



St Benedict Parish St. John the Baptist Church



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

Some Walk Away

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

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 AUTHORS the point. Who insisted on another way. Who could not discern the LEARN ABOUT OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY 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? • Printed with permission by Liguori Press

Reflect: What teachings of Jesus are too hard to consider?

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IMPORTANT: "To lift your own spirit" and their spirit!

Volunteer Chaplains Needed !

St. Benedict's, St. John the Baptist and St. Michael's have all participated in taking communion to Catholic patients at Kona Community Hospital for many years! The hospital calls it their Hospital Chaplain Program. We are currently in need of several volunteers to visit our Catholic patients and offer them communion and/or prayer once or twice a month. The nice part of this ministry is that you pick the date(s) you are available and go anytime during visiting hours. To volunteer, your parish must qualify you as a Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion. Kona Hospital would ask that you complete their volunteer paperwork and orientation. Volunteers go at times that are convenient for them, and visits generally require an hour or less of your time. If you are able to volunteer, **please call Frances Vasquez at 505-328-1727.**

Thank you!

Dear Padre, My grandkids' parents don't want them to be baptized. Can I do it myself secretly so as not to cause problems? Your concern is understandable, but secret baptisms are prohibited in the Catholic Church. The decision to baptize a child is determined by his or her parents. To secretly usurp their decision may cause problems of its own. For an infant to be baptized, "The parents or at least one of them or the person who legitimately takes their place must consent," and "There must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion" (Code of Canon Law, 868 §1). An exception is permitted when the child's life is in immediate danger: "An infant of Catholic parents or even of non-Catholic parents is baptized licitly in danger of death, even against the will of the parents"(CCL 868 §2). Here, the Church's pastoral concern is for the child to receive the immediate graces from the sacrament; the question of raising the child in the faith becomes moot in a life-or-death situation. "Since the earliest times, baptism has been administered to children, for it is a grace and a gift of God that does not presuppose any human merit.... Entry into Christian life gives access to true freedom" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1282). Continue to pray that your family may see baptism as a sign of God's love, which offers true freedom for humanity.

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Mass intentions

FEBRUARY 14-FEBRUARY 15, 2026

SATURDAY

4:00 PM +Jean Napoli

6:00 PM +Sylvia Hulling

SUNDAY

8:00 +Jose Diaz Balderas

10:00 Missa Pro Populo

WEEKDAYS February 17-20, 2026

Tues. Lindy Gribel, Healing

Wed. Mary Brush Elder, Special Intention

Thurs. +Rufrie & James Sr. Sullivan

Friday +Ed & Marie Gebura & family

Stewardship of Treasure Mahalo for your generosity!

Feb 7-8, 2026

Collection	\$ 2503.00
Augustine	2.00
Maintenance	50.00
Food Pantry	265.00
Total	2820.00

Attendance Feb.7-8 ,2026

St. Benedict	79	6
St. John	99	13
TOTAL	178	19

FOR STRENGTH, PEACE
AND HEALING,
MERCIFUL GOD, HEAR
OUR PRAYERS.

*Linda Alcain
*Nasi Fenandez
*Terrance Terada
*Hano Grace
*Craig Camello
*Pam Shultise
*Merla Kline
*Paul Ruskey
*Carla Vonderahe
*Mahina Kaupiko
*John Sanchis
*Kamala Galletes
*Hank Silva
*Miriam Janczak
*Joevelyn Delas Reyes
*Gwen Menchaca
*Deb Reed
*Gloria Grapa
*William Anderson
*Elizabeth Aw
*Johnny Koene
* Friends

Monday February 16
Weekday Jas 1:1-11 Mk
8:11-13

Tuesday February 17
Weekday Jas 1:12-18 Mk
8:14-21

Wednesday February 18
Ash Wednesday Jl 2:12-18
2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-
18

Thursday February 19
Thursday after Ash
Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25

Friday February 20
Friday after Ash Wednes-
day Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15
Saturday February 21
Saturday after Ash
Wednesday Is 58:9b-14 Lk
5:27-32

Sunday February 22
First Sunday of Lent
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Rom 5:12-
19 or 5:12, 17-19 Mt 4:1-11



As we begin the season of Lent, the Church invites us into 40 days of renewal and refocusing. Lent is not only about giving something up, but about making room for God. For Christian stewards, this season invites us to reflect on how we are using the time entrusted to us.

In the first reading, Adam and Eve turn their attention away from God and allow doubt to take root. Trust is replaced by self-reliance, and the harmony of the Garden is broken. These same temptations remain familiar when our days become crowded with distractions that pull us away from God.

In the Gospel, Jesus shows us a different path. In the desert, He gives time to prayer and fasting, remains grounded in Scripture, and places His complete trust in the Father. By intentionally giving time to God, Jesus resists temptation and remains faithful.

Lent invites us to do the same. By making space in our schedules for prayer, Scripture, and quiet reflection, we grow in trust and gratitude. When we place God at the center of our time, stewardship becomes a way of life, and our hearts are prepared to celebrate the joy of Easter.

St. Benedict
7am Mass

St. John
6pm Mass

ASH WEDNESDAY February 18:

Mass At 7am And 6pm

Ash Wednesday is a day of universal fast and abstinence in the church.

People have ash on their foreheads for Ash



Wednesday, a Christian tradition marking the start of Lent, symbolizing mortality, repentance, and humility before God, often with the phrase "Remember you are dust, and to dust you

shall return". The ashes, made from burnt palm branches from the previous year, are applied in the shape of a cross as a public sign of penance and a reminder to turn from sin.

LOOKING AHEAD

- † **Potluck St. John this Sunday.**
- † **ASH WEDNESDAY Feb.18.** Mass **St. Benedict 7 AM , St. John 6PM**
- † **Stations of the Cross - St. Benedict Every Friday of Lent, This Friday at Noon.** Stations of the Cross **Outside**, or if it rains, inside the church. Any groups or families are welcome to come any day between **6AM & 6PM** when **The St. Benedict gate will be open.**

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Treasure Hunt



[Matthew 5:17-37, Sirach 15:15-20 & 1Corinthians 2:6-10]

1. Referring to the Mosaic law, Jesus says, “I have come **not** to _____ but to _____ (it).”
2. For us to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, what **virtue** must we build into our lives to **surpass** the deeds of the scribes and Pharisees?
3. Jesus presents several of His precepts with the phrase: “You have heard it said, but _____”
4. Jesus’ final words are clear: “Let your _____ mean _____, and your _____ mean _____.”
5. In the *First Reading*, Sirach tells about **three** (3) **choices** set before us by God that we must make in this life. Name **two** (2) of them.
6. In the *Second Reading*, what does St. Paul say has become of the “*wisdom of this age*” and the “*rulers of this age*” as a result of Jesus’ crucifixion?

Answers to Last Week’s Treasure Hunt

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1- “Do you not know that the Lord, the God of Israel, has given David kingship over Israel forever, to him and to his sons, by a covenant of salt.”; -2- it is no longer good for anything; -3- city on the mountain, lamp; -4- for others to see our good deeds and to glorify the Father; -5- “light shall rise in the darkness” & “gloom shall become like midday”; -6- human, power.

DEAR VISITOR TO ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH, ALOHA! THANK YOU FOR VISITING US TODAY! WE WISH YOU A BEAUTIFUL EXPERIENCE AND THAT YOU LEAVE ST. BENEDICT’S, TODAY, REFRESHED IN SPIRIT !

The Value Behind the Laws

This long excerpt from the Sermon on the Mount demonstrates both how thoroughly Jewish Jesus Matthew 5:17-37

- The old Law and the new Q was in his understanding of the world, and also how radical he was in his interpretation of Jewish laws. Matthew makes it clear that Jesus has great respect for his religious tradition; he has not come to throw out Jewish teachings and start a new religion. He has come to shed light on ancient teachings and to challenge people to look for and embrace the spirit behind the letter of the law. Jesus calls out the scribes and the Pharisees who have gotten so caught up in trying to win their salvation or the favor of others by obeying the rules perfectly that they have lost sight of the original intent behind them. The Pharisees and scribes aren’t alone in their vice—there are some people in every religion who get off track in this way. Jesus wants his listeners to look deeper than the laws themselves. What is the value they are trying to uphold? How are they offering life, and a fuller life, to those who would follow them? For example, many of us can avoid murdering another human being, but none of us escapes being angry at others. Jesus is pointing out that we need to look at the root of our behavior (anger and lust in this passage) to see where we are imprisoned. Anger, without murder, still imprisons us and the person we are angry with. Lust, even without adultery, does harm to our most intimate relationship. So let’s not let ourselves off the hook like the Pharisees just because we seem to have our acts together on the surface. Let’s look for where we can invite in more freedom, compassion, and graciousness—for **our sake and for the sake of everyone we are in relationship with.**

Questions of the

Week

1

The commandments that Jesus mentions aren’t arbitrary rules handed down on from on high just to make our lives harder. They invite us to greater freedom. Share an example of how choosing to follow a law, commandment, or teaching from the Bible has made your life better or richer even if it was difficult ?

2

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So Jesus uses hyperbole in his saying “if your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out...” This is not meant literally, but is a metaphor for saying that we must give up whatever leads us to sin.

Share an experience of giving up something in your own life which ultimately led to greater freedom ?

