

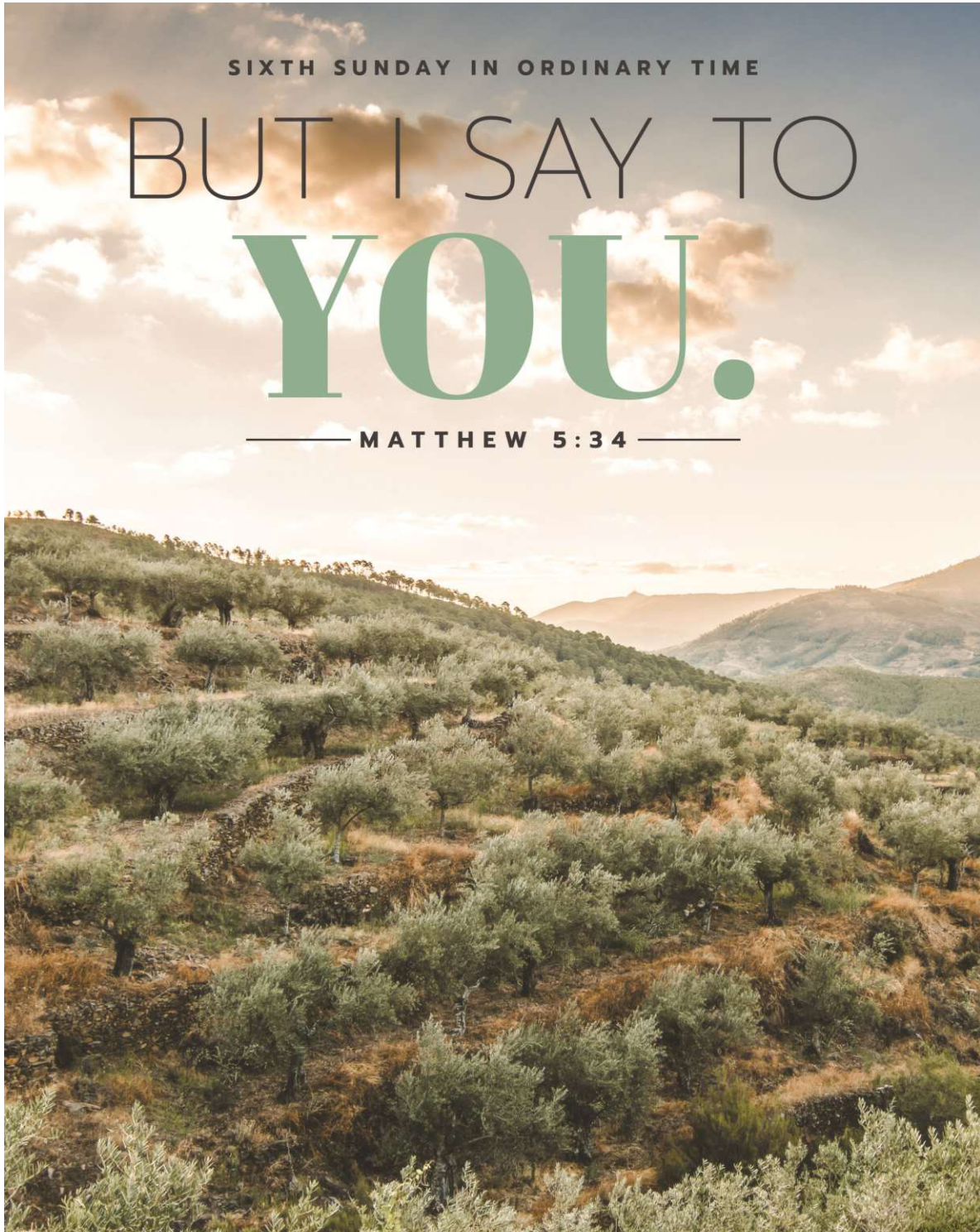


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FEBRUARY 15, 2026



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BUT I SAY TO
YOU.

— MATTHEW 5:34 —

THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

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Sirach 15:15-20 / 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 / Matthew 5:17-37

God is mighty in power, Ben Sira asserts, but we are rather powerful as well, for we have the power to choose whether to obey or disobey God, to sin or not. Whether we are conscious of it or not, making the choice to sin is saying that our wisdom and judgment are better than God's. It is saying that allowing our anger toward someone to fester and flame is preferable to reconciling. It is saying that the pleasure we get from fooling around with someone who is not our spouse is greater than honoring our marriage commitment. It is choosing to do what is objectively unwise but subjectively attractive. Acknowledging that God is wiser than us leads us to use our power to choose good over evil and life over death.

Question of the Week: *In what aspect of my life do I need to accept God's wisdom and the Spirit's guidance and change my behavior?*

Gospel Meditation

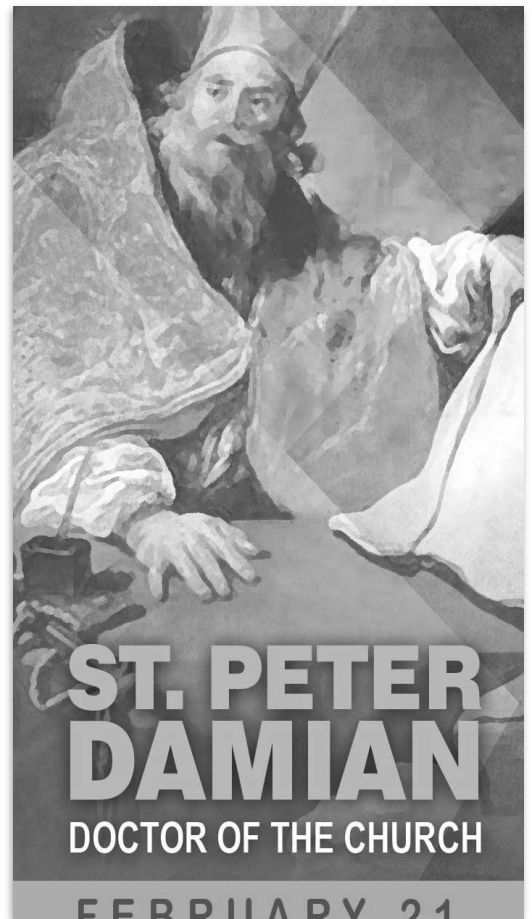
A few years into my priesthood, I hit a wall. I had taken on too many commitments: Masses, meetings, ministries, projects. I couldn't keep up. I was double-booking, forgetting things, running late, and letting people down. My boss at the time, a wise priest, and our shared secretary, noticed. For my birthday, the two gave me a stack of 100 flashcards, each with one word printed in a different language: "NO." It was funny, but also painfully true. If I couldn't say no, my yes was in danger.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the Evil One" (Matthew 5:37). He's not just giving advice about polite speech. He's showing us something about the freedom of Christian discipleship. The follower of Christ is called to speak clearly, simply, and honestly. There is joy in that kind of freedom.

The Church Fathers often linked this kind of straightforward truthfulness with spiritual maturity. The devil is the father of lies, but Jesus is the Word made flesh. When we hedge, flatter, exaggerate, or avoid, we open space for the shadows to creep in. That little stack of flashcards reminded me that God does not want us enslaved to the expectations of others or to the fear of disappointing them. He wants us to enjoy the peace of saying yes and meaning it, and saying no, and meaning it, too.

Lenten Challenge: Practice one moment of honest, peaceful speech this week. Maybe it's a sincere "yes" to something important, or a humble "no" to something you cannot do. Let it be a quiet step into the freedom Jesus offers.

– *Father John Muir*
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Blessing of Love

Heavenly Father, Ignite us with Your love. Reveal to us Your will, guide us in Your path. Pour Your blessings upon us, You who are the giver of every good thing. Help us to live, work, act, and in ways that bring honor and glory to You.
Amen.

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MASS INTENTIONS

FEB 14	4:00 PM	LOUIS ARUDA
FEB 15	10:00 AM	LOUISE GIROUARD
FEB 21	4:00 PM	WAYNE DUFOUR
FEB 22	8:00 AM	ROSEANNE KEATING
FEB 22	10:00 AM	LOUISE GIROUARD
FEB 28	4:00 PM	DON FEATHERSTONE
MAR 21	4:00 PM	WAYNE DUFOUR
MAR 28	4:00 PM	DON FEATHERSTONE
APR 18	4:00 PM	WAYNE DUFOUR
APR 18	4:00 PM	ROSANNE KEATING

Prayer of the Rosary

Every Saturday at 3:30 pm in the church, led by members of the Saint Boniface Knights of Columbus.

Food Donations for the months of January and February will go to Lunenburg Food Pantry. Donations can be placed in the rear of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Snow Days

If Lunenburg schools are closed or have a delay there will be no daily mass. Stay safe in the snow!

St. Bernard's High School

Calling all eighth graders! Open house Wednesday March 11th, 2026 at 6:00 PM for those interested in attending St. Bernard's.

Calling all women of St. Boniface

Join us on Tuesday, February 17 at 6:30 for our MARDI GRAS meeting! You will learn about "Fat Tuesday" and other Mardi Gras facts and traditions and enjoy a piece of "King Cake." Haven't been to a Guild meeting lately or not at all? Come and enjoy getting together with the women (all ages!) of our parish! You will be glad you did!

Beyond Giving Things Up: Lenten Discernment Retreat

Calling all Catholic, single women ages 18-45! What Are You Giving Up For Lent? Feeling stuck in the same Lenten routine? Join us, the Dominican Sisters of Peace, to discover a transformative spiritual practice that deepens your prayer life, sharpens your discernment, and opens your heart to God's presence in everyday moments. This will be a two-day Zoom event, February 27-28, 2026, giving you an opportunity to grow closer to Christ and experience Lent like never before. For more information, visit: oppeace.org/become-a-sister or contact Sr. Ana Gonzalez, OP, (ana.gonzalez@oppeace.org) or call/text 475-224-0519.

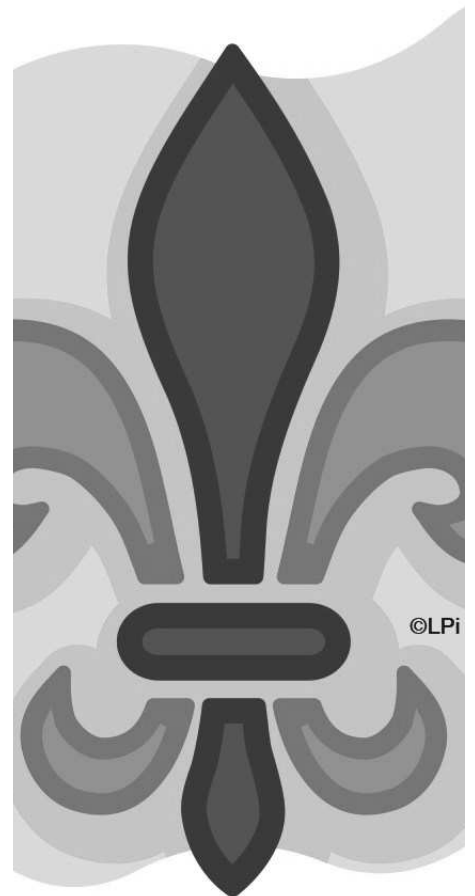
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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am | Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Memorial Day through Labor Day — Sunday: 9:00 am | Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Holy Hour of Adoration: last Wednesday of the month 5:30-6:30 pm
Weekday Masses: 6:30 pm Wednesday | 8:00 am Thursday & Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession) Saturday 5:00-5:30 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Adults are baptized at the Easter Vigil as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Infant and child Baptisms are by arrangement.

FIRST EUCHARIST Preparation begins in grade one and includes classes, retreats, and home instruction. Children receive First Eucharist in grade two.

CONFIRMATION Our Confirmation program begins in the 9th grade; students are confirmed in the spring of the 10th grade. For young adults who have been baptized but not yet confirmed, contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY It is the policy of the Diocese of Worcester that a couple should contact the parish at least one year prior to the anticipated date of their wedding to allow sufficient time to carry out the various steps of the marriage preparation process. It is important that arrangements be made with the church before plans are made with reception halls, caterers, etc.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK Please call the parish office 978-582-4008, or email Fr. Omolo at stbonifaceparish@verizon.net or Louise Nadeau at dinalou1@comcast.net to arrange these visits.

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY If you or someone you know needs prayers or if you would like to be a part of this ministry of those who pray for the needs of neighbors, please contact the parish office at 978-582-4008, email stbonifaceparish@verizon.net or contact Louise Nadeau at dinalou1@comcast.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #16480 In Service to One. In Service to all. Members meet in the Parish Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. Any Catholic men over 18 who are interested in joining the Knights should contact Deputy Grand Knight, Thomas Bodkin at tbodkin@bodkinmason.com or (508-363-3422), or email kofc16480@gmail.com.

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Newcomers to St. Boniface are invited and encouraged to formally register as members of the parish so that we may stay in touch with you with faith formation news, notices of special events, volunteer opportunities, and more.

Registration forms are available at the doors of the church, the parish office, or on our website.

Please note that you must be registered for at least six months before we can issue any verification of your status as a parishioner for godparent or sponsor letters.

Rules Keep us on Check

I saw a slogan once for an Internet start-up: "There is one rule; there are no rules." In fact, when I searched for this slogan again online, I was surprised at all of the variations on the "no rules" sentiment. Apparently, even Justin Bieber has a documented quote: "I want my world to be fun. No parents, no rules, no nothing. Like, no one can stop me. No one can stop me." Wow. My own kids seldom read my reflections. If they are reading this one, don't get any ideas!

Of course, a society without laws or rules will not exist for very long. The laws of a society are there to protect us from perhaps our greatest enemy: ourselves. We can't just do whatever we feel like. We will eventually hurt others or ourselves. The laws of God and his Church have the same effect. Sinful and imperfect people need parameters. Christians who choose sin or their own will over God's commandments not only break the relationship they have with their God, but they hurt others and diminish the body of Christ.

A stewardship way of life asks of us to live in a certain manner. We sometimes think that our cultivation of gifts and giving them back with increase to God is for God's sake. God's commands do not benefit God, for God is complete and perfect without need for increase. But this way of life is for the benefit of his creation. There is no power struggle here between a God of rules and his children. The cross bears witness to that. Instead, God's "rules" prevent us from destroying ourselves, and give us a path so we may flourish. Whether you are an ordinary Joe or an ordinary Bieber, following God's commands will lead to the real satisfaction in this gift of life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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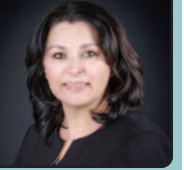
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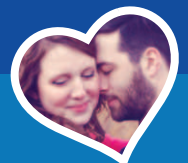
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