



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16, 2020

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.
— 1 Corinthians 2: 9-10

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Mass Intentions

Feb 15th: Mike Mooney +
Feb 16th: Parishioners of St Andrew
and St Regina
Feb 19th: James Michie +
by Eleanor Michie
Feb 23rd: Parishioners of St Andrew
and St Regina

BAD COMPANY
People who live solely for them-
selves are eventually corrupted by their
own company.
—Anonymous

Liturgical Ministers

February 23, 2020
Lectors — Lois Freeland
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Eucharistic Ministers — Mary Alyce
Fiechtl, Johnny Wall
Servers — Stephanie Gutierrez, Dafne Perez
Sacristans — Mary Alyce Fiechtl
Altar Linens — Sheri Parkinson, Susan
Booth
Ushers — Men of the Parish

“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.
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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
By the early 1950s some scholars were calling for the restoration of Communion of the faithful on Good Friday, since by then only a priest received, consuming the host from the Holy Thursday repository. In 1955 the new Good Friday liturgy was timed to begin at three o’clock everywhere, and included the option of Holy Communion, but without the Precious Blood that had originally been part of the liturgy. Today, there is increasing debate among theologians. Some feel that it would be better to fast from the Eucharist on Good Friday, focusing on the mystery of the cross and highlighting the Easter Communion. Others say that this Communion infuses the sadness of the day with awareness of Christ’s victory. It is not a day of mourning, of course, and the Passion according to John grounds the liturgy in a sense of Christ’s victory over death and the triumph of the cross. The tradition is rich and varied, and we are still in the early stages of recovering an ancient way of doing things.

Why do we call the day “good”? The English and Dutch languages share this name, and its origin stems from the name “God’s Friday.” The traditional name for the day in Latin is *Feria VI in Parasceve*, which translates as “The Sixth Day of the Week of Preparation.” Other languages make do with “Holy Friday.” In another part of England, as in Denmark, the people used to call it “Long Friday,” a good description for a quiet day without work and no chance for play or a good meal!
—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.


TODAY’S READINGS FOR YEAR A
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]).
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REMEMBER IN PRAYER
Parishioners
Grant Adams, Joe Bobak, Joyce Franckowiak,
Ethel Huffman, Jean Stevens, Bob Storms
Relatives
Michael Amrhein, Kelli Blankenship, Thomas
Blankenship, Austin Ernst, Emily Ernst, Jackie
Donnett, Andrew Grower, Christine Hart and the twin
boys Benjamin and Theodore, Nicholas Kirkpatrick,
Jenny Moore, Andrew Morlan, Yu Youn Suk
Friends
Emma Cupples, Fr Robert Ponticello

Coming Events
The Sunday Scripture study group will
meet on Friday, February 21st.
The office will be closed on Monday,
February 17th for President’s Day
Parish Council nominations will be made
on Sunday, March 15th. We will elect 3
new members. Elections will be on Sun-
day, March 29th.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Seven Holy Founders of the
Servite
Friday: Order; Presidents’ Day
St. Peter Damian
Saturday: The Chair of St. Peter the
Apostle; Washington’s Birthday

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



Mass Schedule
Monday: 9:00 am
Wednesday: 11:30 am
Thursday: 9:00 am
Friday: 11:30 am
Vigil on Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am



Save the Date!
March 17th
Our annual
St Patrick’s Day
Fund Raiser.

WEEKLY OFFERING	
February 2nd	
Budget	\$2100
Actual	\$1249
Bldg.	\$270
Short	\$581

Special Collection
Church in Central & Eastern Europe
February 26th