

# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 15, 2026



Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 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; and whoever says to his brother, 'Raqa,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny. "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. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna. "It was also said, Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce. But I say to you, whoever divorces his wife - unless the marriage is unlawful - causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. "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; not by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one." -Matthew 5:17-37

## Living the Law

With this Sunday's Gospel reading, we move into the part of the Sermon on the Mount that scholars call the six antitheses. The label intends to highlight the fact that here, six times in a row, the words of Jesus follow a pattern that goes, "You have heard that it was said, ... but I say to you. ..." Here we meet Jesus asserting an authority even greater than that of Moses. In our awe, we can miss the bite and challenge of Jesus' words. As an ear-opening exercise, let's listen carefully to what Jesus says in the antithesis about murder.

He begins by citing the commandment and its consequence: whoever kills will be liable to judgment. "Judgment" here is not punishment after death but a reference to the juridical process of a trial. The law says, "kill and you shall be tried for it." Jesus then asserts, But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to the same judgment.

At this point the rational listener is supposed to say, "Wait a minute! You can't litigate about anger. There's no deed, no action to take to court." Jesus' implied answer is, "Right. Don't think you are obeying the Torah on murder just because you haven't killed. I am calling you to something that the law can't reach, the disposition of your heart. If you want to forestall violence, deal with the anger in your heart."

If we catch the point of this first example, the meaning of

the rest of the verse falls into place. And whoever says to his brother, "Raqa," will be answerable to the Sanhedrin, and whoever says, "You fool," will be liable to fiery Gehenna. "Raqa" is an insult term like our "you fool," and already we are standing before the Jerusalem Supreme Court! "You fool" is still in the realm of trash talk, not violent action, and now the consequence has escalated to damnation.

This is parody. Jesus is imitating the language of legalistic calibration matching punishment to crime—all to the same point: "I am challenging you to a purity of heart that the calculus of the law cannot reach. So don't be complacent that you haven't killed yet."

In short, Jesus does not make new laws; for living the law, he brings a new vision and a new help—a refreshed covenant relationship with God. -Dennis Hamm, SJ

## Readings For This Sunday

Reading I: Sirach 15:15-20  
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

## Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
Reading II: Romans 5:12-19  
Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

## FINANCE

**1st Collection= \$2,413**

-This Week's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection is for Black & Indian Mission  
-No 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Next Week



## Sacred Heart Rosary

Please join us! We are here every Tuesday at 11am in the Chapel

The Sacred Heart Office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> for the Presidents' Day holiday.

**Baby Bottle Boomerang Invitation** Baby bottles for donations to the Pregnancy Care Center and J Rolpe are in the churches. Please take one home and support your catholic pro-life values by collecting monetary donations for the pro-life centers. This is a great project for the family. Bottles may be brought to the office.

## Still Need Silent Auction Items Please for St.

**Patrick's Day Fest** St. Bernard's Knights of Columbus are asking for silent auction items for their annual St. Patrick's Day Fest. The auction helps raise needed funds for our local community. If you would like to donate an item, gift basket, or gift certificate, please contact Frank Ferreira @ (707) 601 2061 or Johnny Hufancia @ (707) 845-8935.

## Marriage and Family Life Information & Support

For the beautiful vocation of Marriage and Family there is support including: Marriage Preparation, Family Faith Resources, Quince Prep, Healing and Accompaniment, Enrichment/Formation, Natural Family Planning, Respect Life and Advocacy among others. Please visit: <https://srdiocese.org/marriage-and-family-life>

## Watch Now: Forming the Hearts of Future Priests

See how our seminarians of the Diocese are being formed through prayer, study, fraternity, and daily sacrifice as they discern God's call to the priesthood. This short film offers an intimate look at seminary life and the men preparing to serve Christ and His Church. Watch now and keep our seminarians in your prayers. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qorc3vGsC4c>

## Eureka Holy Mass Schedule

### Saturday, February 14

3:15 NO Confession	St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm +Susan Soukup	St Joseph Church
<b>Sunday, February 15</b>	
7:30 am + Paul Windham	St. Joseph Church
9:00 am +Darlene Wright	Sacred Heart Church
10:30am + Clarence Enos	St. Bernard Church
12:15 pm(Sp)Mass for the People	Sacred Heart Church

### Monday, February 16

12:15 pm Int. Tom Halliday (HB)	St. Bernard Church

### Tuesday, February 17

7:30am +Erling Dellabalma	St. Joseph Church

### Ash Wednesday, February 18

7:30 am No Intenbtion	St. Joseph Church
12:15 pm No Intention	St. Bernard Church
5:30pm No Intention	Sacred Heart Church
7:00 pm No Intention (Sp)	Sacred Heart Church

### Thursday, February 19

7:30am +Suanna Rowell	St. Joseph Church
11:30am Mass No Intention	St.Joseph Hospital

### Friday, February 20

12:15 pm Stanley & Martha Fosnaugh (59 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	
	St. Bernard Church
1-2 pm Confession	St. Bernard Church
5:30pm Stations of the Cross	St. Bernard Church

### Saturday, February 21

3:15 Confession	St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm Mass for the People	St Joseph Church

### Sunday, February 22

7:30 am +Erling Dellabalma	St. Joseph Church
9:00 am No Intention	Sacred Heart Church
10:30am + Clarence Enos	St. Bernard Church
12:15 pm(Sp)No Intention	Sacred Heart Church

**Please Pray For:Rosemary Murphy, Eliana Oney, Pat Rider, Duane David, Thanh Strelow, Sally-Ann Thomas, Chaz Desoteau, Nagee Ellis, Theresa Martin, Jackeline Williams, Diane Kerr, Karla Kincade, Tammie Startare, Lynn Agajanian, Gary Agajanian, Linda Brown, Eliot Cabreon, Michael Arnold, Hatsue Riecke, Ray Moisa**

### Please Pray For Our Beloved Departed:

+Diane Shaddix +Colleen Cruz +Joe Thompson +Gina Costa +Stella Reyes +Mary Walsh+Rolly Luzame +Brenda Zwiefelhofer + Louise Y. Russo, +Bernadette Chapman +Saturnina Tetrault +Marie Giampaolo, +Tony Sistrom, +Marilyn Zibilich, +Diacono Frank Weber +Felipe de Jesus Silva Rodriguez +My-Hieu Venema +Avira Agata Concepta Gomes +Colby Arnett +Lorraine Cooney, +Chris Scott, +Sharon Oney, +Jim Cruz, +Deacon Jim Hercher, +Susan Bonomini



**St. Bernard Prayer Line – Please Call Allen / Illeen at 707-442-6844 to pray with them for your intentions**

### **J Rophe- Free Ultrasounds, Help and Support**

J ROPHE MEDICAL provides no-cost limited obstetrical ultrasounds to patients between 7-16 weeks pregnant in a confidential and professional setting, where each client is treated holistically with the utmost care and respect. All services are free. Open from 10 to 4 Mon--Thurs, Call 707-444-0423 for an appt.

## Next Week - Annual Ministry Appeal 2026

The 2026 Annual Ministry Appeal will be on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please be generous as it funds vital diocesan ed. programs and services like: Clergy formation, Diaconate life and formation, Seminarians and vocations, Marriage & family ministry,marriage tribunal, Respect Life, Youth & Young Adults,Catholic schools,Child & Youth Protection, Communications, Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa, Newman Centers,Faith Formation, Restorative Justice, & Stewardship

## **~ Upcoming Events ~**

### **Pray to End Abortion with 40 Days For Life**

From February 18 to March 29. Look for our table outside after Mass for information on how to get involved. Call for more information: Sue Lehman at 347-446-5508 Allen Rode 707-601-9592 Join us in this prayerful campaign!

**The Secular Discalced Carmelite Group** invites you to join us for a Lenten day of prayer and reflection on **Saturday, February 28 at Assumption Church** in Ferndale. Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD, will be our spiritual guide for the day. The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Morning Prayer and includes Mass, confessions, two conferences, quiet time and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We will end at 4 p.m. Please bring a lunch. We will provide drinks and snacks. Questions? Please call Ginny Fox at (707) 725-6930.

### **The St. Mary's ICF Chicken & Polenta Dinner**

will be on Sunday, March 8. with Sit-down @ 5pm and Take-out from 4-5pm only at Leavey Hall. The delicious meal is the same great price: \$20. There will be a Basket raffle and. Humboldt Creamery Vanilla Ice Cream (for sit-down dinners only). Limited tickets are on sale after all St. Marys Masses or call Jim/Ruth Monge @ 707-499-6931 to reserve your dinner.

### **Knights of Columbus Saint Patrick's Fest**

On Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> doors open at 5pm. Corned beef & Cabbage Dinner is served at 5:30pm with Irish beer and wine available. At the St Bernard Parish Hall come enjoy Auction items,"Pot O' Gold" Raffle, Entertainment & Live

Music with dinner. Tickets are available at the door or from any Knight or 6<sup>th</sup> & I Sts Adults:\$30 \$15 Children 12 & under This is a fundraiser for local charities, food banks,scholarships and community and church activities.

### **Knights of Columbus 124th Annual State**

**Convention** ("state annual meeting") is coming soon. It is being held on the weekend of May 14-17 in Visalia – conveniently located in the Central Valley of California. It's equally convenient to get there from Sacramento, the Bay area, or Southern California. For info about this time of fraternal friendship go to : [www.californiaknights.org](http://www.californiaknights.org)

**The Pregnancy Care Center** offers compassion, direction, and hope to those facing life decisions. All services are FREE and CONFIDENTIAL. 24/7 Option line:

800-712-4357 Open Mon, Tues, Th, Fri 10-3 707-442-2345

- \*Pregnancy testing
- \*Ongoing support
- \*Prenatal education
- \*Childbirth education
- \*Maternity and baby education & clothing
- \*Healthy relationships
- \*Community referrals
- \*Parenting education
- \*Equipment and supplies
- \*Prenatal vitamins