

# Dear Padre,

## Are the readings at the beginning of Mass more, less, or equal to the celebration of the Eucharist?

The *Novus Ordo*, or the ordinary form of the Roman rite, is celebrated in two major parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. These parts complement each other in a balance of word and sacrament.

In his 2004 apostolic letter *Mane Nobiscum Domine*, St. John Paul II described the complementary elements. Using the story of the two disciples

on the road to Emmaus on the night of Easter Sunday, St. John Paul likens the two parts of the revised liturgy to their journey. First, Christ breaks open the word for them, preparing their hearts with an interpretation of the Scriptures. Then they recognize Christ as they break bread. The Liturgy of the Word, proclaimed and preached well, allows time for silence and reflection on the wisdom offered. It becomes the necessary overture for the celebration of thanks and praise and the gift of the sign and sacrament to follow.

Parishes are called to take the Liturgy of the Word most seriously and to bring it to a new level of proclamation. Saint John

Paul admonished all involved, but especially preachers, to cherish the word and preach it so the depths of the mysteries celebrated may be recognized and received into the burning hearts of Christians. In this context, the Scripture readings are given a prominence they didn't have in the older Roman rite.

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*We must ensure that in the usual activities of every Christian community, in parishes, in associations and movements, there actually be at heart the personal encounter with Christ who communicates himself to us in his word, because, as St. Jerome teaches us, "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ."*

—ADDRESS TO CATHOLIC BIBLICAL FEDERATION,  
JUNE 19, 2015



## Calendar

**Monday**  
FEBRUARY 17  
Weekday  
Jas 1:1–11  
Mk 8:11–13

**Tuesday**  
FEBRUARY 18  
Weekday  
Jas 1:12–18  
Mk 8:14–21

**Wednesday**  
FEBRUARY 19  
Weekday  
Jas 1:19–27  
Mk 8:22–26

**Thursday**  
FEBRUARY 20  
Weekday  
Jas 2:1–9  
Mk 8:27–33

**Friday**  
FEBRUARY 21  
Weekday  
Jas 2:14–24, 26  
Mk 8:34–9:1

**Saturday**  
FEBRUARY 22  
Chair of  
St. Peter the Apostle  
1 Pt 5:1–4  
Mt 16:13–19

**Sunday**  
FEBRUARY 23  
Seventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Lv 19:1–2, 17–18  
1 Cor 3:16–23  
Mt 5:38–48

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 16, 2020

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sir 15:15–20 • 1 Cor 2:6–10

Mt 5:17–37 or 5:20–22a,  
27–28, 33–34a, 37



We speak God's  
wisdom, mysterious,  
hidden, which God  
predetermined before  
the ages for our glory.  
1 CORINTHIANS 2:7

## Choose One

**Law, wisdom, or virtue. Choose one.** Today's first reading talks about wisdom. Throughout life, options are placed before us. Which should we pick? Life or death? Good or evil? How do we know which one to choose? Actually, we learn to choose through experience, either our own or the experience of those who have gone before us and left us their insights within our traditions—whether social, political, or religious. Some of these traditions come to us as advice, others as law. One might say that law is really the expression or codification of social, political, or religious traditions. So, to follow law is really to obey a certain kind of codified wisdom.

When St. Paul speaks about wisdom, he is referring to wisdom that comes from following the directives of God, not merely the insights gained through experience. He calls that a mature wisdom as opposed

to the wisdom of this age. It is the kind of wisdom we find in Jesus, who lived his life for others, a kind of wisdom that some might consider foolish.

In the Gospel, Jesus insists that he is not abolishing law but fulfilling it. He urges us to go deeper into law and find wisdom, to go even deeper into human wisdom, and there to find virtue. Law deals with exteriors; virtue addresses the inner heart. Law forbids murder; virtue forbids hatred. Where do you live? In law? In wisdom? Or in virtue? Choose one.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- \* To think that obeying law fulfills our obligations is to live a rather shallow life.
- \* What virtues really shape your life?

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

*Horas De Oficina*

Tuesday-Thursday 9:00am-6:00pm  
 Friday 9:00am-2:00pm  
 Cyndi in office Tues & Friday  
 10-2pm & by appointments.  
 Patty in office Tues-Fri 9-2  
 Carol in office Tues-Thurs 2-6  
 Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:40pm  
 Confessions: in GS Lometa  
 Sunday 7:30-7:55am  
 Kitchen Hours/ Horas de Cocina:  
 Tues- Fri 6:00-11:00am  
 Food Pantry/Despensa de Comida:  
 Wed & Fri 9:30-11:30am  
 Shared Blessing:  
 Wed & Fri 9:30am-2:00pm  
 Baptismal Class  
 Call the office for date.  
 Clase de Bautismo  
 Llamar la oficina para la fecha.  
 Adoration: Every Wednesday after 8:00am  
 Mass to 5:00pm and Thursday for one hour  
 after the 6pm Spanish Mass.  
 Adoración: Todos los miércoles después de  
 la Misa de 8:00am hasta las 5:00pm. Y los  
 jueves después de la misa de las 6:30pm

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday/Lunes, February 17**  
 8:00am: Communion Service  
**Tuesday/Martes, February 18**  
 8:00am: Patty Rios Birthday  
**Wednesday/Miércoles, February 19**  
 8:00am: †Glenda Valles  
 6:00pm: (GS) For the Poor & Needy  
**Thursday/Jueves, February 20**  
 6:00pm: For Those Serving in the Military  
**Friday/Viernes, February 21**  
 8:00am: For the Souls of our Faithfully  
 Departed  
**Saturday/Sábado, February 22**  
 5:30pm: †Alfonso Gill  
 †Ventura & Carmen Moreno  
**Sunday/Domingo, February 23**  
 8:00am: (GS) Rachel Buckley Birthday  
 10:00am: †Rev Angelo Barteni  
 12:15pm: Aurelia Rafael Shepherd Birthday

**Sacrificial Giving: February 8/9**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$3068.35  
 Children's Collection: \$37.00  
 Catholic Higher Education: \$708.00

**Counters: February 18**  
 Mary Cisneros & Libby Hidalgo

**LECTORS February 15/16**

Sat 5:30pm: Wanda Bunting  
 Sun 10:00am: Simon Valles  
 Clay Harrington  
 Dom 12:15pm: Romelia Rivera  
 Juanita Mendoza

**LECTORS February 22/23**

Sat 5:30pm: Kay Savage  
 Sun 10:00am: Adam Gamez  
 Victor Olivarez  
 Dom 12:15pm: Martha Muñoz  
 Elia Mondragon

**EMHC February 15/16**

Sun 5:30pm: Mary Cisneros  
 Andrea Cardon  
 Sun 10:00am: Berna Buenker  
 Robert Stluka

Dom 12:15pm: Bernarda Abreu,  
 Eduardo y Rosa Arevalo

**EMHC February 22/23**

5:30 Sat 5:30pm: Mary Cisneros  
 Carmen Coonrod  
 Sun 10:00am: Carol Boberg  
 Andrea Cardon

Dom 12:15pm: Bernarda Abreu,  
 Eduardo y Rosa Arevalo

**Those Who Serve Our Country**

Angelica Sanchez, Aaron Ripley Kiser,  
 Jarren Morua, Anthony Morua, Mark  
 Argo, Jose Argo, Colton Currier, Luke  
 Argo, Lawrence Olivarez, Jesus Garcia,  
 Trenton Cavness, Dyrn Self,  
 Graham Hibbert, Edwin Rivas-Miranda

**For Our Sick/Nuestro Enfermos**

Carlos Franco, Janie Ovalle, Pauline Swift, Joshua DeZarn & Family, Teri Clayton, Felix DeLeon, Father Jim Robertson, John Michael Maldonado, Trinidad Rangel, Noah Garcia, Teresa Velasquez John Tracey, Cindy Sawyer, Ed Reigle, Jason Moreno, Shannon Barnett, Anthony Ray Torrez, Fred Bartell, Willie Nuñez, Mary Tobin, Dorothy Jeter, Gilbert & Rudy Lozano, Teresa Gronau, Bennie & Nancy Hromadka, Luis Lopez, Bill Nors, Robert Vasquez, Adrian Torrez, Chris Longoria, Robert Ramirez, Mary G Cortez, Tom Rogers, Ann Hughes, Arielle Dayrit, Felix Gonzales, Felipe Rodriguez, Madisyn Morua, Adolfo Torrez, Evelyn Ahearn, Ann Wilson, Anita Hyatt, Anna & Daniel Little, Richard Salazar, Melanie Bartek, Barbara Folks, Maggie Lopez, Henry Langford, Sylvia Reber, Truman Crawford, Lilly & Raul Olivarez, David Hernandez, Mary S & Jesse Ramirez, Andres Moreno, Diana Harlow, Carlos Jasso, Arturo Aragon, James Fioroni, Annabel Salazar, Marie Berger, Juan Torres, Donna Brewer, Lupe Rodriguez, Oliva Garcia,

*Prayer:* All praise and glory are yours, Lord our God. You have called us to serve you and one another in love. Bless our sick today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and restore them quickly to health. Bless those who have grown old in your service and give them courage and strength in their faith. Lead us all to eternal glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and

**St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Announcements**

**KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS:** Meets second Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in the KOC hall  
**GUADALUPANAS SOCIETY:** Meets every first Saturday of the month @ 11:30am, starting with Rosary, Divine Mercy, Mass and ending with Meeting.  
**GRUPO SAN BENITO:** Ven a sentir el abrazo de Jesús, nos reunimos en los Lunes 7:00pm en el pasilo arriba de la cafeteria.  
**MENS PRAYER GROUP:** Men's prayer group, meets every Thursday morning @ 6:00am in in the upstairs hall.  
**ROSARY CRUSADE:** Every Wednesday @ 6:00pm, call Vicki Franco 512-540-1199 for more info  
**CRUZADA DEL ROSARIO:** Cada Miercoles, las 6:00pm. Por favor no dude en unirse con nosotros  
**RCIA CLASS:** Mondays @ 7:00pm  
**CONFIRMATION CLASS:** Meets Sundays @ 9:00am in upper hall  
**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS:** Meets Mondays @ 6pm in cafeteria

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** February 26 @6:30am and 7:30pm (No CCE on this day)

**MIERCOLES DE CENIZA:** Febrero 26 a las 6:30am y 7:30pm (No hay CCE en este dia).

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** On Fridays beginning, February 28 @6:00pm

**VIACRUCIS;** En los Viernes, comenzando Febrero 28 a las 6:00pm

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Meeting Sunday February 16 @5:00pm in the dining hall.

**CALLING ALL MEN OF ST MARY TO JOIN LENTEN MENS GROUP FOR PRAYER, FASTING AND FATHERNITY, CALL BRYAN ATKINSON @512-461-6838 OR EMAIL [bryanandgreta@aol.com](mailto:bryanandgreta@aol.com) FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

**Good Shepherd Announcements**

**FLOWERS:** Rebecca Britton

**ALTAR:** Linda Klose

**LECTOR:** Missy Buckley

**EMHC:** Nelda DeRiso, Edna Torres & Adelaida Martinez

**DIVINE MERCY CENACLE:** Please join us Thursdays @ 4:15 in the Family Life Center.

**WEEKDAY MASS:** Wednesday @ 6:00pm

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** Wednesday, February 19 @ 6:30pm

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Beginning every Friday during Lent beginning February 28 @6:00pm

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING: February 9**

Weekly Offering: \$481.00  
 Catholic Higher Education: \$185.00  
 January Children's Collection: \$44.00

**St. Mary/Good Shepherd Announcements:**

**EIM WORKSHOP NEWS:**

**Schedule:**

University Catholic Center/Austin (English) 2/18-7:00pm  
 St Martin de Porres/Dripping Springs (English) 2/20-10:00am  
 St Thomas Aquinas/College Station (English) 2/20-6:30pm  
 St Mary Catholic School/West (English) 2/20-6:30pm  
 St William/Round Rock (English) 2/22-9:00am  
 St William/Round Rock (Spanish) 2/22-5:00pm  
 St John/Marble Falls (English) 2/22-2:00pm  
 Sacred Heart/La Grange (English) 2/23-2:00pm  
 St Paul Chong Hasang/Harker Heights (English) 2/29-9:00am  
 Our Lady of San Juan/Moody (Spanish) 2/29-3:00pm  
 Cristo Rey/Austin (Spanish) 3/3-7:00pm  
 Holy Family/Copperas Cove (English) 3/7-9:00am

The EIM Office annually requests membership lists for all persons in ministries/groups/organizations which require compliance with EIM policies (visit [austindiocese.org/eim-policies](http://austindiocese.org/eim-policies)). Please send your membership list to your parish EIM site administrator. Please include last name, first name, other last names used, nick names or other names known as at the parish, their email address and mailing address. All lists should be provided to Carol Boberg, your site administrator, by Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your assistance. The EIM Office is in the process of helping all applicants update their email address in their EIM account in order to improve communication regarding EIM compliance matters. Please login to your EIM account at [eappsdb.com/austin](http://eappsdb.com/austin) to update your email address (in Main Application section). If you are not able to login, email the parish EIM site administrator Carol Boberg at [smccltx3@gmail.com](mailto:smccltx3@gmail.com) with your full name, your nickname or name known as at the parish, and your correct email address. Thank you for your help.

EIM workshop is for those serving as Lector, EMHC, members of groups like Guadalupanas, KOC, San Benito, Choir, Religious Education, Kitchen, Ushers, any Council, Counters, Pantry, Bereavement, Shared Blessings, Altar Society, etc.

**NO GREATER LOVE:** During Lent at Good Shepherd in Lometa on Thursdays, beginning March 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm. While taking this study class, you will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary. Every step of the way, biblical experts reveal how Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. With these insights, Catholics can come to a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love---drawing closer to Jesus than ever have before.

**LITURGY OF THE HOUR:** at St Mary, beginning Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> @7:30am & 5:00pm, and at 8:00am at Good Shepherd.

**FOOD PANTRY MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY:**

Number of Families Served: 161  
 Total Individuals Served: 568  
 New Families Served: 13  
 Product Donations Received: 458 lbs.  
 Cash Donations Received: \$150.00  
 CTFB Products Purchased: \$803.28 (6,139.5 lbs.)

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