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**Worship Times**

Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p  
Sunday Mass 11:15a; En español, 1:00p  
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult bulletin  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

Sunday Mass 9:00a  
Communion Service Tuesdays, 12:15p  
Holy Days 7:00p  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
By appointment

**Welcome, New Parishioners**

*We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.*

**Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony**

*For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.*

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

*For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.*

**Anointing of the Sick**

*For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis*

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 12, 2023**



**St. Stephen là gia đình của bạn!**

**Chúng tôi rất may mắn bạn đang ở đây!**

**Cha Long sẽ ở St. Stephen**

**Ngày 5 tháng 3 năm 2023, 2:00**

**để cử hành thánh lễ với bạn**

**bằng tiếng Việt.**

**Lên kế hoạch tham dự và mời gia đình  
gia đình và bạn bè của bạn đến tham dự!**

**Nếu bạn có câu hỏi nào,**

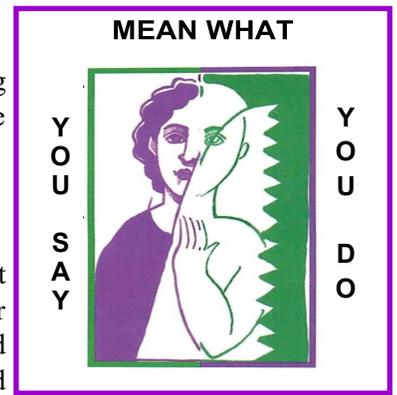
**nói chuyện với Hạnh.**

*Morning Church!*

In 1981, Eileen Egan coined the term *Seamless Garment* to describe the all-embracing expanse of Catholic morality. Her image refers to the seamless robe Jesus wore before his crucifixion. She said,

*“The protection of life is a seamless garment.  
You can’t protect some life and not others.”*

The *seamless garment* became associated with Cardinal Joseph Bernardin’s “Consistent Ethic of Life,” which calls for more than opposition to abortion; it calls for a support for anti-poverty programs, immigrant rights, anti-death penalty, and care for the elderly, and so much more. Bernardin said the sacramental image of the Seamless Garment “would cloak Catholics in a sacred shroud of legitimacy and justice.”



Catholic Morality, from a teaching perspective, can focus on a *legalistic model* that is minimalistic and rigid. This model is associated with The Ten Commandments.

Or ~ it can focus on a *relational model*, one based on the common good and compassion. This model is associated with The Sermon on Mount and the Beatitudes. It’s the Virtuous Life, emphasizing humility over pride, chastity over lust, temperance over gluttony, charity over greed, diligence over sloth, patience over wrath, and kindness over envy.

*Bottom line:* the Christian life is a *both/and living* of the Sermon on the Mount and the Commandments.

The Book of Sirach, part of the Wisdom literature, guides and helps you embody what it truly means to be a person of the Word. Today’s text proclaims: intelligence will enable you to know the Commandments; God’s Wisdom enables you to live faithfully and make the virtuous choices: life over death.

Psalms 119 poetically reinforces God desires to grace you with Divine Wisdom. When you make God’s Wisdom a high priority, you become more aware, discerning, diligent, and prayerful in your choices, knowing life or death are always before you. *“Choose life! Only that and always! At whatever risk, to let life leak out, to let it wear away by the mere passage of time, to withhold giving and spending it...is to choose nothing.”* ~ Sister Helen Kelly, O.P.

Today’s gospel stresses keeping God’s laws in the Spirit of Jesus’ teaching.  
Doing so will stretch your heart and mind way beyond just keeping laws:

*“You have heard it said an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth...”* (Legal Model)

*“...but I say to you...forgive those who hate you, pray for those who persecute you...”* (Relational Model)

Jesus, the Wisdom of God, teaches and fulfills the Law and lived in the fullness of love! With Lent looming, today’s Word is a recurring reminder: *mean what you say and what you do*. It’s seamless. Choose wisely.

*“Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’ It is a matter of life and death.*

God’s blessings,

*spanis*

 **Reflecting and Acting on The Word**

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*How does this quote comfort or confront you?  
Name the risks involved in choosing life, only that and always.*

F E B R U A R Y	
12	6th Sun OT NO FFFormation after Mass <b>WE BELIEVE in MARRIAGE DAY</b> Married couples' vow renewal
13	SSJA/CGG, 10:00a-2:00p
14	St. Valentine's Day Communion Service, 12:15p
15	RCIA, 6:30P
16	Wise Ones, Cracker Barrel, 1:00p Hosts: Eileen & Leo
18	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a
19	7th Sun OT FFFormation, after Mass
21	Ministerial Association, 12N, HCMH
22	Service of Ashes, 12:15p & 6:45p
24	Stations of the Cross, 6:30p
26	1st Sun Lent FFFormation after Mass <i>Sacrament of Anointing</i>

🌿 Mass Intentions	
12	+Marie, Vernon, Vivian, William Colglazier, Kay G. Dickerson, Georgia O. Dumoulin
19	+Thomas Hennessy, Stuart C. Jenkins, Members of Keenan Families

**Parish Celebrations**

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|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 13 Luis Martinez    | 23 Margarita Serafin Lara |
| 14 Karen Gochnauer  | 24 Andrew Ange            |
| 16 Julian Cortez    | Laura Barrientos          |
| 19 Ryan Treannie    | Aaron Kelly, Allan Lara   |
| 22 Julie Colglazier | Marcus Orta               |
| Wendy McClamrock    | 25 Ray Hernandez          |
| 22 Natasha Velez    | 27 Catalina Hernandez     |
| 23 Gabby LaCashio   | 28 June Soots             |
- 14 Lana & Bob Horneck 17 Catalina & Sergio Hernandez  
27 June & Billy Soots



Tri-C Almsgiving	
Your 2022 donations totaled over <b>550 lbs.</b> Thank you so much !!	
FEB	Corn meal
MAR	Sm. liquid laundry soap or laundry pods
APR	Instant potatoes

**St. Stephen**  
**Inclement Weather Policy**  
Sunday Mass &  
Family Faith Formation  
WATCH  
WXII TV (12) or FOX TV (8)  
for the scroll of closings.

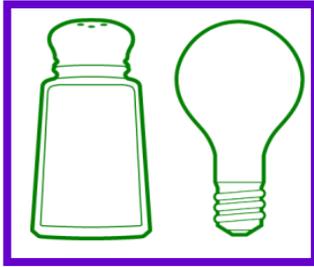


**Falling in Love**

*Nothing is more practical  
than finding God,  
than falling in Love  
in a quite absolute, final way.  
What you are in love with,  
what seizes your imagination,  
will affect everything.  
It will decide  
what will get you  
out of bed in the morning,  
what you do with your evenings,  
how you spend your weekends,  
what you read, whom you know,  
what breaks your heart,  
and what amazes you  
with joy and gratitude.  
Fall in Love, stay in love,  
and it will decide everything.*

~ Joseph Whelan, SJ

From the Youth Sunday Bulletin...



**Be these.**

Matthew 5:13-16

**Be salt of the earth for Jesus.  
Share your energy and love  
wherever you are.**

**Be the light of the world  
for Jesus.**

**Let your light shine  
in generous service.**

**Be forgiving.**

**Be hopeful.**

**Be prayerful.**

**Be a good listener.**

**Be honest.**

**Be brave.**

**Be understanding.**

**Be helpful.**

**Be patient.**

**Be joyful.**

**Be the first to say,  
"I'm sorry."**

**Be grateful.**

## SOUTHWEST ASIA EARTHQUAKE



As of Tuesday, over 5K people have lost their lives and massive damage is being assessed. Please pray for your sisters and brothers there. If you remember, one of the cities affected by this earthquake, Aleppo, trembled under three months of bombing and gassing by Syria's despot Assad in 2016.

If you wish, you can send a donation to:

**Catholic Relief Services**

228 West Lexington Street

Baltimore, MD 21201

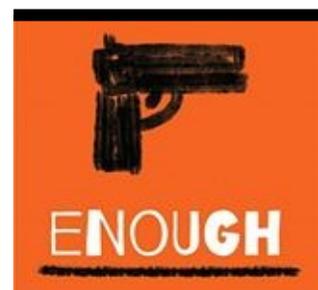
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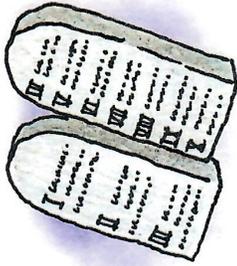
**Our Lady,**

**Queen of Peace,**

**pray for us!**



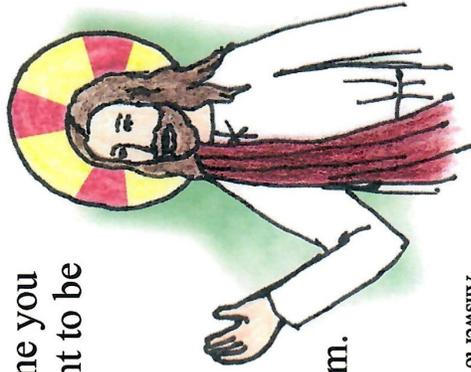
# What does Jesus say about the Commandments?



In today's Gospel reading Jesus was talking about the laws of God. Some people thought that He would take away the old law that God had given the Jews. But Jesus said that He didn't come to take away the law. He came to fulfill the law.

The old laws tell us the things that we shouldn't do, like worship false gods or kill people or steal. Jesus is telling us that just obeying the commandments isn't enough. He wants us to do everything out of love. If you really love a person then of course you won't kill them! But He says you shouldn't get angry at them either. You wouldn't steal from someone you love- but wouldn't you want to be generous to them too?

Jesus says that the Ten Commandments are very important, but we have to do more than just obey them. We need to love!



Answer to Word-find: "you will be blessed."

# The Kids' Bulletin

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 12th, 2023



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Look at this picture in the mirror to find out!

# The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

February 17

IN THE EARLY 1200'S IN FLORENCE, ITALY, MOST OF THE PEOPLE HAD DRIFTED AWAY FROM THE FAITH AND LOVE OF GOD, AND HERESY WAS COMMON.

SEVEN YOUNG NOBLEMEN, HOWEVER, JOINED A GROUP IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY.

SHE APPEARED TO THEM AND TOLD THEM TO LIVE FOR GOD, AWAY FROM THE WORLD.

THIS IS A GOOD HOUSE! YES, BUT WE GET TOO MANY VISITORS.

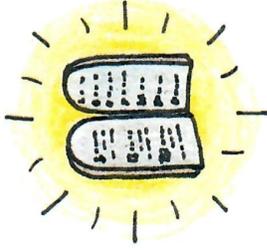
TWO OF THEM WERE MARRIED AND TWO WERE WIDOWERS SO THEY FOUND WAYS TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR FAMILIES.

SOON THEY MOVED TO A MOUNTAIN SIDE WHERE THEY BUILT A CHURCH. SIX OF THEM BECAME PRIESTS.

Wow. Can you imagine? Now we're going to have houses in Germany and France!

THE SEVEN SAINTS WHO STARTED THE SERVITE ORDER MADE GREAT SACRIFICES BY GIVING UP THEIR LIFE OF WEALTH AND THEIR FAMILIES. THEY HAD GOD'S HELP AND ALSO EACH OTHER'S HELP. DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS WHO CAN HELP YOU TO BE HOLY AND EVEN HEROIC? ARE YOU THAT KIND OF FRIEND?

# Psalm 119 Word-Find



Y D S C O F G O O D U  
 W I T O L O R D B I L  
 B L A M E L E S S L B  
 L I T M E L A W E B C  
 E G U A P O F I R M O  
 S E T N R W L I V E N  
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 W O R D S E R V A N T

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

Blessed are they who FOLLOW the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they whose way is BLAMELESS, who WALK in the LAW of the Lord. BLESSED are they who OBSERVE his DECREES, who SEEK him with all their heart.

You have COMMANDED that your PRECEPTS be DILIGENTLY KEPT.

Oh, that I MIGHT be FIRM in the ways of keeping your STATUTES!

Be GOOD to your SERVANT, that I MAY LIVE and keep your WORDS. OPEN my EYES, that I may CONSIDER THE wonders of your law.

If you obey God's law,