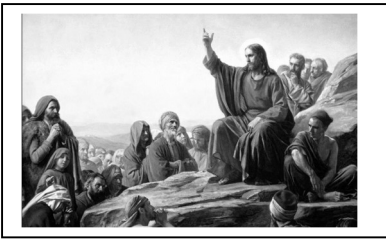


SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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. The heart is the seat of our motivations, the place from which our words and actions proceed.

Jesus this week calls us to train our hearts, to master our passions and emotions. And Jesus demands the full obedience of our hearts. He calls us to love God with all our hearts, and to do his will from the heart.

God never asks more of us than we are capable. 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.

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.

MOVIE NIGHT

Join us on Saturday, February 25 at 6:30PM in the parish hall for our first pizza and movie night. We will be serving pizza, popcorn, snacks, pop and water. The movie playing is “The Way”. A very moving tale of a father coming to grips with the death of his son, with whom he had had a strained relationship. Excellent cast, beautiful scenery and a story of personal growth. Tickets are available in the parish office for \$5.00.

75TH ANNIVERSARY

Our 75th Anniversary Celebrations are well under way! We had a meeting this week with the committee. Many great ideas for upcoming events....stay tuned. This month we are having a **Movie and Pizza night Saturday, February 25 at 6:30PM**

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Ash Wednesday- Mercoledì delle Ceneri
February 22 -22 febbraio
8:00AM Italian
12:05PM English
7:00PM English Mass

Stations of the Cross - Via Crucis
Every Friday during Lent Starting
February 24 at 7:00PM
Tutti i venerdì di Quaresima a partire dal 24
febbraio alle 19:00

Saturday, February 25
Movie Night in the parish hall

Lenten Missions
Italian Mission – March 6-9 at 7:00PM
English Mission – March 20-23 at 7:00PM

REQUIESCANT IN PACE’

Please pray for the souls Angelo Scordia, Flora Zangolli, Pietro Desando, Bruna Ierulli, Antonio Schiavo whose funerals were celebrated during this past week in our Church.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY 2023

Lift Jesus Higher Rally on Saturday March 4 – 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST Metro Toronto Convention Centre North Building, 255 Front Street West, Toronto. A grace-filled day celebrating God’s love with: • Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto • Ralph Martin • Chris Stefanick • Uplifting music • Eucharistic Healing Procession • Confession and Holy Mass • Separate Youth Event with Debbie Herbeck & Pete Burak FOR TICKETS/INFO: www.ljhr.ca EMAIL: contact@ljhr.ca CONTACT: Sadie, 905-270-2510

VI DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO



Gesù non è andato a caccia di popolarità: ha sempre parlato con la massima chiarezza dicendo cose che avrebbero potuto allontanargli le simpatie e scoraggiare i meglio intenzionati: per questo è finito come sappiamo. Oggi egli ribadisce la legge mosaica e la sospinge più avanti. È vero che altrove, nel medesimo Vangelo di Matteo, parla di carico leggero e di peso soave, ma nell'odierno brano non sembra concedere spazio alla indulgenza. Gesù è mite e umile ma è anche esigente. A ben pensarci chi cerca la crescita morale dell'uomo deve essere così: intransigente nei principi, comprensivo e longanime con chi sbaglia.

Il Siracide, cioè Gesù figlio di Sirach, vissuto 200 anni avanti il nostro Gesù, parla della scelta tra il bene e il male. Oggi questa scelta è detta opzione fondamentale. Indipendentemente dalla naturale debolezza nostra, da che parte ci vogliamo buttare? Vogliamo seguire la legge del dovere o la legge del piacere? Questa è la scelta fondamentale a cui siamo chiamati.

Non è facile rendere nel nostro linguaggio il pensiero di Paolo. C'è sapienza e sapienza. Il superbo per lo più si crede sapiente e non lo è, perché diversamente non trobberbbe materia per insuperbirsi. Il cristiano riconosce i propri limiti, ma punta in alto, fino ad avere lo Spirito stessa di Dio.

Il lungo brano, sempre preso dal discorso della montagna, affronta le problematiche inerenti al concetto di perfezionamento della legge antica; si dipartono dal tronco diversi rami: l'omicidio diventa condanna dell'offesa verbale e del sentimento dell'odio, dalla condanna dell'adulterio si passa alla condanna dello sguardo malizioso; la proibizione dello spergiuro si tramuta in rifiuto della bugia. Questa è la perfezione indicata da Gesù: non aggiunta di pratiche devote, ma ogni precetto riportato alla radice: l'importante è la radice.

Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

5:00PM Antonio Della Savia, Fernando La Posta, Francesco Riga, Ulderico Farelli, Giuseppe D'Amario

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:00 AM Fr. Vito Marziliano
 9:30 AM. Mario Paluzzi, Massimo Orlando
 11:00 AM Vandro Bertani, Annunziata Ciccone, Francesco, Triestina e Antonio Pucci, Adolfo Nuri, Carmela e Pasquale Lofaro
 12:30 PM Almerinda & Josè Ferreira

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:00 AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue
 12:05PM Pierina & Giulio Giuliani

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:00 AM Vittorio Manni, Rosa Fabiano
 12:05PM Franco Palazzolo, Theresa Tran

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:00 AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue
 12:05PM Maria Thuan Nguyen

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:00 AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue
 12:05PM Maria & Francesco Dinatolo, Teresa Kwam, Marina Stella & Benito Di Carlo

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:00 AM Anna & Luigi Iannacci
 12:05PM For Living & deceased members of Huynh family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:00 AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue
 5:00PM Mass Association

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