

SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
12:05 p.m. +Lucille Sheahan

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
[ASH WEDNESDAY]
12:00 p.m. English Mass
Intentions of Jennifer Glass
6:30 p.m. VN Mass

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19
12:05 p.m. +Jerry Warrell

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20
12:05 p.m. +Ceara Regan

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
4:00 p.m. +Josh Robberson
5:30 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22
9:30 a.m. St. Anthony Parish Family
11:00 a.m. VN Mass

**Liturgical Roles for Saturday, February 21,
at 4:00 p.m.:**

Lector: P. Andrews
E. Minister: C. Hartman
Ushers: J. & K. Cordell, B. Buhrman

**Liturgical Roles for Sunday, February 22,
at 9:30 a.m.:**

Lector: M. Gittrich
E. Minister: S. Walcher

PARISH PRAYER LINE

Johnny Todd Nguyen Ukraine & its Citizens
Julie Munoz Deb Anton Dee Francis
Jennifer Glass Manny Godsey
Elizabeth Mulhell Bernard and Kay Dette

Good News!

February 15, 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sirach 15:15-20 / 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 /
Matthew 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

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"Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No'" (Matthew 5:37). This teaching of Jesus seems to get lost, perhaps because it comes at the end of a long listing of commandments. Regardless, it seems to get right to the point, almost making the other commandments unnecessary or perhaps clarifying them. Either you are going to be a child of your heavenly Father and live like one, or you are not. If you are a child of God, you would not contemplate any evil behaviors, let alone actually do them.

That is the clarity of the teaching of Jesus. It is authentic. It is compelling. It invites a response. Yet, there are those who were present with him who did not understand. Who missed the point. Who insisted on another way. Who could not discern the simplicity of the truth. To each of these men and women, including some with the religious title of scribe or Pharisee, he observed, "And if the light in you is darkness, how great will the darkness be" (Matthew 6:23). Even sadder is that not only did they miss the point, they also simply walked away.

Do you want to say more than a simple "Yes" or "No"? Do you want to say, "Yes, but... I can't do it now." Or "I can't forgive this particular person." Or "I can't welcome this particular stranger." Or "I can't love him or her or them."

Have you also missed the point? Do you also want to walk away? ●

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OFFERING

February 8, 2026

English: \$ 2,738.00
Vietnamese: \$ 5,552.00
Total: \$ 8,290.00

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

This weekend marks the celebration of our Vietnamese community's Tet (Lunar New Year) on February 13 and 14 with games and food. The hours will be 10 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the Pastoral Center; the New Year's banquet on February 14 takes place 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. The drawing for the prizes also takes place on February 14.

On Sunday, February 22, at their 11:00 Mass, our VN community will be having their New Year's Mass and Bishop Kemme will be present.



Love isn't just for a day---it is the heart's gift that lasts forever. Happy Valentine's Day to all our parishioners and guests.



Lent begins this Wednesday, February 18. The English Mass will be at 12:00 (sharp!) that day, and ashes will be distributed. The Vietnamese Ash Wednesday Mass will be at 6:30 p.m.

Both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for anyone between the ages of 18 and 59. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal; two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal the one full meal. Snacking between meals is not permitted, but liquids like milk and fruit juices are allowed. Abstinence from meat is obligatory for all who have reached their 14th birthday. The Fridays in Lent are days of complete abstinence from meat.

Lenten fasting, abstinence, and almsgiving are ways to help us focus on prayerfulness and penance during this Holy Season, while deepening our walk with our Savior.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross (in English) will be at 6:30 p.m. on these Fridays of Lent:

- February 20
- February 27
- March 6
- March 13
- March 27

On March 20, there are no Stations due to the Youth Day Retreat.

On Wednesday, February 25, there will be no 12:05 Mass due to the overnight Clergy Conference at the Spiritual Life Center.

Attention: End-of-the-year Financial Contribution Statements are now available for English parishioners and can be picked up in the back of church.

SUNSHINE ROOM REPORT

For two days this past week, parishioners Bob Hartman and Robert Fusco spent those days continuing the renovation of the Sunshine Room. By late Thursday afternoon, they had mostly completed the framing of the stud wall on the south side of the Sunshine Room. That wall is approximately 12 feet long, and extends from the approximately 7½ foot height by the outside door, stepping down to the approximate 8½ foot base of the steps. They are also replacing two emergency lights (one hall light plus a two-way switch). The next step will be putting sheetrock on that wall.