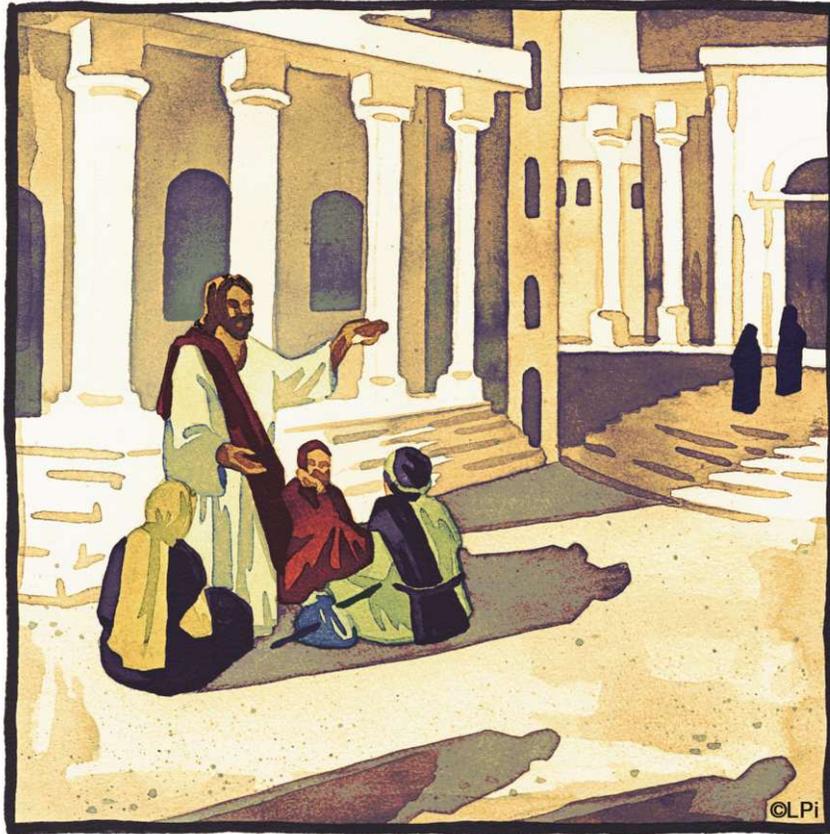


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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Baptism

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements.

Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

Marriage

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

Visits to the Sick

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)
9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)
11:30am English (organ & cantor)
1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

2 PRAYER AND WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 16

9:00 a.m. Felix Antonio Hernandez,
Maria Olinda Ramirez,
Keren Hernandez, Juan
Bautista Hernandez (D)

Tuesday, February 17

8:30 a.m. Maria Dolores Rubi (D),
Mercedes Estela Rojas
Sanchez, Jose Santiago
Garcia Gutierrez, Jose
Ramon Garcia
Gutierrez (D)

12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 18

7:30 a.m. Lorenzo & Madalena (D)

8:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m. Rafael Goris (D)

3:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 19

8:30 am

12:00 p.m.

Friday, February 20

8:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 21

7:45 a.m. Phero Thong & Magarita
Han (D)

7:00 p.m. Altagracia Sosa, Rafael
Gabot, Aramis Sosa (D),
Juana Francisca
Fernandez, Trifilio Gomez,
Flor Fernandez (D), Marco
Peguero (D) Ramon
Marte (D)

Sunday, February 22

8:00 a.m. People of SNT

9:30 a.m. Fruebel Ortega (D), Isabel
Anes (D), Henry Timas
Guzman (D), Dando
gracias a la Virgen de
Guadalupe

11:30 am

1:30 pm Maria Hanh (D)

READINGS

First Reading:

No one does he command to
act unjustly,
to none does he give license
to sin. (Sir 15:20)

Psalms:

Blessed are they who follow
the law of the Lord! (Ps 119)

Second Reading:

Rather, we speak of God's
wisdom, mysterious, hidden,
which God predetermined
before the ages for our glory.
(1 Cor 2:7)

Gospel:

"I tell you, unless your
righteousness surpasses
that of the scribes and
Pharisees,
you will not enter the
kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:20)

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Readings for the week of February 15, 2026

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

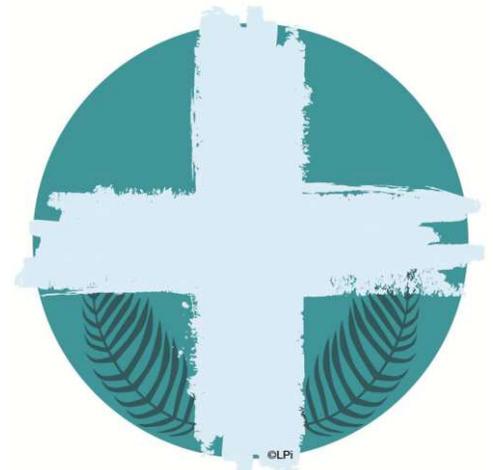
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**Matthew 5:17-37**

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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This coming Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday, February 18, brings us the beginning of the Lenten season. Below is the schedule for Ash Wednesday masses and services:

7:30am (*Vietnamese*)

8:30am (*Spanish*)

12:00pm (*English*)

3:30pm (*Bilingual*)

7:30pm (*Spanish*)

Please remember that ashes are only distributed during the Mass or Prayer Service, not before or after. They are a sign of repentance and shouldn't be seen as a blessing.

***Meménto, homo, quia pulvis es,
et in púlvorem revertéris.
Remember, man, that thou art dust,
and unto dust thou shalt return.***

STEWARDSHIP

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