson, Lucien Lavallais, Wildred Lavine, Bobbette Lawson, Johanna Lewis, Akliah Lopez, Adrienne Davis-Lott, Joseph Marcel, Marita Marcel, Phil C. Mahoney, Veronica Mayo, Dorothy McClarin, Mabry McZeal, Robert Mae Mims, Denisha Montgomery, Erma Moore, Velma Morgan, Yvette Morris, Berlinda Mouton, Elvina Mouton, Sophia Mouton, Linda Nico, Dewey Normand, Dallas Oliver, Donald Oliver, Rita Oliver, Helen Orsort, Johnny Owens, Roger Paris, Iris Phillips, Lester Pickney, Mary Polk, Bernice Potier, Chery Prevost, Jared Prevost, Joseph Prevost, Margie Provost, JoAnn Pugh, Estella Ray, Mary Riggle, Jocelyn Rush, Earline Smith, Eldridge Smith, Ree Smith, Schreida Solaire, Jayden Spencer, Lillie Stewart, Audry Stood, Henry Stood, Michella Sulldan, Aneel Thomas, Clarence Thomas, Alozia Vaughns, Jennie Veal, Jean Vincent, Larry Viltz, Rosina Viltz, Phyllis Voliby, Iris Waymon, Rose Mary Williams, Juanita Williams, Shahara Williams, Jamon Wilson, Andre' Winston, Jr., Tadarell Woods, Hazeletta Younger and Tosharie Younger.

Communicants: Ethel Allen



Meeting
-4th Degree Ladies of Grace, Chapter 18 will meet Sunday, February 12th at 2:00pm at the KPC Hall on Grannis.
-Heads of Ministries and Organizations will meet on Sunday, February 19th after 9:00am Mass in the Church.
-The Fund-raising Committee will meet on Thursday, February 23rd at 6:00pm at the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building to plan fund-raises for the Church. All parishioners are invited to participate and encouraged to join to help fund-raise for the Church!

 **Gulf Coast Health Center's Mobile Medical Unit is now offering a vaccine event to combat COVID-19 at Sacred Heart on Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 10:00am-until. Please sign the sheet in the Vestibule to allow you, families and community access to vaccinations and to get an accurate count to provide proper amount of vial.**

SAVE THE DATE
St. Katharine Drexel
Feast Day Mass Celebration
Wednesday, March 8, 2023 **6pm
St. Therese Church
1409 6th Street, Orange, TX
Most Reverend David L. Touns
Bishop of Beaumont-Celebrant

WEEKLY SCHEDULE
February 18th & February 19th

LECTORS	
SAT. 4:30PM	Corine Jones Delores Yeggins
SUN. 9:00AM	Dhalaecia Bergeron Dhonya Bergeron
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