

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Sirach 15:15–20](#)

[Psalm 119:1–2, 4–5, 17–18, 33–34](#)

[1 Corinthians 2:6–10](#)

[Matthew 5:17–37](#)

Jesus tells us in the Gospel this week that He has come not to abolish but to “fulfill” the Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets.

His Gospel reveals the deeper meaning and purpose of the Ten Commandments and the moral Law of the Old Testament. But His Gospel also transcends the Law. He demands a morality far greater than that accomplished by the most pious of Jews, the scribes and Pharisees.

Outward observance of the Law is not enough. It is not enough that we do not murder, commit adultery, divorce, or lie.

The law of the new covenant is a law that God writes on the heart (see [Jeremiah 31:31–34](#)). The heart is the seat of our motivations, the place from which our words and actions proceed (see [Matthew 6:21](#); [15:18–20](#)).

Jesus this week calls us to train our hearts, to master our passions and emotions. And Jesus demands the full obedience of our hearts (see [Romans 6:17](#)). He calls us to love God with all our hearts, and to do His will from the heart (see [Matthew 22:37](#); [Ephesians 6:6](#)).

God never asks more of us than we are capable of. That is the message of this week’s First Reading. It is up to us to choose life over death, to choose the waters of eternal life over the fires of ungodliness and sin.

By His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus has shown us that it is possible to keep His commandments. In Baptism, He has given us His Spirit that His law might be fulfilled in us ([Romans 8:4](#)).

The wisdom of the Gospel surpasses all the wisdom of this age that is passing away, St. Paul tells us in the Epistle. The revelation of this wisdom fulfills God’s plan from before all ages.

Let us trust in this wisdom, and live by His kingdom law.

As we do in this week’s Psalm, let us pray that we grow in being better able to live His Gospel, and to seek the Father with all our heart.

The Church of The Visitation Religious Education Program is in need of Catechists.

There are several ways one can help; teaching a class, substituting, or as a Catechist Aid. Helping our children become good Catholic Christians is very rewarding work. Being a Catechist is doing God’s work, and because of this I am assured that our Lord has called our people to carry out His mission. Please, I ask you to pray and when you feel called, or would like to discern your call, please contact Fr. Darrell or I will be available at the RE Bldg after Mass or just call my cell.

Thank you in advance for your prayers,

Linda Lorenz, DRE

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Sunday February 16, 2020 Czech Mass - Vítame Vás na Corn Hill: *In February we celebrate the Feast Day of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, patron saints of the Czech Republic and patron saint of Slavic peoples. In honor of these saints a Czech Mass will be celebrated at 5:00 pm, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Corn Hill. All prayers, readings and hymns will be in the Czech language. After Mass, a Dinner will be served in the Parish Activity Center. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate this special feast day of Sts. Cyril and Methodius*

Natural Family Planning. *The office of [Life, Charity and Justice](#) will host a call to action **NFP Awareness meeting on March 14, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Diocese of Austin Pastoral Center.** Currently, they are in the process of identifying parishes to increase the certification of NFP Promoters and Practitioners. We will begin by familiarizing the individuals responsible for Marriage Preparation at our parish with the standards for NFP Ministry in our Diocese.*

Their desire is to ensure couples receive accurate education about Natural Family Planning and to empower them and their families with information and choices. Most importantly to support parishioners (married couples, engaged couples, young adults) who wish to be faithful to Church teaching on chastity, conjugal love and responsible parenthood. Therefore, identify and send a couple(s) from our parish to this event, who will join in this important mission of life in our diocese. Couple(s) can confirm their attendance at <https://www.austindiocese.org/pro-life-pro-family-pro-woman>.

For additional information or questions, you may contact the Diocese at (512) 949-2486 or via e-mail at lci-office@austindiocese.org.

PRAYER FOR OUR NEW PARISH CHURCH

Heavenly Father, author and inspirer of all things holy, hear our prayers for our new church. Send forth Your Spirit that we may humbly be guided by Your Divine Will. Touch our hearts with true generosity to raise up a house of God for the inspiration and renewal of all Your faithful. May it be a home where all are welcomed, nourished, and empowered to be Christ to others. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK				
Weekend Mass Intentions	Sat, 2-15 - 6:00 pm RE Bldg	Sun, 2-16- 9:00am	Sat, 2-22 6:00pm RE Bldg	Sun, 2-23 - 9.00am
	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	+Louise Lange	Parishioners	+Laurie Hoelscher	Parishioners
Altar Server	Brooke Skala Madison Skala Parker Peters	Carter Kleypas Tamryn Stock Easton Green	Carter Kleypas Tamryn Stock Easton Green	Colton Ranly Grant Meyer Maverick Cannon Jr.
Lector	Dawn Willberg	Mark Bartek	Catherine Kahlig	Ray Rabroker
Psalmist		Kathy Thornton		Katie Wilde
Cantor		Jerry Loden		Margaret Arney
Gift Bearer		Calvin Wilde Family		Steven Wilde Family
Ushers	Walter Carson Edward Ranly	Paul Daskocil & Jeff Hering	Walter Carson Edward Ranly	Randy Frei & Hagen Hoelscher
EMHC to sick	Connie Petru	Kayla Skala	Kerri Meyer	David Alexander
Rosary Leader	Patricia Simecek	Bradley & Marilyn Rudloff	Patricia Simecek	Bradley & Marilyn Rudloff
Money Counter	Jerry & Janet Loden; Sharon Herwald; Janet Ferguson		David & Mandy Alexander; Paula Niemeyer; Marilyn Rudloff	
Vocation Cross	Marilyn & Bradley Rudloff		Carl & Mary Jane Hubik	
Church Cleaner	2/8 & 2/15 Vonnie Green, Jet Kleypas, Tammy Ryan, Jill Williams, Stefanie Hering 2/22 & 2/29 Jean Herzog, Kay Rabroker, Sylvia Heise, Shawna Ranly, Audra Schneider			
Weekday Mass Intentions	Tue 2/18 8:00 am	Wed 2/19 7:20 am	Thurs. 2/20 8:00am	Fri 2/21 8:00 am
	Joyce Greger	+Chad Felderhoff	+Louise Lange	+Charlotte Ann Thornton

The Sick and the Suffering requesting our prayers: Gary Locklin, John Macha, Eva-Ann Greger, Rachel Rudloff, Charles Thornton, Annette Hoelscher, Layla Grace Evetts, JoeAnn Kalmbach, Pattie Kalmbach, Jeff Bernsen, Josie Kleypas, Dennis Fuchs, Beatrice Arnold, Mike Meyer, Bobby Bulls, Charles Ordner, Don Drake, Al Buckholt, Gene Kreger, Edwin Green, Craig Thornton, Fran Greger, Gary Herzog, Barron Shoemaker, Skylar (Savage) Wolfe & Amy Drake

Daily Prayer Service begins 6:00 pm R E Building	2-9 OFFERINGS:
UPCOMING EVENTS:	Regular 2,046
Sun 2-16- HS Religious Education after Mass	
Sun 2-16- First Communion Class after Mass	
Wed 2-19 - Youth Meeting ...Hall	
Wed 2-19 - Choir Practice 6:30 pm	

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Deacon Charlie Wright
Deacon Julian Tyboroski (Retired)

MASSSES: Saturday – 6:00 pm, Sunday – 9:00 am
Tues 8:00am, Wed 7:20am, Thurs 8:00am, Fri 8:00am

RECONCILIATION: Prior to Weekend Mass

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