

February 12, 2023

Sixth Sunday in



**THE GLORY OF THE DIVINE WAY**

Today's readings draw us into ageless, vibrant depths. Followers of God's law, we belong to ancient traditions. Children of God, we marvel at the freshness of creation. The Old Testament readings, from Sirach and the Psalms, celebrate the rich blessings we receive when we observe God's commands—not because we are slaves to the law, but because the law gives life in abundance. Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians confirms the glory of divine law, but warns that God's ways tend to be unpopular and misunderstood in this world. Paul speaks of the ancient wisdom of God, which is mysteriously both "hidden" and "revealed." God does not have secret codes that we earthly mortals cannot understand; in love, God reveals the glory of the divine way in Jesus. Saint Matthew's Gospel emphasizes the importance of living in God's law, enlivened by a deep and personal relationship with Jesus.

**OUR FASCINATING FAITH**

**The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**

On February 17 we honor the seven founding saints of the Order of the Servants of the Virgin Mary. Bonfilius, Alexis, Manettus, Amideus, Hugh, Sostene and Buonagiunta were a group of merchants of Florence who, upon experiencing an apparition of the Blessed Virgin in 1233, renounced their businesses, left what was necessary for their families, and distributed the rest among the poor. They then dedicated themselves entirely to the veneration of the Virgin Mary, going to live on an Italian mountain, each assuming the life of a hermit—prayer, extreme fasting and penance. Sometime later, at the request of the pope's delegate, all but one were ordained priests. Brother Alexis, considering himself unworthy of the priesthood, decided to remain as a brother. They were all canonized in 1888. Their feast day, originally February 11, now falls on the 17th, the date of the death of the last of the seven founders. Brother Alexis died at the age of 110.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

**Psalm** — Happy are those who observe God's commands (Psalm 119).

**Second Reading** — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

**Gospel** — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- Tuesday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day
- Friday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

**CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses

**.PRESIDENTIAL GARDENING**

After I die, I want it said of me that I plucked a weed and planted a flower wherever I thought a flower would grow.

**. Next weekend February 19th is commitment weekend for the 2023 Catholic Appeal .**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
- Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

**. THE CURE**

The only known cure for fear is faith.

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**WEIGHTY**

An ounce of practice is worth a pound of preaching.

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY FEBRUARY 20TH FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY**

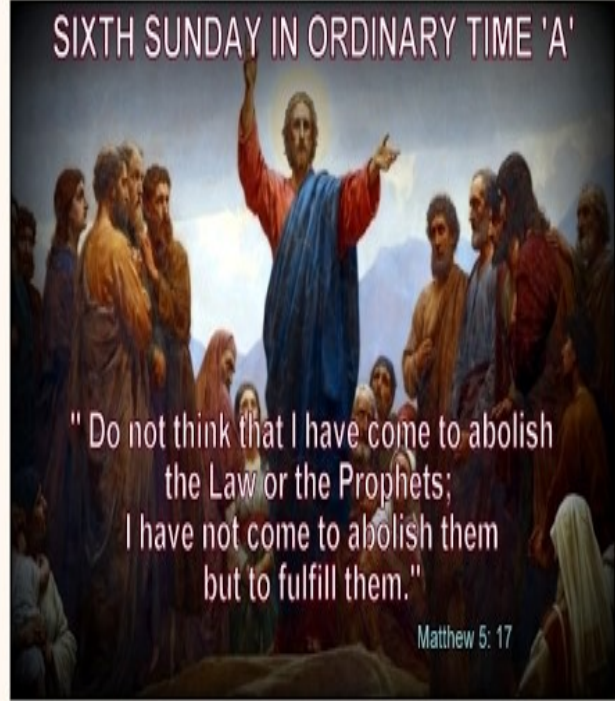
Feb 19th 2023

Lector Beverly

Servers Carlos & Max

Counters Ann & Anita

Feb 5th 2023  
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**B&M**  
**\$65.00**



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**Remember In Prayer**

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