



15 FEBRUARY 2026 ❖ 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ❖ YEAR A



Probing the Depth of the Commandments!

In today's Gospel, on this Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus makes clear that He has not come to abolish the Law but to bring it to fulfillment. This fulfillment goes beyond mere legal observance; it calls for embracing the deeper values each commandment upholds and living them fully, without compromise or shortcuts. Jesus' teachings on anger, adultery, and the taking of oaths illustrate what it means to live according to the spirit of God's commandments.

As we encounter our Brother and Lord, Jesus Christ, in this Eucharistic celebration, may we learn to put His teachings into practice and walk always in the light of life.



INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(To be recited only when no entrance hymn is sung.)

**Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your
name. (Cf. Ps 31 (30):3-4)**

GREETING

P—Blessed be God the Father who gave us in Jesus the supreme moral teacher and model.
May His grace and peace be with you all.
All— And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P— Today's theme reminds us of the importance of God's Law and of the values it enshrines.
Let us pause for a while and examine our behavior in the light of some of these values.
(Pause)

P— For the times we have used our freedom to make choices that displeased you, Lord, have mercy.

All— Lord, have mercy.

P— For the times we have remained satisfied with an observance of the literal formulation of the Commandments, Christ, have mercy.

All— Christ, have mercy.

P— For the times we have obeyed the Commandments not out of love for you but out of fear of your punishment, Lord, have mercy.

All— Lord, have mercy.

P— May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All— Amen.

GLORIA

All— Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,

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we adore you,
 we glorify you,
 we give you thanks for your great glory,
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 O God, almighty Father.
 Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us;
 you take away the sins of the world,
 receive our prayer;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
 have mercy on us.
 For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

P – O God, who teaches us that you abide
 in hearts that are just and true,
 grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace
 as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
 Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever.
All – Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading

Sir 15:15-20

R – A reading from the Book of Sirach

**If you choose you can keep the
 commandments,**

they will save you;
 if you trust in God, you too shall live;
he has set before you fire and water;
 to whichever you choose, stretch forth
 your hand.

Before man are life and death, good and evil,
 whichever he chooses shall be given him.

Immense is the wisdom of the Lord;
 he is mighty in power, and all seeing.
The eyes of God are on those who fear him;
 he understands man's every deed.

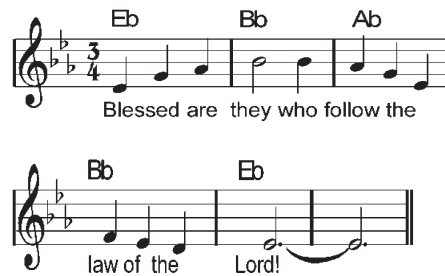
No one does he command to act unjustly,
 to none does he give license to sin.

The word of the Lord.
All – Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

**R – Blessed are they who follow the law of the
 Lord.**

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- * Blessed are they whose way is blameless,
 who walk in the law of the Lord.
 Blessed are they who observe his decrees,
 who seek him with all their heart. **R.**
- * You have commanded that your precepts
 be diligently kept.
 Oh, that I might be firm in the ways
 of keeping your statutes! **R.**
- * Be good to your servant, that I may live
 and keep your words.
 Open my eyes, that I may consider
 the wonders of your law. **R.**
- * Instruct me, O Lord, in the way of your
 statutes,
 that I may exactly observe them.
 Give me discernment, that I may observe
 your law
 and keep it with all my heart. **R.**

2nd Reading

1 Cor 2:1-5

R – A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul
 to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

**We speak of wisdom to those who are
 mature,
 not a wisdom of this age,
 nor of the rulers of this age who are
 passing away.**

**Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious,
 hidden,
 which God predetermined before the ages
 for our glory.**

But, as it is written:

***"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
 him,"***

this, God has revealed to us through the Spirit.
For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.
All – Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation cf. Mt 11:25

All–Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mt 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

P – The Lord be with you.
All– And with your spirit.
P – A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
All– Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:
“I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees,
you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.
You have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
‘You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.’
But I say to you,
whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.
You have heard that it was said,
‘You shall not commit adultery.’
But I say to you,
everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
‘Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.’
But I say to you, do not swear at all.
Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’
Anything more is from the evil one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
All– Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

Profession of Faith

(Nicene Creed)

All – I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven, (*bow*)*
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
*and became man.**
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

P – Today God’s Word has enlightened us about the values enshrined in the Commandments and the strict demands they impose on us. Let us ask for the Lord’s help in our endeavor to live up to these demands. In all humility, we implore:

All– Lord, make us faithful to your commandments.

C – For the universal Church, mother and teacher of all the faithful: may She never tire of reminding humankind of the need to treasure and live the values based on the Commandments. Let us pray. R.

- C** –For the Holy Father, our bishops, and priests: may they teach the demands of God’s Law with clarity and constantly witness with their lives to the values they proclaim. Let us pray. **R.**
- C** –For our civil authorities who are responsible for promoting the common good of the people: may they always make and enforce laws that reflect and promote the values contained in God’s moral Law. Let us pray. **R.**
- C** –For our catechists, teachers, and media practitioners, whose work is so vital in the moral formation of the new generations: may they always be aware of the importance of their mission and carry it out with brave consistency. Let us pray. **R.**

P – God our Father, we thank You for having given us Jesus, our infallible moral teacher and perfect example to be followed. May Your Holy Spirit grant us the strength that we need to put into practice the truths we have recalled today. You who live and reign for ever and ever.
All – Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

P –Pray, brethren . . .
All –May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P – May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward.
Through Christ our Lord.
All – Amen.

PREFACE VI

P –The Lord be with you.
All–And with your spirit.

P –Lift up your hearts.
All–We lift them up to the Lord.

P –Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All–It is right and just.

P– It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For in you we live and move and have our being,
and while in this body
we not only experience the daily effects of your care,
but even now possess the pledge of life eternal.
For, having received the first fruits of the Spirit,
through whom you raised up Jesus from the dead,
we hope for an everlasting share in the Paschal Mystery.
And so, with all the Angels, we praise you,
as in joyful celebration, we acclaim:
**All – Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P – The mystery of faith.
All – When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

All–Our Father . . .
P –Deliver us, Lord . . .
**All–For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.**

SIGN OF PEACE

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**All–Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us. (2x)
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**



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COMMUNION

P – Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the Supper of the Lamb.

**All – Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(To be recited only when no Communion hymn is sung.)

God so loved the world
that he gave his Only Begotten Son,
so that all who believe in him may not
perish,
but may have eternal life. *(Jn 3:16)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P – Having fed upon these heavenly delights,
we pray, O Lord,
that we may always long
for that food by which we truly live.
Through Christ our Lord.

All – Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

P – The Lord be with you.

All – And with your spirit.

P – May almighty God bless you: the Father,
and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All – Amen.

P – Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All – Thanks be to God.

LENTEN SEASON 2026

**"Rend your hearts, not your garments, and
return to the LORD, your God, For he is
gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
abounding in steadfast love, and relenting
in punishment." (Joel 2: 13)**

**Spend these forty days of Lent more meaningfully
with the help of these devotional materials.**



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