

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

Family Connection

Families have rules. Without rules, family life would be chaos. As a family, brainstorm a list of rules that you are all called to follow in your home in order for you all to get along together. Think about rules for play time, rules for eating, rules for how to speak to one another, rules for going out with friends, and so on. Emphasize that families follow rules as a way of showing love and respect for one another. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks about following the Law. Say: ***God's Law of love can be thought of as rules that we are to follow in order to show our love and respect for one another.*** Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 5:17-37. Talk specifically with one another about how anger is to be dealt with in your family. Conclude by praying for the grace to overcome anger and to show respect for one another as a family by following God's Law of love.

St. Dennis Bingo Wednesdays, 6:45 / Concessions Sign-up

We have a sign-up sheet for volunteers to do the concessions in the foyer, or you can contact us by phone/email to get on the list. Volunteers are asked to bring a main dish to sell, while the church supplies everything else.

Ash Wednesday – Feb 22 | Service Schedule

8:30 AM - Mass with students at St. Charles and at St. Xavier

12:00 PM - Ash Service at St. Dennis (finished by 1pm)

6:00 PM - Mass at St. Dennis and at Our Lady of Loretto

7:00 PM - Ash Service at St. Charles

From Bishop Warfel:

Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat. **Fasting** means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are eighteen years of age but not yet fifty-nine are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted.

The Church does not specifically require that we do something beyond the requirements of fasting and abstinence. To do nothing, however, would certainly not be in keeping with the spirit of Lent. The penitential observance should be considered as bare minimal requirements. Additional sacrifices and extra things we may do for Lent help us grow closer to Christ. We are missing out on many graces if we do not participate fully in Lent. It is not necessary to be perfect, but we should put forth a good effort.

A good practice is to do something extra in prayer, something involving fasting (whether limiting our intake of food or giving up something non-food-related such as TV or social media), and something involving almsgiving (i.e., giving money or goods to the needy or doing extra acts of charity). Matthew's Gospel states specifically that prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are for all of us to do.

Sacraments of Initiation Classes

Classes are on Wednesdays from 5:00-5:45pm at St. Dennis for the Sacraments of Initiation (First Reconciliation, Confirmation, & First Eucharist) and will run through the first week of April. If you'd like to register your child, please talk with one of the priests or with Brother Jerry.

No Infant Baptisms During Lent (2/22-4/9)

Opening Song:

Johnny Cummins
Johnny Cummins, given to Simon Flatmouth, c1940

Ak - baa - tat - dí - a - kaa - taa HE - LE
Dear God,

Bii daás - dee - a - wa - kuh. A - HE - HE - LE
Have mercy upon me.

A - wé áa - keen - maak bii daás - dee - a - wa - kuh. A - HE - HE - LE
While I'm still on earth, please have mercy on me.

Bas baa - pé ii - háa - ke bii ku - lu - tta - wa - kúh.
On my last day, come take me.

A - HE - HE - LE

Bii daás - dee - a - wa - kuh. A - HE - HE - LE
Please have mercy on me.

Closing:

Crow Indian hymn
Dexter Williamson, Jr., b 1920

Crow Indian melody
Dexter Williamson, Jr.

YA - HE - LA - HO YA - HE - LA - HO HE - LE - HO - HE HE - LE - HE - LE

Je - sus bí - lé áa - kee - taa da - lí - leesh ii "A - hóoh." baak. Ii "A - hóoh." baak A - HE.
Jesus, that you walked on water, for this I say "Thank you," I say "Thank you."

A - wé áa - kee - taa ba - lee díi - nnah - cheesh ii "A - hóoh." baak A - HE.
That you let us walk on the earth, for this I say "Thank you."

The Bulletin

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CONFESSIONS before mass and on request.

Sunday Mass Schedule:

9:30am – Saint Dennis
10:30am – Saint Charles Borromeo
12:00pm – Our Lady of Loretto
4:00 pm – Saint Francis Xavier

Daily Mass Schedule:

6 PM @ Saint Dennis – Tues/Wed/Thurs
6 PM @ Our Lady of Loretto – Fridays

Parish Hall:
Tuesdays: Sewing Group @ 6pm, Meeting Room in Small Hall
Wednesdays: St. Dennis Cash Bingo @ 6:45pm, Main Hall

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OPENING SONG – Akbaatatdía Bii Daásdeewakuh

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MASS PARTS – Mass of Creation #884-888

CLOSING SONG – Jesus Bilé Aakeetaa Dalíleesh

The Roman Catholic Parishes of
Our Lady of Loretto
Lodge Grass

St. Charles Borromeo
Pryor

St. Dennis
Crow Agency

St. Francis Xavier
St. Xavier

St. Kateri Tekakwitha
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