

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

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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Parish Office is open **Mon.** 10AM–12PM, 1PM–5PM, **Tue.–Thurs.** from 9AM–12PM, 1PM–5PM w/ early closing on **Fridays** 9AM–12PM, 1PM–4PM during School Session. Closed holidays, holy days and for some funerals & staff meetings.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS: Please notify the church office of your arrival or if any changes in phone or address are made.

CONFESSION: Wednesdays @6:30am–7am & 6–6:45pm. Thurs@6:30am–7am. Fri.@7am–8am. Sat. @4–5:30pm. and Sun.@7:45am–8:45am and after the 9 AM Mass until 11 AM. Any time by appointment. Call the church office. NO confessions ON TUES. Priest’s day off. Mass on Tuesday evening at 5:30pm.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES: 4th Wed of each month. **MUST Pre-Register in the church office.**

Watch Bulletin for dates

WEDDINGS: Couples must be members of the Parish. To begin wedding preparation, **please call for an appointment with the pastor at least six months prior to planned wedding date.** Pick up a marriage packet with all the wedding guidelines from church secretary.



SIXTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Feb. 12, 2017

Elvira & family serve breakfast after the 8:45 Mass, cafeteria.
8:45AM: Dismissal of RCIA after Homily, followed by topic—A/R
10AM: F.F.C after Mass, in school classrooms.

Vocations Crucifix:

5:00PM Mass: Marissa De la Cruz

8:45AM Mass: J.R. & Rachel Garmin

11:30 Mass: Robert & Janet Tamez Family

5PM HOLY HOUR

MONDAY— 7:15AM Mass

Office opens at 10AM

TUESDAY— 5:30PM Mass

Adoration begins after Mass.

7-8 AM Men's Lectionary Study Group: A/R.

WEDNESDAY— 7:15AM Mass

9:30-11AM Morning Lectionary "Resisting Happiness" Study. A/R

5:15-6:15pm Unleashed Book Study video. A/R

6:45-8:15PM Jr. High and High School F.F.C

THURSDAY— 7:15AM Mass

6:30PM Finance Mtg.

FRIDAY— 8:15AM Mass

7-8:05AM Book study, "Why Catholic?" in the A/R

SAT. 5 PM LITURGY Feb. 18, 2017

Vocation Crucifix taken by Grotegut Family

Altar Server Training: 10am-11am, Church.

SEVENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY time Feb. 19, 2017

Second Collection Campus Ministries.

Virginia & friends serve breakfast after the 8:45 Mass, cafeteria.

8:45AM: Dismissal of RCIA after Homily, followed by topic—A/R
10AM: F.F.C after Mass, in school classrooms.

Vocation Crucifix:

8:45am Mass: Tom & Joyce Schlabs

11:30 Mass: Claudia Smith

5PM HOLY HOUR

All Altar Flowers, are in MEMORY of Dale Smith and BIRTHDAY wishes to Betty McQuigg, from Claudia Smith.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Schedule for Feb. 18/19:

5PM Mass: Jennifer Casarez, Lisa Garcia, Steve Cortez, Janie Banner and Monica Hernandez (L)

8:45AM Mass: Coby Lassiter (SC) Tama Lassiter (SC) Robert Zepeda (SC) Jackie Casarez (SC), J.R. Garman, Krynson Jesko and Daniel Jesko (L)

SICK CALL ONLY: Claudia Garcia, Maggie Diller and Julie Newton

11:30AM MASS: Harrison Parsons, Mayra Parsons, Eileen Alley, Alyssa Rodriguez, Cynthia Rodriguez, Rosa Garza and Aida Lemus (L)



Lector Schedule for Feb. 18/19:

5PM Mass: Saraie Perales and Ana Copeland

8:45AM Mass: Charlene Sanders and Carmen Flood

11:30AM Mass: Robert Bribiesca and Claudia Garica.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

Mon. 7:15AM Lester Backus RIP

Tues. 5:30 PM Dennis Gerber Intention

Wed. 7:15 AM Misti McNutt RIP

Thurs. 7:15AM Abbie Arroyos RIP

FRIDAY 8:15AM Richard Koenig Health

SAT. 5PM Roy & Deby Reinart Honor 30th Anniversary

SUN. 8:45AM Charlie Stengel RIP

SUN. 11:30 AM People of the Parish

ALTAR SERVERS

Mon. 7:15 AM Paul Betzen and Macy Betzen

Tues. 5:30PM Keeton Caperton and Josef Grotegut

Wed. 7:15AM Greg Urbanczyk and Colton Urbanczyk

Thurs. 7:15AM London Baker and Abel Tamez

FRI. 8:15AM School Students

SAT. 5:00PM Jayden Sosa, Alexia Hernandez, Kaison Hacker and Aron Diaz

SUNDAY 8:45AM Javier Enriquez, Jadyn Nanez, Jeremiah Nanez and Jonathon Nanez

11:30 AM Luke Perez, Arissa Alaniz,

Azalea Alaniz and Cristian Jaime

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

Feb. 5/6, 2017

Envelopes— 75 Loose Checks—47

Envelopes/Checks \$14,838.00

Plates \$970.68

Children \$116.96

Total \$15,925.21



Second Collection

Black Bag for Charity \$1,097.61

FINAL Total = \$17,022.82



My family prayed _____
rosaries this week.

Altar Server Training: Will be held on February 18th, from 10 am—11 am. All current and new altar servers must attend the training.



Rosary for Priests and Religious Life.

A small group will lead in prayer after the 5:30PM Tuesday Mass, anyone who would like to stay and pray the rosary for priests and religious life are more than welcome.



From the desk of our pastor, Father Tony Neusch

"Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." Be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect." This week's Gospel offers a deepening of what it means to follow the "rules." Are you all in? That is the divine question this week. Are you all in? In walking with Christ are you willing to moderate your speech and reactions even when the anger burns white hot and the words sputter on the lips? Are you willing to make sure that every single glance sees the soul of the person instead of their physical attraction? Are you willing to say nothing at all instead of a little white lie that may not be all that little? Are we all in? Let us together pray for the grace to allow our yes to always mean yes.

LOST & FOUND: A little girls pink case with a castle and a fairy on the front, was found last week after the 11:30 am Mass. Lost & found items can be picked up at the church office.

Kolbe Prison Ministry retreat team is now looking for gentlemen who would like to join us for the March retreat in the Neil unit March 23-25. Looking for a few men who would like to share their love and mercy with those who may not have ever been told they were loved or may not know that God truly does love them. The formation meetings for this retreat will be on Monday evenings. Steve Cortez is the retreat director. If you would like to know more information or join the team for the [March 23-25](#) Retreat please contact one of the following:

Steve Cordez [346-0771](tel:346-0771)
Deacon Jessie [346-1502](tel:346-1502)
Deacon Andy Gonzales [463-0262](tel:463-0262)
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Kent Hoelting [679-1725](tel:679-1725)



Diocesan Adult Confirmation

Adult Confirmation Preparation is being offered this spring. This is for active Adult Catholics who have not been confirmed and want to celebrate this sacrament. Contact: Parish Office 364-6150



NOTE: Parishioners if you encounter a problem with one of the kneelers during Mass, please inform an usher after the Mass, so the problem can be taken care of immediately.



Monthly Schedule Meetings.

PTO: 1st Thursday of every month

Parish Council: 2nd Thursday of every month

Finance Council: 3rd Thursday of every month

Stewardship: 1st Monday of every month

Knights of Columbus: Last Monday of every month.

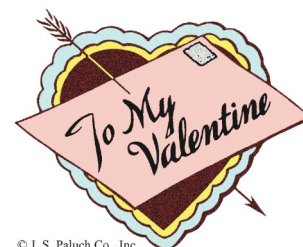
NEW VIDEO STUDY for LENT

LOOK what is being **OFFERED** for our **LENTEN Growth!** Starting March 3 for all six Friday mornings during Lent (following the School Mass around 9:15-9:20 in the Antonian Room) Catechist Martha Paetzold will facilitate a video teaching on the book by Bishop Robert Barron entitled "**The Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues.**" For 1 hour each week we will look at the 8 topics, using the Catechism and a teacher guide w/ questions for discussion. Some topics include **Pride - Humility, Anger - Forgiveness, Envy - Admiration, Laziness or Sloth - Zeal, Asceticism - Gluttony, Lust - Chastity**, and more. If you have questions, call Martha at 258-7701 or Janie at 364-6150. Cost? Your time, and heart for God. Sessions informal and friendly!



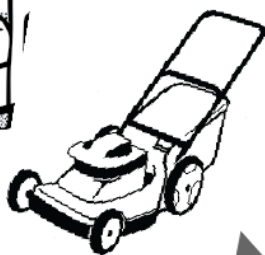
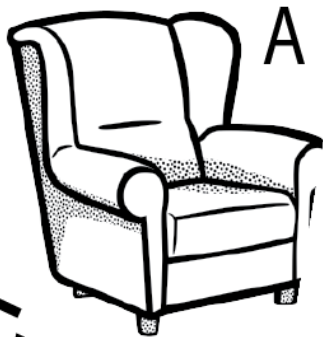
FEBRUARY CALENDAR

FEB. 12—Elvira & Family serve breakfast after the 8:45 am Mass.
FEB. 18—Altar Server Training at 10-11am
FEB. 19—2nd Collection for Campus Ministries.
FEB. 19—Virginia & Friends serve breakfast after the 8:45 am Mass
FEB. 20—NO School, Presidents Day. Office will open at 10 am.
FEB. 22—Bishop Zurek's Anniversary, office closed.
FEB. 25—Faith Formation Basic Course Training at San Jose, 9:30-12:30
FEB. 26—School Auction, see flyer for more details.
FEB. 26—NO Holy Hour and NO F.F.C, teacher meeting.



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REMINDER: Small Groups' Study-Prayer- Discussion

-Fellowship at St Anthony's Parish for 2017

Below is a list of existing groups open for adults:

Tuesday morning MEN's Lectionary Study from 7-8 AM in the Antonian Room

Wednesday morning WOMEN's Lectionary Study from 9:15-11 AM in the Antonian

Room. Also chapter study from Matthew Kelly's book *"Resisting Happiness."*

Wednesday morning ADULT Lectionary Study at Kings Manor (Residents & Friends)

Wednesday evening WOMEN's Study from

5-6:15 in Antonian Room. *"Unleashed - A Catholic Wom-an's Walk With Scripture to Receive Everything The Holy Spirit Wants To Give You."* by Sonja Corbitt. Includes video clip and discussion;

all women welcome to join us!

Wednesday evening ADULT Book Study in home group. (full, closed)

Also, a Thursday evening ADULT Book Study in home group. (full closed.)

Friday morning ADULT Book Study *"Why Stay Catholic?"* in Antonian. 7-8 AM

Friday morning ADULT Lenten study following 8:15am Mass.

SATURDAY Morning Small Group Home STUDY

WOMEN, you are invited! Monica Bermea is facilitating a study of the book *"Battlefield of the Mind"* by Joyce Meyer in her home in Friona every other Saturday. Books are available through Amazon or Barnes & Noble. There's a workbook that goes with the book. You are most welcome to join in. You may call Monica at [575-693-3000](tel:575-693-3000) for more information and directions. Thank you



142 Rosaries were prayed this week for vocations, thank you!

Registration form - **Please Print**

The Trinity

Circle: **English or Español**

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____

E-mail _____

Parish _____ City _____

What level do you teach in Faith Formation at your parish? _____

Please mark where you will attend the course: **Amarillo, Dumas, Hereford, Pampa**

Notice:

If you have any questions about this information, please call S. Maria Elena Ferrer, 806-383-2243 Ext 113

**Send Registration to: Faith Formation Office 1800 N. Spring Street, Amarillo, TX 79107
or E-mail: mferrer@dioama.org**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Weekend, March 31 – April 2

Married Couples, Valentines Day is only a few days away! One of the greatest gifts you can give your spouse is your time and desire to make your relationship even better than it is today. Whether you've been married 1 year or 65, plan to join us on the March 31 – April 2 Weekend at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo, to enhance your communication and build a lifetime of love, romance and intimacy. Contact Tung & Nanette Nguyen at [\(505\) 400-0617](tel:505-400-0617), [\(505\) 463-0261](tel:505-463-0261) or nguyenswwme@outlook.com for more information, or apply online at <http://www.meAmarillo.org> by March 3 to receive a \$25 discount off your \$100 application fee (use Promo ode: Early Bird).



AARP Foundation is again funding IRS trained volunteers to help prepare personal tax returns at the Hereford Senior Citizen center. Tax aids will be available on Wednesday 9-4 and on Thursdays 9-2. Please call Wanda for an appointment at 364-5681, walk-ins are accepted.



Diocesan Office of Faith Formation offers



a Basic Faith Formation Course for Catechists on **FEB. 25, in HEREFORD**, from **9:30-12:30 with Father Tony Neusch** at **SAN JOSE Catholic Church**, there is no charge for this course. Earn your certification! Return form to office or register in parish office.



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“Never accuse others to excuse yourself.”

“Work that is cheerfully done is usually well done.”

“Circumstances change when we change.”