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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 15, 2026

From the Desk of the Pastor:

The Greek philosopher, Plato, four hundred years before Christ, wrote of two horses in the human heart, Passion and Reason. Passion is the wild untamed horse with boundless strength and energy, but very hard to control and direct. Reason is the tamed horse, accustomed to the reins, disciplined in stride and responding to directions. A chariot hitched to a pair of Passions might go anywhere but would surely crash or overturn before long. However, a charioteer who selects a pair of Reasons will be too cautious and fearful to go anywhere worthwhile. But if Passion and Reason can be paired, then the powerful energy is harnessed, and the journey of life can be enjoyed. – The teaching of Jesus strongly affirms the need for rules, but rules are to be understood as a means to the end, which is a life of spiritual strength and commitment.

The first reading, taken from Sirach, contains the clearest statement in the Old Testament concerning the God-given freedom of the human will. It exonerates God from all responsibility for evil in the world. *“If you choose, you can keep the commandments . . . before you are life and death, whichever you choose shall be given you.”* In the second reading, Paul challenges his Corinthian believers to appreciate the wisdom of God’s saving plan for His people, a plan hidden for ages but now revealed by the Spirit. In the selection from the Sermon on the Mount in today’s Gospel, while challenging his disciples to live a life of justice and righteousness which should exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus as the new lawgiver sets forth his own position with regard to the Law given through Moses, by providing new interpretation and meaning for the old laws. In today’s Gospel passage, Jesus explains the real meaning of three Mosaic laws concerning murder, adultery and divorce, and false oaths: Jesus teaches that Anger is murder, an impure look is Adultery, while unlawful Divorce is double violation of natural law and the covenant with God, and False Oaths are sacrilegious.

Life messages: 1) We need to obey God’s Law, appreciating its basic principles: In obeying God’s law and Church law, let us remember the two basic principles on which these laws are based, namely, the principle of reverence and the principle of respect. In the first four of the Ten Commandments, we are asked to reverence God, reverence His holy Name, reverence His holy day, and reverence our father and mother. The next six commandments instruct us to respect life, one’s personal integrity, one’s good name, the legal system, another’s property, and another’s spouse. Our obedience to these laws must be prompted by love of God and gratitude to Him for His blessings. Jesus explains that anger is murder, evil thoughts, words, looks, and behavior are adultery, unlawful divorce is sinful, and false oaths are sacrilegious. 2) We need to forgive, forget, and move toward reconciliation as soon as possible. St. Paul advises us *“Be angry [righteous anger] but do not sin”* (Eph 4:26). When we keep anger in our spirit, we are inviting physical illnesses, like hypertension, and mental illnesses, like depression. Let us relax and keep silence when we are angry, wait before acting on our anger, giving it time to detoxify and cool off, pray for God’s strength for self-control, and give the Holy Spirit time to help us to see the event through Jesus’ eyes instead of through anger’s eyes. 3) We need to be true to God, to ourselves, and to others. Let us allow God’s word of truth to penetrate our minds and hearts and to form our consciences, making us men and women of integrity.

Fr. Luke



Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday

Rosary at 4:30 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Rosary at 9:25 a.m.

Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Rosary in Spanish at 12:00 noon

12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday and Friday - Mass at 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
at 5:00 p.m. followed by Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each Month 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. &
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

By appointment other times

Holy Day Masses

6:30 p.m. English

7:30 p.m. Spanish

Masses at Wellspring

Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Thursday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the church or by telephone conference call. Mass immediately follows. If you wish to join by telephone, call the church office for details.

Children's Stations of the Cross

During Lent the Children's Stations of the Cross will begin at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays, when Faith Formation classes are in session.

Location of Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

Two AEDs are on church property: one in the parish hall next to the women's restroom and the other one in the church foyer near the church entrance and bathrooms. Remember their locations, just in case you may need to retrieve one.

Join us in prayer for the needs of our families and community.....

Pray for: Nadia Allmon, Jeff Briscoe, Barbara Dean, Adam Elliott, Steve Francis, Maria Gutierrez, Natalie Hayes, Maria Lezama, Shirley Long, Kamicia Lunceford, Julieta Marroquin, Judy LeBlanc, Dudley McKamie, Michael Miller, Leslie Payne, Donna Rocha, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Danny Smith, Shirley Stenklyft, Matthew Williams, Manuel Yañez.

Mass Intentions

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| Sat | Feb 14 | 5:00 p.m. | Felix Wong+ |
| Sun | Feb 15 | 10:00 a.m. | Members of Our Parish |
| Sun | Feb 15 | 12:30 p.m. | Charles Giroux+ |
| Tue | Feb 17 | 12:30 p.m. | Lucile Cook+ |
| Wed | Feb 18 | 6:00 p.m. | Darlene Nolan+ |
| Wed | Feb 18 | 7:15 p.m. | Blanca Villatoro+ |
| Thu | Feb 19 | 5:00 p.m. | Charles Giroux+ |
| Fri | Feb 20 | 12:30 p.m. | Phil Smith+ |
| Sat | Feb 21 | 5:00 p.m. | Felisa Brillantes+ |

Parish Giving

February 8, 2026

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| 1st Collection | \$ 5,342.00 |
| 2nd Collection | \$ 468.00 |
| 3rd Collection | \$ 223.00 |
| Children's Collection | \$ 62.05 |

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| 2nd Collection | Feb 15 | Helpers in Ministry |
| 2nd Collection | Feb 22 | Black and Indian Missions |
| 3rd Collection | Feb 22 | Lawn Care Maintenance |

Mass Attendance

5:00 p.m. 98
10:00 a.m. 138 and 12:30 p.m. 114

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Luke Kalarickal, M.S.F.S.

Deacons: Ruben Natera; Clarence Blalock

Acolytes: Rick Downey; Felipe Segura;
Alberto Robledo

Bookkeeper: Noelia Gonzalez

Office Assistant: Linda Rossler

Committee Chairs

Pastoral Council Chair: Theresa Cheatham

Finance Council Chair: Lou Napolitano

Maintenance Committee Chair: Rick Downey

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Office closes for lunch between noon and 1:00 p.m.



Charity never enters a heart without bringing with it all the other virtues, empowering them and marshalling them as needed, just as a captain does his soldiers.

St. Francis de Sales

News and Notes

2026 Bishop's Appeal for Ministries

If you have not yet turned in your pledge in support of the 2026 Bishop's Appeal for Ministries, please prayerfully consider making a pledge or a one-time contribution. Appeal envelopes are in the pews. You may place your pledge envelope in the basket in the church, mail it directly to the diocese, or complete your pledge online at the Diocese of Tyler's website. Our parish goals are 100% participation and \$42,000. Thank you.

No Mass Tuesday, February 17

There will be no Mass at Prince of Peace on Tuesday, February 17.

Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday is on February 18, 2025, with Masses at 6 p.m. in English and 7:15 p.m. in Spanish.

Men's Ministry Meeting

The Ministry for Men will meet this coming Thursday, February 19, from 6:45 until 8:00 p.m. in the parish hall.
All men of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.

Stations of the Cross during Lent

Stations of the Cross will immediately follow the 12:30 p.m. Friday Mass with the exception of First Friday on March 2, at which time the Stations will immediately follow Adoration, which ends at 2:00 p.m.

Faith Formation

There will be no class room instruction on Ash Wednesday; however, all students are expected to attend one of the Masses. Mass Attendance will also be counted as classroom attendance. During Lent, Faith Formation students and catechists will pray the Stations of the Cross before class time, beginning at 5:45 p.m. All are invited.

Lenten Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday begins the Season of Lent and is a day of fast and abstinence from meat. All Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence from meat. Obligatory fasting applies to those who are age 18 until age 59. Fasting means one full meal is permitted, as well as two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal. The abstinence requirement begins at age 14 and continues throughout life. Exemptions include those who are sick, have certain chronic illnesses, are pregnant or nursing, etc. Common sense should prevail.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Friday, February 20th

Our Whitehouse KoC will have its first Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, February 20, from 5 - 7 p.m. Purchase your tickets from a Knight at all Masses this weekend, or pay at the door on February 20.

Springfest 2026

We thank Paul Bibeau for accepting to take leadership for this year's Springfest. This year we are planning to get the Whitehouse community involved in the Festival. Paul will be contacting you for volunteers for various committees, besides the fact that everyone in the parish will be invited to participate in it as a parish wide event. Please show your cooperation and support. Thank you.

St. Gregory's Early Learning Center

St. Gregory's Early Learning Center provides faith-based care and education for infants and children through 3 years of age. Registration is now open. Flyers are available in the church foyer.

Stroke Scan at Prince of Peace

Stroke Scan will be coming to Prince of Peace on Saturday, February 21, to provide health screenings. If you did not pre-register, you may contact Stroke Scan Plus directly at 832-437-7355. Flyers are on the table in the church foyer.

Safe Environment

Parental supervision of children keeps them safe, including when they are in church or on church grounds. If need be during Mass, escort your children to the restroom, wait for them, and return to your seat with them.

If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or the TX Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org. The Diocese of Tyler is committed to respecting the dignity of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church. Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church Personnel should be reported to civil authorities and also to the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org.



The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each weekend Mass. Please be mindful of the need for silent reflection, both in the nave and in the church foyer, out of respect for the Rosary and in preparation for the Holy Mass. Everyone is advised to come and join the Rosary and receive its priceless benefits and graces.

Kids, Youth/Adult Bible Corner

Answers of January 25/February 1

Kids: a. Judah
b. God

Answered by David Gutierrez, Vicky Gutierrez, Elijah Rivera and Zaya Monnen.

Adults: a. Bezalel's
b. Because they were stiff-necked people.

Answered by Andrea Gustafson, Leo Rossler, Linda Rossler, Theresa Cheatham, Bacilia Velazquez, Nazaria Coralde, Neri Gutierrez and Mimi Plumb.

Questions for February 15, 2026 (Leviticus 1-5)

Kids: a. Which side of the altar shall the flock (sheep or goat) be slaughtered for offering?
b. What animal was to be offered if someone committed a sin by inadvertently cheating in the Lord's sacred dues?

Adults: a. When an anointed priest committed a sin, what kind of offering had to be made to the Lord?
b. For whose sins should an unblemished she-goat be offered ?

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