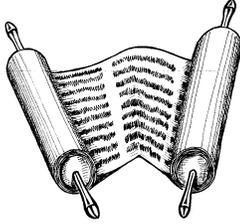


February 16, 2020

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 printed in memory of
Emmie & George Michalec sponsored by their family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Friday, February 21

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Esparza

Saturday, February 22

6:30 p.m. Delia & Zachary Brigman

Sunday, February 23

6:30 a.m. Trinie & Marcelino Nieto

9:30 a.m. Spec. Intention – Loretta & Tony Janak

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm: 103

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Men’s A.C.T.S. Retreat - March 12-15

The Retreat begins Thursday evening and ends Sunday after Mass. *All 2020 Retreatant fees have been paid in full by an anonymous donor.* For more information contact David Raab. Registration forms available at the main entrance to church.

Remember the sick in your prayers this week,
especially Susan Jasek.

**The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week
in memory of Geraldine & Edward Toth.**

LENTEN BULLETIN BOARD

Ash Wednesday – February 26

Mass Schedule:

St. Joseph’s, Moulton

8:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

St. Mary’s, Praha

4:30 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

Lenten Bible Study

The group will meet once a week.

Contact Sharon Etlinger at 361-772-2618

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.

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. Gods 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

MONDAY – No Gold Star Club Meeting (No School)

– Catholic Daughter Rosary & Meeting, 6 p.m., Family Room

TUESDAY/ THURSDAY – Quilting Group Meets

WEDNESDAY – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC

– Knights of Columbus Meeting, Parish Hall

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

FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any

Pastoral emergency, call the Parish Office at any time.

REFLECTION

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."

Altar Society Noodle Soup Dinner & Raffle Next Sunday, February 23



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

THANK YOU NOTE



Perpetual Help Home
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE MINISTRY

"Go out! Prepare the highway for my people to return!" - Isaiah 62:10

January 31, 2020

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
PO Box 399
Moulton, TX 77975

Dear St. Joseph's Catholic Church family,

Thank you so much for your recent donation to Perpetual Help Home! Your gift of \$1,000 will allow us at Perpetual Help Home to continue our mission of providing stable transitional housing to women in the Crossroads area. We are so, so grateful for your giving spirit!

The residents of Perpetual Help Home come to us in order to do the hard work necessary to rebuild their lives after making bad life decisions or facing personal catastrophes. We thank you for partnering with us and making this transition easier as they learn the life and job-skills necessary to make it on their own.

We are so appreciative for your generosity and sincerely thank God for your partnership in helping our women move toward lives of independence and becoming productive members of society.

Sincerely,

Bethany Castro
Bethany Castro
Executive Director

*Thank you all
so much!*

St. Joseph's Church donated \$1,000.00 to the Perpetual Help Home in Victoria in December 2019.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Feb. 16 – Gladys Mikulencak
Feb. 18 – Carol Dvorak, Pat Kubicek, Jennifer Rothbauer
Feb. 19 – Quinton Raab
Feb. 20 – Marcus Jalufka, Lisa Rothbauer
Feb. 21 – Wayne Krejci

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Feb. 18 – Niki & Chad Chaloupka
Feb. 19 – Bernadette & Richard Kresta
Feb. 20 – Beatrice & Wayne Krejci

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – Youth Mass (3rd & 4th Grades); C.C.D.
– First Communion Parents Meeting
Feb. 17 – No K-2nd Grade After School Program
Feb. 19 – 3rd-6th Grade After School Program; 9th-11th CCD
Next Sunday – C.C.D.

LENTEN FISH FRY



As part of our Lenten sacrifice, we participate in and support the Lenten Fish Fry. Last year we served 2,210 plates. All proceeds from the Fry to go charity. Last year's charitable donations included L.A.M.B., FOCUS, Perpetual Help Home, Christ's Kitchen, the sick of the community and various other charities. It is a way of reaching out in compassion and ministering to others. We thank all those who supported the Fry and helped in any way to make it a success.

Do please consider baking a cake(s) – we need at least 20-25 cakes for every Fish Fry, or making a monetary offering to support this noble cause. To help, fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail slot.

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Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Yes, I can bake a cake(s) on the following day(s):

___ Feb. 26 ___ Feb. 28 ___ Mar. 6 ___ Mar. 13

___ Mar. 20 ___ Mar. 27 ___ Apr. 3

My Monetary Donation: \$ _____