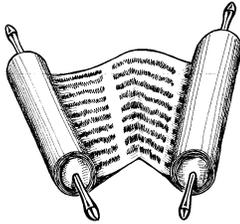


February 12, 2023
Ordinary Time
Sixth Sunday



***“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 sponsored
in memory of Larry Seifert by his family.



Flowers for the Altar this weekend
are donated in memory of Larry
Seifert, sponsored by his family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 18

6:30 p.m. M/M Alfred I. Brandl

Sunday, February 19

6:30 a.m. Linda Muehlstein

9:30 a.m. Evelyn & John Elder Family

* *No Mass on Friday, February 17*

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: Psalm 103

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48



The Sanctuary Light will be
lit this week in memory of
Tivo Mejia.

**Annual Altar Society
Noodle Soup Dinner & Raffle
February 26, 2023**



Show your support for our Altar Society ladies who work so hard in their ministry to our Church.

*See insert for more details.
Raffle ticket attached.*

ST. JOSEPH’S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Laura Nieto

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In Memory of Henrietta Heiman

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**St. Joseph’s Pancake Sunday
Next Sunday – February 19, 7:15 – 8:30 a.m.**



Come join us for breakfast. *Take the opportunity to visit with friends and family after the 6:30 a.m. Mass and before the 9:30 a.m. Mass.*

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. God 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?

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon. – Altar Society Meeting, 2 p.m., Social Center

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

Wed. – Champions Club Meeting, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC

– Knights of Columbus Meeting, George’s Hall

Thurs. – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall

Fri. – Parish Office Closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral needs call the Parish Office at any time.

**Remember the sick in your prayers this week,
especially Irene Meisetschleager.**

REFLECTION

Sirach 15:15-20 Psalm 119
1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37

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 Rebecak
Feb. 13 – Linda Mikulencak
Feb. 14 – Debbie Rother
Feb. 15 – Timothy Kleihege
Feb. 16 – Gladys Mikulencak, Rhonda Muehlstein
Feb. 18 – Wyatt Darilek, Carol Dvorak, Jennifer Rothbauer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Feb. 12 – Barbara & Allen Hermes
– Windi & Matt Michal
– Cleo & Leroy Nieto
Feb. 14 – Mava & Marcus Jalufka
Feb. 18 – Niki & Chad Chaloupka

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – Youth Mass; C.C.D.
Feb. 13 – K-2nd Grade After School Program
Feb. 15 – 3rd-6th Grade After School Program
– 9th-11th C.C.D.
Next Sunday – C.C.D.. First Communion Parents Meeting

TODAY'S LITURGICAL READINGS

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

Immense is the Lord's wisdom. The Lord God sees every created thing and understands every human deed. Human beings have life and death before them, and they receive whichever they choose.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 119

Response: Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Paul wrote that real wisdom is God's: hidden, mysterious, planned and prepared from the very beginning for the glory of those who love the Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus said he came not to abolish the law but to fulfill it. He described such fulfillment as a matter not of legal argumentation but of holiness, reconciliation and the obedience of faith. Jesus encouraged the disciples to let their "Yes" mean "Yes" and their "No" mean "No."

LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD



Ash Wednesday – February 22

Mass Schedule:

St. Joseph's, Moulton
8:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

St. Mary's, Praha
12:00 noon & 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 Fish Fry

Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent
See Insert for more details.

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)

All Sundays of Lent and Easter Sunday

Lenten Food Drive

We will once again be collecting canned goods for our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

YOUTH MINISTRY CENTER FUND

In Memory of Laura Nieto
Kathy & Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck