

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Intentions

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

12:05 +Mary Kathryn Walterscheid

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

12:05 p.m. VN Mass

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

12:05 pm. +Jim Powell

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

12:05 p.m. +Jim Garcia

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

4:00 p.m. +Nelia Reinhardt

5:30 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:30 a.m. St. Anthony Parish Family

11:00 a.m. Vietnamese Mass

Liturgical Roles for Saturday, February 22, at 4:00 p.m.:

Lector: P. Andrews

E. Minister: K. Hunter

Ushers: J. & K. Cordell, B. Buhrman

Liturgical Roles for Sunday, February 23, at 9:30 a.m.:

Lector: M. Gittrich

E. Minister: S. Walcher

PARISH PRAYER LINE

Jerry Warrell Kathy Hunter Johnny
Ukraine and its Citizens Julie Munoz
Lori Born Grace Dana Nancy Parish
Del & JD +Derek Parish Wayne Gottshine
Karla Bennett Sarah Orr Jason Delude
Danny, Beki & James

Good News!

February 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Jeremiah 17:5-8 / 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 /

Luke 6:17, 20-26

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Where we put down our spiritual roots matters.

For some, the old adage “Bloom where you are planted” may offer wisdom; however, the prophet Jeremiah reminds us that if we find ourselves planted in a lava bed or a salty and empty land, we won’t do much blooming. We’ll be no more than a shriveled, barren bush. So, where we plant our inner spiritual lives makes a difference.

This week’s gospel may seem to sap all the joy out of life. Woe if you have money to spend, a banquet to feast on, fun and laughter to dress up your days. Woe to you, it seems to caution, because when you die, the opposite will be your lot. What’s so wrong, we wonder, with having cash in our pockets, food on our tables, and a good time once in a while? Life can be downright dreary otherwise.

The answer, of course, is that there is nothing wrong with any of that—unless that’s where we put down our roots. In other words, if that’s what life is all about, sooner or later, we are likely to discover we have become a barren bush standing in lava waste. Jesus didn’t come to suck the joy out of life but to give us a heads up on how to live a life that is full. He hoped we might avoid the lure that can become a wasteland. He hoped we might become “like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream” (Jeremiah 17:8). ●

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OFFERING

February 9, 2025

English: \$ 2,982.65

Vietnamese \$ 3,438.50

Total: \$ 6,421.15

Schedule of Events

Next week (February 25-28) there will be no 12:05 noon Masses (Tuesday through Friday) as Fr. Ben will be on retreat.

Then in March, from March 11 to March 27, Fr. Ben will be in Rome.

During the time he is out of town, the schedule will be:

For weekday Masses, Fr. Hung Q. Pham (our former pastor) will be saying the following on:

- 12:05 Mass on March 12, 13 & 14;
- 12:05 Mass on March 19, 20, & 21
- 12:05 Mass on March 26 & 27

Note that will not be any Tuesday 12:05 daily Masses during those weeks.

Also note that on Friday, March 28, Fr. Ben will be back and will have the 12:05 daily Mass that day.

Stations of the Cross:

Since Fr. Ben will be still be here Ash Wednesday, March 5, he will have Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 7, at 6:30 p.m. There will be no Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 14, or March 21. Stations will resume on:

- Friday, March 28
- Friday April 4
- Friday, April 11

Another Yummy food sale
Saturday Feb 22 and Sunday
Feb 23 at the Vietnamese
Pastoral Center 300 N Ohio!

Dear Padre

February 16, 2025

I have always been an "every Sunday" Catholic. My problem is that holy Communion doesn't feel that special. I believe that it's the Body and Blood of Christ, but receiving feels "routine." Sometimes I'm even distracted while receiving. Help?

Do you remember the story of the transfiguration of Jesus? (See Luke 9:28-36.) Jesus took his three special disciples, Peter, James, and John, up on the mountain, and while Jesus was praying, what did they do? They fell asleep! In the very presence of Jesus, their Lord and Master.

Human beings cannot maintain feelings of awe and ecstasy for long periods of time. We would be exhausted. Feelings don't always reflect the specialness of the moment. That is why good habits are so important. Feelings may elude us, but we can fall back on the habit of Sunday Mass. Just as two contented, long-married people don't feel like they did on their honeymoon, they still quietly enjoy the habit of each other's company.

Lent is coming soon. You might consider shaking up your routine a little. Attend one weekday Mass. Prepare for Sunday Mass by reading the Scriptures for that Sunday and praying the entrance antiphon or the psalm. If you don't already, consider volunteering as a choir member, lector, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion. Meanwhile, continue to receive holy Communion, giving thanks that it is readily available, and perhaps offer a prayer for communities where Communion every Sunday is not possible. ●

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