

# PARISH CALENDAR

Sixth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

February 16, 2020

Lead me, guide me for  
the sake of your name, Lord!

Saturday, Feb 15	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, Feb 16	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a.m.	Religious Education Class
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, Feb 17	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
		<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY</b>
		<b>FOOD PANTRY CLOSED</b>
Tuesday, Feb 18	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Communion Service
Wednesday, Feb 19	..... 8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, Feb 20	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, Feb 21	..... 7:30 p.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, Feb 22	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Confession
	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Mass
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

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.

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## NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Lev:19:1-2, 17-18: Be Holy.**

**1 Cor:3:16-23: Be wise – in the ways to God.**

**Matt:5:38-48: Be perfect**

*In today's continuation of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus addresses the relationship between the current interpretation of the law of Moses and his own. He insists that he has come to fulfill, not abolish the law. Jesus is explicit here. He repeats the phrase, "You have heard ..." with the counterpoint, "But I say ..." As with the Beatitudes, Jesus again aims for the heart, the spirit. This time, he addresses the heart and spirit of the law. He will not settle for mere avoidance of outright murder or adultery or lying. He goes to the source of murder—hatred, resentment, spite. He insists on chaste living. He overrules the one-sided loopholes that allow men to divorce women, a law based on the view of women as property. He disallows all the means people employ to play fast and loose with marriage. His words urge mutual fidelity. He has no truck, either, with sloppiness about telling the truth, swearing oaths, and confusing well-meaning people with a bright blur of words. Jesus' condemnation of those who fail to fulfill the law is swift and harsh. He seems incensed. The syntax is spare and pointed. Clearly, Jesus cares a lot about the spirit and the letter of the law. His listeners and followers are to honor the law wholly and not minimally. His demands are uncompromising. The consequences of failure are clear and severe. The smallest are watching. They are those rendered powerless by age or ignorance or circumstance. These little ones depend on the word and action of the mature and knowledgeable. To betray these little ones is to fail miserably.*

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If you choose you can keep  
the commandments, they will  
save you.

If you trust in God,  
you too shall live.

He has set before you

fire and water

to whichever you choose,  
stretch forth your hand.

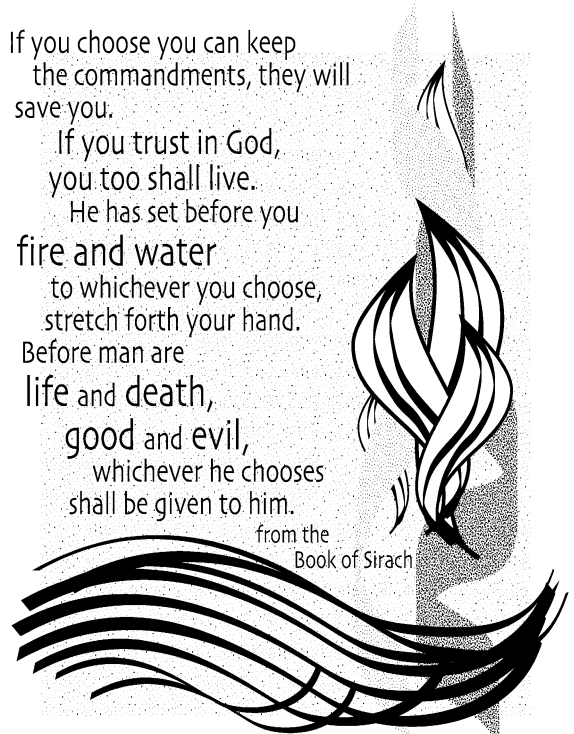
Before man are

life and death,

good and evil,

whichever he chooses  
shall be given to him.

from the  
Book of Sirach



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The WORD of the LORD



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**AUGUSTINE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION: MAHALO**  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE AUGUSTINE EDUCATIONAL  
FOUNDATION COLLECTION. "Make a Student Smile - Give the  
Gift of Education Campaign. Mahalo nui loa to our parish and  
parishioners from the Augustine Educational Foundation for  
your generous and continued support of the "Make a Student  
Smile - Give the Gift of Education Campaign 2020 Special  
Collection. Your support makes a difference in hundreds of  
student's lives. **MAHALO!**

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** Please help to save lives by praying for  
an end to abortion during 40 days for life from February 26-April  
5. You are invited to join others in prayer at the Planned  
Parenthood location in Honolulu or join in prayer from wherever  
you are. For more information, please visit  
[//www.40daysforlife.com/honolulu](http://www.40daysforlife.com/honolulu)

**PEARSON PLACE** is the only Catholic pregnancy resource  
center in Hawaii. Located in their new office at 1145 Bishop  
Street in Honolulu (directly upstairs of the Daughters of St. Paul  
bookstore, and across Bishop street from the Cathedral) they are  
a Christ centered counseling and assistance center here to assist  
anyone with unplanned pregnancy issues. They are staffed by  
volunteers, and welcome anyone who would care to assist as  
volunteers and/or for donations. The phone number is  
942-0328. We can also be contacted on our website  
[www.pearsonplace.org](http://www.pearsonplace.org)

**WORD OF LIFE:** "Prayer is the foundation of all that we do in  
defense of human life. Our efforts—whether educational,  
pastoral, or legislative—will be less than fully fruitful if we do  
not change hearts and if we do not ourselves overcome our own  
spiritual blindness. Only with prayer—prayer that storms the  
heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts  
and our souls— will the culture of death that surrounds us today  
be replaced with culture of life." **Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life  
Activities" United States Conference of Catholic Bishop**

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Feb 16 Sun: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sir:15:15-20; Ps:119; 1Cor:2:6-10; Mt:5:17-37

**Feb 17 Mon: Ordinary Weekday**

1 Kgs:12:1-11; Ps:119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk:8:11-13

**Feb 18 Tue: Ordinary Weekday**

Jam:1:12-18; Ps:94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk:8:14-21

**Feb 19 Wed: Ordinary Weekday**

Jam:1:19-27; Ps:15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Mk:8:22-26

**Feb 20 Thur: Ordinary Weekday**

Jam:2:1-9; Ps: 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk:8:27-33

**Feb 21 Fri: Ordinary Weekday**

Jam:2:14-24, 26; Ps:112: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 8:34-1

**Feb 22 Sat: The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle**

1 Peter: 5:1-4; Ps:23: 1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt:16:13-19

## NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's Gospel, part of his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus  
does not speak of replacing the law of the Old Testament. He  
goes beyond it. He obliges his followers to work at being  
holier than even the strictest of Pharisees. But the work is not  
accomplished by following a religious "law", it requires  
growing in love for other human beings. Followers of Jesus  
know they are required to be good stewards of others. In  
what way will you exercise good stewardship over other  
people this week?(**International Catholic Stewardship Council**)

### Reflection

Now, we keep in mind that Jesus speaks against a steady  
drumbeat of criticism and disdain from just those on whom  
the least depend. Those schooled in the subtleties of the law  
use their wisdom and knowledge to subvert the same law  
Jesus reverences. Jesus realizes that the very persons who are  
trained in the law use their power to condemn people and to  
pile on rules that defeat rather than sustain one's life with  
God. Jesus' anger here is not toward the struggling little ones,  
but toward the crafty, condemning big ones—the scribes and  
Pharisees.

Paul also addresses the little ones. His little ones are the  
members of the church at Corinth, and they are a little shaken  
right now. Paul is aware of the self-proclaimed high and  
mighty and those who profess to practice religions that are  
inaccessible to common folk who possess little power. The  
powerful, or fake powerful, loom large on their horizon. Paul  
dismisses the pretenders and exalts the wisdom of God  
revealed to the smallest. We recall from the second reading  
last Sunday that this wisdom is the wisdom of Christ  
crucified. For this Sunday, suffice it to say, the Christians at  
Corinth possess this wisdom revealed by God, and what God  
has planned for them is beyond their imagining. They are not  
to worry or be fearful, nor be dismayed. Copyright © 2004, World  
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We  
speak of  
God's  
wisdom,  
mysterious  
and hidden

