

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16,
2020



I have come
to fulfill
the law
and the prophets.
—Matthew 5:17

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CHOICE

“If you choose you can keep the commandments,” Sirach tells us. God “has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand” (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries. In today’s reading from Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior. Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well. J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

Psalm — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — God’s wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
 Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33
 Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
 Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
 Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

MASSES FOR THE WEEK - MISAS DE LA SEMANA

February 15 - 21

Saturday/5:00pm/Jose & Angelica

Goulart †, Joe Gomes †

7:00pm/Charley Mosqueda †

Sunday/8:00am/Alicia Andes †, Maria

Mercedes †, Antonio Cordeiro †,

Manuel & Emelia Rego †

10:00am/Ralph Bautista †,

Manuel & Eva Brum †, John Ferreira †

12:00pm/Salud Pureco Saucedo †,

Juanita Franco †, Felipe de Jesus

Garcia Castellanos †

Monday/9:00am/Daily Mass †

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Wednesday/10:00am/Daily Mass †

Thursday/9:00am/Daily Mass †

Friday/9:00am/Daily Mass †

The Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation is celebrated each Thursday from 5PM-7PM.


St. Christopher Parish

Budgeted Offertory Collection

Week	11/30/2019	
Budget		\$ 6,277.87
Actual		4,913.00
Over/(Under) Weekly Goal		(1,364.87)
YTD Budget		117,710.00
YTD Actual		119,302.00
YTD Difference		1,592.00



Parish Office is CLOSED on Monday, February 17th.



The 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal will be held at all Masses, on February 22 & 23. Last year, our parish contributed \$9,345.00 to the Appeal. Our 25% of the share of the Appeal went to benefit some of our parishioners with **Food Vouchers, Diapers, and Baby Formula**. Please prayerfully consider your gift to assist the many in need. Each and every gift will make a difference in someone's life.

*Many thanks to all who have donated food. Our next food drive is the weekend February 29 & March 1. We are collecting non-perishable food items for the Galt Sunshine Food Closet in the vestibule. We have a constant need for **pasta, rice, beans, peanut butter, dry cereal, canned tuna & chicken.***



Save the Date!!
Daughters of Isabella Spring Tea will be Sunday, April 26. Our theme this year is "Old McDonald Had a Farm". Tickets are \$25.00. Tickets on sale every other weekend after masses. Come join us for a great time. For info/tickets call Betty at 745-4767.

**Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
16 de febrero de 2020**

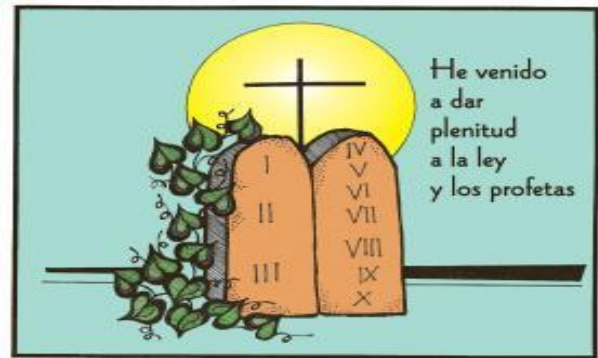
Lo que Dios ha preparado para los que lo aman, ni el ojo lo ha visto, ni el oído lo ha escuchado, ni la mente del hombre pudo siquiera haberlo imaginado. A nosotros, en cambio, Dios nos lo ha revelado por el Espíritu.— 1 Corintios 2:9-10

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Dios nos permite tomar decisiones, pero no debemos optar por la injusticia o el pecado (Sirácide 15:16-21).
Salmo — Dichosos los que caminan en la voluntad del Señor (Salmo 119 [118]).
Segunda lectura — La sabiduría de Dios es misteriosa y escondida (1 Corintios 2:6-10).
Evangelio — Jesús no ha venido a abolir la ley ni los profetas, sino a darles plenitud (Mateo 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Stgo 1:1-11; Sal 119 (118):67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mc 8:11-13
Martes: Stgo 1:12-18; Sal 94 (93):12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mc 8:14-21
Miércoles: Stgo 1:19-27; Sal 15 (14):2-4ab, 5; Mc 8:22-26
Jueves: Stgo 2:1-9; Sal 34 (33):2-7; Mc 8:27-33
Viernes: Stgo 2:14-24, 26; Sal 112 (111):1-6; Mc 8:34 — 9:1
Sábado: 1 Pe 5:1-4; Sal 23 (22):1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Domingo: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48



TÚ DECIDES

“Si tú lo quieres, puedes guardar los mandamientos”, nos dice Eclesiástico (Sirácide). Dios “ha puesto delante de ti fuego y agua; extiende la mano a lo que quieras” (Eclo 15:15, 16). Este es un gran misterio: Dios no nos controla tan completamente que no podemos elegir nuestro propio camino. Es cierto que tenemos límites, pero nadie sino nosotros mismos podemos elegir el camino dentro de esos límites. En la lectura de hoy del Evangelio según san Mateo, Jesús nos recuerda que somos libres y responsables de nuestra vida. Nos llama a ir más allá de las palabras de los mandamientos para considerar su significado. Si vas más allá del adulterio verás el egoísmo que envenena nuestro amor. Si vas más allá del asesinato verás la ira que corroe nuestra compasión. Si vas más allá del falso testimonio (perjurio) verás las mentiras y engaños que producen este comportamiento. Nuestra vocación es elegir la vida para nosotros mismos, y tomar un camino a través de nuestro mundo que haga la vida posible y más abundante para otros también. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.