

THE LAW OF LOVE

The focus of today's liturgy is "obedience to God's word." We are challenged to "keep the commandments, to walk in the law of the Lord."

In order to keep the commandments, we must first know what they are and then we must understand them correctly. Jesus deals with this problem in the Gospel. The Jews had a law about murder, but they had misread it to mean that one was in the clear as long as one was not actually, personally killing someone. Jesus challenged his Jewish followers to follow the correct interpretation of the law, which meant that they were not to be the kind of people who would kill or would do anything that leads to someone else's death.

We Christians believe that God's "command of perfect love" obliges us to do what is just and right. It is not good enough to stay out of trouble; we must work at setting things right in the world. It is not good enough to give food to the hungry; we must work at making ours a society in which people do not go hungry.

"Give me discernment, that I may observe your law and keep it with all my heart."

The responsibility for alleviating the plight of the poor falls upon all members of society. As individuals, all citizens have a duty to assist the poor through acts of charity and personal commitment. But private charity and voluntary action are not sufficient. We also carry out our moral responsibility to assist and empower the poor by working collectively through government to establish just and effective public policies.

U.S. Bishops, Economic Justice for All, 1986: 189.

Gerald Darring

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the rectory after your baby's birth to prepare for this initial Sacrament of spiritual life.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick (and Communion Calls)

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February 12, 2017
Sixth Sunday in
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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Brazilian Mass 12:00 noon

Rev. Messias

Weekday Masses

(in the lower-level Chapel)

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturdays 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

or by appointment

Holy Days

9:00 a.m.

If you are new to the parish, WELCOME!

Please introduce yourself. We want to know you and to serve you. We hope you will favor your parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance - according to your means.

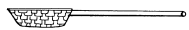
This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 11	4PM - Parishioners of Saint Charles
Sunday, February 12	9AM - Parishioners of Saint Charles
Tuesday, February 14	9AM - John R. Bibeault, Jr. by Paula Klara
Wednesday, February 15	9AM - Mass of the Day
Thursday, February 16	9AM - Lucille Blake
Friday, February 17	9AM - Aldo F. Rossi & deceased family members by the family
Saturday February 18	4 PM - Parishioners of Saint Charles
Sunday, February 19	9AM - Parishioners of Saint Charles

Last Weekend's Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 1,949.00
Loose Money	\$ 241.00
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	\$ 2,190.00

Thank you



Scripture for the week of February 12, 2017

Sunday: 10/Mt	Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-5:17-37
Monday: Tuesday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13 Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Thursday:	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26 Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Saturday:	Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-15/Mk 8:34--9:1 Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday:	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

"The great thing to remember is that though our feelings come and go, God's love for us does not."

~C. S. Lewis

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5: 17 – 37

Focusing the Gospel

To the point:

What does it mean for Jesus to fulfill the law? Jesus sees in the law the means to the fulfillment of time ("until all things have taken place"), when the law will be replaced by righteous relationships within the kingdom of heaven. The fundamental law is gift of self to others. When self-giving is lacking in any act of keeping the law, the law in fact is not kept. We are to keep the law as the way to enter a manner of caring for and relating to others that leads to fullness of Life. Our model for so doing is Jesus.

Connecting the Gospel

To the First Reading:

Keeping the law as an act of love (Gospel) is a matter of "life and death" (First Reading) We have only to make the choice.

To Experience:

We don't choose to fall in love, it just happens. But staying in love requires constant choosing, that what just happened by chance and grace becomes pattern and commitment. The same is true for the fundamental law of self-giving, which is really a fundamental law of love.

Announcements



THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION is for Fuel Assistance.

OUR ANNUAL ST. PATRICK DINNER will be held on Saturday, March 11 after the 4PM Mass. Tickets are \$15 and will be available for purchase after Masses the next few weekends. Tickets are also available at the rectory during office hours (Mon. & Tues. 10: AM – 2: PM)

WE ARE IN NEED OF ALTAR SERVERS - If you feel called to help the parish in this ministry, please call Lorraine Doherty (401) 766-0820. Training will be provided.

FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION - for individuals and families making \$55,000 or less, *PROJECT HOPE* is sponsoring free income tax preparation by IRS certified volunteers at St. Patrick Academy, 244 Smith Street in Providence. Mondays 4:30 - 8PM from February 6th through April 17th, **by appointment only**. For more information and /or an appointment, please call Lorraine at (401) 421-7070.

HYGIENE PRODUCTS NEEDED - *Project Clean* is a program that helps collect hygiene products to assist Woonsocket individuals and families in transition, who are disabled, or recently unemployed and don't have access to such necessary items. Without good hygiene, it is harder for people to find employment, and adults and children are more susceptible to illness. During the month of February, we will have collection bins here at our parish, to collect some of the following items: soaps, shampoos, deodorants, toothpastes, toothbrushes, razors, toilet paper, shaving creams, hand sanitizers, feminine sanitary products.

Toiletries are given out at Bryan's Pantry here at St. Charles, to people, based on their need. If you can afford to donate any of these items it would be most appreciated. God Bless your Generosity!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PASTA DINNER to support **Woonsocket Police COPSWALK and the families of fallen officers** - Saturday, Febru-

ary 18th from 5 to 7 PM. Pasta, meatballs, salad, garlic bread. \$10 per person / \$6 Ages 5-11 / under 5 free. Maximum family \$40. All Saints Church 323 Rathbun Street. For more info, contact Woonsocket K of C or ecunanan@woonsocketri.org

50TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN FAITH FORMATION CONVOCATION - Saturday, March 18th at Bryant University, Smithfield, RI.

All adults are invited to be refreshed in your faith, enjoy fellowship with other Catholics, and be equipped to discuss your Catholic Faith with others. Hear dynamic speakers, including Msgr. Stuart Swetland, host of Relevant Radio's '*Go Ask Your Father,*' Fr. Michael Gaitley, M.I.C., author of '*33 Days to Morning Glory,*' and local author and columnist, Genevieve Kineke. Topics include Catholic Ecology, Praying with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Evangelization, Sharing the Faith with Children and Teens, and more. The day begins with Holy Mass at 8:30 AM celebrated by The Most Rev. Robert Evans. The schedule runs from 10AM - 5PM and includes inspirational general sessions, informative workshops, lunch, Confessions, and Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Advance ticket sales only. Purchase tickets and view the full schedule and list of the speakers at www.discovercatholicfaith.org. For more information contact the Office of Faith Formation at (401) 278-4646. Registration Fee (includes Lunch \$35 per person Early Bird registration *if post-marked by February 18th, 2017*) \$40 per person after February 18th, 2017 (no exceptions)

PLEASE NOTE that in the upcoming cold months if there is **no school** in Woonsocket due to snow days or inclement weather, there will be **no morning Mass.**

For weekend Masses if in doubt in snowstorms, please call All Saints Rectory (401) 762-1100.