



They left everything  
and followed him.

LUKE 5:11

## Unsolicited Calls

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**S**ometimes life calls us to a place that feels just right, as if it's where we're meant to be. I know a person who has always wanted to be a dad, and so he is—a stay-at-home dad of three, and he loves it. On the other hand, sometimes life's calls unfold in directions beyond our plans and seem to flow from a wisdom greater than our own. Author John Grisham studied to be a lawyer, something that unfolded into his becoming a writer of mysteries and thrillers instead. Calls seem to be written upon our spirits. How else would God call us?

Isaiah, Paul, and Peter found themselves called by God into lives they never wanted, baffled by God's whys and wherefores. Their calls pushed them into lives they initially resisted.

Such calls can happen to us as well. A man finds himself caring for his aged mother after his father's death. His siblings seem unwilling or unable to help, so there is no one else. Grandparents find themselves raising their grandchildren because their son's or daughter's life is frayed beyond repair, and there is no one else to nurture and love the children. The calls of God at times are calls into lives not of our own choosing. They arise from greater needs when there seems to be no one else but us to say "yes." Our reluctance and anxiety may attest that these calls come from God. They then become paths to ever-deepening faith and trust in God. ●

### Reflect

***Do you experience God calling you?  
What is your answer?***

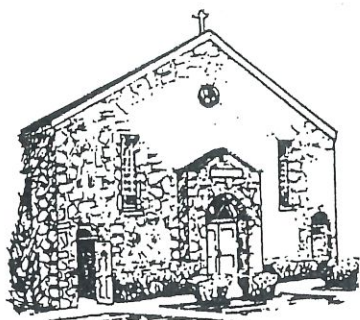


# Catholic Communities

Parish Pastor

Rev. William Pifher

419-446-9288



## Our Lady of Mercy

409 E. Main St.  
Fayette, OH 43521

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 a.m.  
Thursday 9:00 a.m.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ron Eisel  
Pat Eisel  
Ray Hollstein  
Mike Burkholder  
Traci Maginn  
Barbara Roby

Clothing items can be donated via our drop off site on the east side of the building. Our store is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Contact Rhonda Monahan at 517-306-7986 for information.



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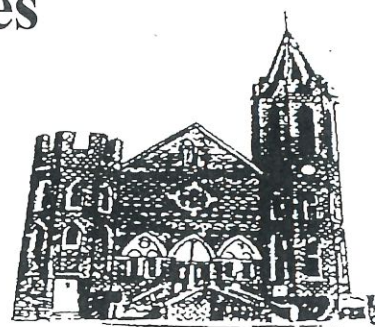
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Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
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### SACRAMENT INFORMATION

- **Baptism:** Please call Father Pifher at 419-446-9288 to make arrangements for Baptism. A month's notice would be helpful.
- **Reconciliation:** Father will be available for confessions **starting 30 minutes before Mass each week.**
- **New Parishioners:** A warm welcome as you enter our Parish Community! You are asked to register at the parish office or see the pastor as soon as possible. If you are moving from the parish, please inform the office so we may remove your name from our parish records.
- **Anointing of the Sick:** Those who can participate: Anyone who is seriously sick or suffering a grave illness (not a cold, or flu) which is treated or medicated for by a doctor. Also for those of old age which often brings morale or depression factors (body, mind, or spirit). Please make arrangements with Father or call the parish office.
- **Matrimony:** Please contact the Parish Office *six months* ahead of your planned wedding date, for Marriage Preparation and scheduling.
- **RCIA:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a series of classes designed to bring new members into the Catholic church. Weekly sessions begin in September. People who have not been baptized, who have not been practicing or who have been raised in another faith are all welcome to register. Parishioners are encouraged to invite interested family members and friends. There is no obligation to join the church. This is simply an opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith. Contact Fr. William Pifher at 419-446-9288.

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# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED SUNDAY'S AT 8 A.M.

### BFF'S

Due to the inclement weather today's BFF is canceled. Next BFF will be February 23, 2025.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

After Mass –Feb. 16  
At Home –Feb. 9 & Feb. 23

### ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

Altar Rosary Society will be meeting today Sunday, February 9, 2024 after Mass

### THANK YOU

I want to say thank you to Mary Bird, Denise Miller, Marge Crowell, Barb Bruggeman, and Mary Borer for serving the meal & to all the ladies who provided a dessert, salad or any other side dish for the meal. Without your love and support I wouldn't be able to do this. The family of Rosemary Pontius also say thank you for providing a beautiful lunch. Please pick up any dishes that you may have from the luncheon in the basement. Thank you Pat Eisel.

### ADULT LENTEN STUDY

The Adult Lenten Study will be based on Bishop Robert Baron's program "The Mass"—part 2. Participation in last year's study is not a prerequisite for participating this year. A flyer with dates, time and a registration form is on the back tables. The registration form needs to be returned by Tuesday, February 18, 2025. Please prayerfully consider participating in this year's program.

### ST. VINCENT de PAUL NEWS

St. Vincent de Paul is looking for volunteers. If you have a couple of hours on Monday's and Thursday's that you can spare to help sort and put donations out we would love for you to join us. For more information please see or call Marge Crowell 419-237-2362.

### SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, March 1, 2025, Our Lady of Mercy will be having a Mardi Gras Event. All parishioners 21 and over are invited for a night of Mardi Gras style food and games. Please mark your calendars. More information will be available closer to the date.

### DAILY QUOTES FROM MOTHER ANGELICA PERPETUAL CALENDAR

"Don't complain about the Church. You are the Church, and God has destined you to proclaim the Good News by example, by family life, by a holy single life, and by faithfulness."

### DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

Notebook 2

923 (277) February 7, [1937]. Today, the Lord said to me. **I demand of you a perfect and whole-burnt offering; an offering of will. No other sacrifice can compare with this one. I Myself am directing your life and arranging things in such a way that you will be for Me a continual sacrifice and will always do My will. And for the accomplishment of this offering, you will unite yourself with Me on the Cross. I know what you can do. I Myself will give you many orders directly, but I will delay the possibility of their being carried out and make it depend on others. But what the superiors will not manage to do, I Myself will accomplish directly in your soul. And in the most hidden depths of your soul, a perfect holocaust will be carried out, not just for a while, but know, My daughter, that this offering will last until your death. But there is time, so that I the Lord will fulfill all your wishes. I delight in you as in a living host; let nothing terrify you; I am with you.**

### ST. PETER NEWS

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday starting at 8 a.m. ending with Mass at 7 p.m.

#### FISH FRY-DAYS

Archbold Knights of Columbus Fish Fry-Days begin January 24 thru April 18

*Did you know that Deacon Larry Zachrich is also available for Baptisms and Weddings? Contact Larry at 419-966-7091.*

### FAYETTE/SURROUNDING AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS

---Feb. 9 – Fayette Legion Auxiliary Baked potato dinner drive thru 11:30am until gone  
---Opera House events  
Feb. 22 – Stand Up Comedy – The Real John King, 7 p.m.

---Feb. 19 – Community Meal – 5-6 pm – Fayette Methodist Life Center

If you know of any Fayette Community events, please either call or visit the office or email to [OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com)

**Prayer chain-ANYONE wishing to submit prayer requests can email or call Our Lady of Mercy office. Email [olomprayerchain@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:olomprayerchain@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com)**

**Privacy Issues for Parish Office:**  
**IMMEDIATE FAMILY** – must contact the parish office for all prayer requests to be posted in the parish bulletin. Please submit with the exact verbiage requested. Contact Sherry Renner at the parish office at 419-237-2441, no later than Thursday at noon. By law, the parish office does not divulge private information we receive from hospitals.



# Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



## “The Pursuit of the Common Good and Human Dignity: The Catholic Approach to Immigration”

As Bishop and Shepherd of the faithful in the Diocese of Toledo, I find it necessary to speak with clarity amidst the confusion and polarization that currently surrounds the issue of immigration, which has recently come to the forefront of our national discussion.

As recently reiterated by Archbishop Timothy Broglio, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), “The Catholic Church is not aligned with any political party... No matter who occupies the White House or holds the majority on Capitol Hill, the Church’s teachings remain unchanged.” Immigration issues are complex and we must be diligent in offering and advocating for the Church’s teaching, especially concerning the common good and each person’s right to human dignity.

Catholic Social Teaching has as its first principle the affirmation that every human being is made in the image and likeness of God and

therefore possesses an inviolable dignity. Enforcement of just immigration laws is the right

of every nation and is not in itself an affront to this dignity. Nations in their prudential judgment must discern how best to regulate their borders while maintaining the common good and respect for each person, both immigrant and native citizen. The Catechism of the Catholic Church

lays out two balancing principles (welcoming the foreigner and the responsibility to regulate national borders) which must be held together in balance. The disregard or overemphasis of either principle will lead to a distortion of the Church’s full teaching on this vital issue.

First:

“The more prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the foreigner in search of the security and the means of livelihood which he cannot find in his country of origin. Public authorities should see to it that the natural right is respected that places a guest under the protection of those





who receive him" (CCC 2241).

Flowing from this, we cannot affirm any immigration or deportation policy which:

- dehumanizes immigrants, legal or illegal, through hostile rhetoric or implies that they are anything less than children of God, made in His image and likeness.
- Detains immigrants indefinitely or deprives them of basic human necessities while in custody.
- permanently separates families, especially children from their parents, except where children are in danger of abuse.
- deploys excessive violence in enforcement of the law, except where needed to protect lives.

The second principle, which balances the first, states:

"Political authorities, for the sake of the common good for which they are responsible, may make the exercise of the right to immigrate subject to various juridical conditions, especially with regard to the immigrants' duties toward their country of adoption. Immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the material and spiritual heritage of the country that receives them, to obey its laws and to assist in carrying civic burdens" (CCC 2241).

Because of this, we must reject any immigration policy (or lack thereof) which:

- encourages or normalizes illegal immigration.
- leads to de-facto "open borders," which harm the common good of both immigrant and native citizen by facilitating the grave sins of violent crime, human trafficking and drug trafficking.
- exploits immigrants for cheap labor, which degrades their dignity and depresses the wages of native citizens.

- implies that immigrants, whether legal or illegal, have no responsibility to serve the needs of their host country or obey its laws.

As faithful Catholics and responsible citizens, we are duty-bound to pray for unity and to advocate for just immigration laws that prioritize the common good and protect the human dignity of each person. You are encouraged to contact your elected officials and urge them to uphold our nation's laws without compromising our Catholic principles.

Christ founded the Church, his Mystical Body, to be "the pillar and foundation of truth" (1 Timothy 3:15) amidst a chaotic and sinful world. We stand firmly upon this pillar, trusting our Lord to enlighten our minds, direct our hearts, and lead us to the fullness of truth. Only in this balanced pursuit of truth, enabled by God's grace, can we hope to defend the common good and the human dignity of all peoples, both immigrant and native citizen.



Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas  
Bishop of Toledo  
February 3, 2025

*Further Reading:*

- Statement of Archbishop Broglio on Executive Orders Signed by the President  
<https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/statement-archbishop-broglio-executive-orders-signed-president>
- “Human Dignity is Not Dependent on a Person's Citizenship or Immigration Status”  
<https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/human-dignity-not-dependent-persons-citizenship-or-immigration-status>
- USCCB – Catholic Social Teaching on Immigration and the Movement of Peoples  
<https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration/catholic-teaching-on-immigration-and-the-movement-of-peoples>



# Saints of the Day

([www.morningoffering.com](http://www.morningoffering.com))

Week of Feb. 9 – Feb. 15

**Sunday, Feb. 9 – Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich-** Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich (1774-1824) was born in Germany to a devout peasant family. From a young age she received divine knowledge imparted to her through extremely detailed visions of the lives of Jesus, the Virgin Mary, and the saints. As a child her guardian angel often appeared to her, and Jesus himself visited her while she was tending sheep. The suffering souls in purgatory often called upon her assistance to offer prayers and penances on their behalf. At the age of 28, after many years of longing for the religious life, Anne Catherine entered the novitiate with the Augustinians. She devoted her life to waging a spiritual battle for suffering souls, and in her great charity she accepted extreme physical, yet supernatural, sufferings which ultimately left her bedridden. This strange phenomena of physical suffering for the spiritual condition of other souls was not always accepted by others, and she endured much ridicule due to the astonishing manner in which her experiences displayed themselves. Her daily visions gave her special insight into the spiritual realm which have been recorded into now-popular books, and were used to discover what is believed to be the house of Mary in Ephesus. Her feast day is February 9th.

**Monday, Feb. 10– St. Scholastica** - St. Scholastica (480–542 A.D.) was born in Nursia, Italy, to a noble Roman family, along with her twin brother, the famous St. Benedict of Nursia. Their mother died in childbirth. Scholastica was dedicated to God as a child, and from a young age both siblings sensed a special divine calling. They both entered religious life and established communities within five miles of each other; St. Scholastica led a convent near Monte Cassino where Benedict established his world-renowned monastery. Because of the isolated nature of their vocations, the siblings only met once a year at a local farmhouse to discuss spiritual matters. During what was to be their final meeting, St. Scholastica had a premonition that her death was imminent. She asked Benedict to spend the night at the farmhouse so they could continue their visit, but he refused as it was forbidden in his monastic rule. Scholastica turned her request to God and prayed that her brother would stay with her. Suddenly a great thunderstorm erupted that made travel impossible, and Benedict was forced to stay. Scholastica died a few days later, and in a vision St. Benedict saw her soul leave her body in the form of a dove. St. Scholastica is the patron of nuns and against lightening, rain, and storms. Her feast day is February 10.

**Tuesday, Feb. 11– Blessed Bartholomew of Olmedo-** Blessed Bartholomew of Olmedo (1485-1524) was a Spanish Mercedarian priest, and the first priest to arrive on Mexican soil in 1516 at the age of 31. He was chaplain for the expedition of Spanish Conquistador Fernando Cortés, who began the Spanish colonization of the Americas and the downfall of the Aztec empire. Bartholomew was well-liked by the native people. He taught them the Christian faith and exhorted them to end their practice of human sacrifice. He also defended them against injustice and restrained Cortés from acting out in violence against them. Bartholomew taught the native Mexicans devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of Our Lady of Mercy, which they embraced. Blessed Bartholomew of Olmedo baptized more than 2500 people before he died in Mexico in 1524 at the age of 39. He was buried in Santiago de Tlatelolco. His feast day is February 11.

**Wednesday, Feb. 12 – St. Julian the Hospitaller** - St. Julian the Hospitaller (4th c.) came from a wealthy noble family in Europe. Little of his life is known with certainty. According to legend he married a noble widow, and was put under a curse at some point in his life. The curse was that he would one day kill his parents. To prevent this from happening, Julian and his wife moved far away from them. Julian's parents later found their whereabouts and made an unexpected visit while Julian was away. Julian's wife offered them her bed to sleep for the night. When Julian arrived home and found his bed occupied with a couple, he slew them both assuming it was his wife with another man. When Julian learned the truth, he was horrified by his actions and spent the rest of his life in penance. He and his wife went on a pilgrimage to Rome, and on their return established a hospital to continue their penance, dedicating their lives to caring for the poor and sick. One day a leper came to stay in the hospital; after Julian cared for his wounds, the leper revealed himself to be an angel and told Julian that God granted him absolution for his sins. The hospital was built near a river that was often crossed by pilgrims on their way to the Crusades. St. Julian



**(St. Julian the Hospitaller – cont.)**

the Hospitaller is the patron saint of hospitality, travelers, innkeepers, boatmen, pilgrims, and knights. His feast day is celebrated on February 12th.

**Thursday, Feb. 13 –St. Catherine del Ricci–** St. Catherine del Ricci (1522-1590) was born with the name Alessandra in Florence, Italy, to a respectable merchant family. Her mother died while she was very young, so that from her childhood Alessandra took the Blessed Virgin Mary as her mother. She was given to prayer and religious fervor, and at the age of fourteen decided to enter a strict Third Order Dominican convent, taking Catherine as her religious name. She developed into a great mystic with an intense devotion to the Passion of Christ. For many years Catherine would go into ecstasy from noon every Thursday through 4 p.m. on Friday, experiencing in a mystical manner the sufferings of Christ during his Passion. She was also given the spiritual gift of the stigmata; Christ's wounds would appear on her body through the course of the ecstasy. After enduring much humiliation for years on account of these sufferings, she was eventually accepted as a holy woman and later became prioress. Her advice was widely sought on many spiritual and practical matters. Despite being cloistered, she kept up a loving correspondence with many relatives, friends, and her spiritual children. Among those in her correspondence were three future popes, Pope Marcellus II, Pope Clement VIII, and Pope Leo XI. Her feast day is February 13.

**Friday, Feb. 14– St. Valentine of Rome -** St. Valentine of Rome (c. 270) was a priest who lived in Rome during the reign of Emperor Claudius II. Little is known of his life with certainty, except that he ministered to Christians who were persecuted and imprisoned for their faith, and died a martyr. One account has it that the emperor banned all marriages and engagements in Rome, believing this was the reason Roman men were unwilling to serve in the army. Valentine defied this unjust decree and continued to perform marriages for lovers in secret. He was arrested, and while in prison he restored sight to his jailer's blind daughter, causing the jailer and his entire extended household, forty-six people in total, to immediately convert to Christianity. Upon hearing this, Claudius ordered Valentine's execution. St. Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, whom he had befriended, and signed it "From Your Valentine." He was beheaded on February 14th. St. Valentine is the patron of many causes including bee keepers, betrothed and engaged couples, lovers, love, happy marriages, and young people. His feast day is February 14th.

**Saturday, Feb. 15– St. Claude de la Colombiere -** St. Claude de la Colombiere (1641-1682) was born to a noble family in France and became a Jesuit priest. He was known for his solid and serious sermons and his dedication to observing the rule of his order with exactness. He became the rector of a Jesuit house next to the Monastery of the Visitation where St. Margaret Mary Alacoque lived, who was given special revelations from Jesus of His Sacred Heart. Claude became St. Margaret Mary's spiritual director, and, like her, became a zealous promoter of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In 1676 he was sent to England to attend the wife of the future King James II, serving at court as preacher and confessor. When anti-Catholic persecutions broke out, Claude was falsely accused of being involved in a 'papist plot' and was thrown into prison. While there his health suffered due to mistreatment. He was preserved from execution and instead banished from England by royal decree. He returned to his native France, where his fragile health continued to deteriorate until he died a few years later. The day after his death, St. Margaret Mary received supernatural assurance that he needed no prayers, as he was already in heaven. His feast day is February 15.





# Our Lady of Mercy Parish



FEBRUARY 9, 2025

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church is united by our commitment to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of our rural families and steward the resources entrusted to us. We value the diversity within our Catholic community and invite all to walk with us on our journey of faith.

## THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Sun. Feb. 9	8:30a.m.	OLM	Marcel Bonin
	10:30a.m.	SP	Lydia Wlasiuk Greg Wlasiuk
Tues. Feb. 11	6:30 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed. Feb. 12	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs. Feb. 13	9:00 a.m.	OLM	For the People
Fri. Feb. 14	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat. Feb. 15	4:30 pm	SP	Gina Dammon John Van Pelt
Sun. Feb. 16	8:30a.m.	OLM	For the People
	10:30a.m.	SP	Cathy Warner Carolyn Bigger

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- Religious Ed. Dates
- Feb. 16 – after Mass
- Feb. 9 & Feb. 23 – at home
- Feb. 9 – Altar Rosary Society meeting after Mass
- Feb. 20 – Pastoral Council meeting at 6:15 p.m., Parish Office
- Feb. 23 – Myla Burkholder, 1<sup>st</sup> Penance

## SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for February 2, 2025

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (13 envelopes)	\$ 786.00
LOOSE OFFERINGS	\$ 220.00
<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 1,747.00</b>
Over / (Under)	(\$ 741.00)
<b>OTHER COLLECTION</b>	
Postage Help	\$ 17.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 55.00
CPC Jar	\$ 13.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS (Sunday &amp; Other)</b>	<b>\$ 1,091.00</b>

## NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

	February 16, 2025
<b>Greeters/Gifts</b>	Joyce Bonin Marge Crowell
<b>Reader</b>	Angie Beuregard
<b>Servers</b>	Evan Beauregard Kennedy Kunkle
<b>Ushers</b>	Angie Beuregard Terry Kovar
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Until further notice
<b>Money Counters</b>	Terry Kovar Joanna Marry Eli Eberly

**Word(s) of the week** (from The America College Dictionary)

DISCIPLE– any follower of Christ

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,  
“Whom shall I send?”

Who will go for us?”

“Here I am,” I said; “send me!”

Isaiah 6:8



# Dear Padre,

*Who was St. Valentine? Do our Valentine's Day traditions of love and romance have anything to do with the actual St. Valentine?*

There were actually three St. Valentines. One was a priest who was beheaded in Rome on February 14 in the year 269. Another was a bishop, who was also martyred in the third century. Both are buried on the Appian Way in Rome. The third St. Valentine is a lesser-known saint who died in Africa with a number of companions during the early centuries of the Church. The tomb of this St. Valentine became a center of popular devotion in the early Middle Ages. In 496, Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor this particular St. Valentine.

The popular romantic customs that surround our present Valentine's Day trace their origins back to the Middle Ages. The English writer Geoffrey Chaucer noted that halfway through the second month of the year, February 14, the birds begin to choose their mates. For this reason, the day was looked upon as specially consecrated to lovers and as a proper occasion for writing love letters and sending lovers' tokens. People who gave or received these tokens or letters were referred to as "valentines." In the Middle Ages, a legend also developed that St. Valentine the priest left a farewell note for his jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and that he signed that note "From Your Valentine." ●



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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

### Monday

February 10  
*St. Scholastica,  
Virgin*  
Gn 1:1-19  
Mk 6:53-56

### Tuesday

February 11  
*Weekday*  
Gn 1:20-2:4a  
Mk 7:1-13

### Wednesday

February 12  
*Weekday*  
Gn 2:4b-9,  
15-17  
Mk 7:14-23

### Thursday

February 13  
*Weekday*  
Gn 2:18-25  
Mk 7:24-30

### Friday

February 14  
*Sts. Cyril, Monk  
and Methodius,  
Bishop*  
Gn 3:1-8  
Mk 7:31-37

### Saturday

February 15  
*Weekday*  
Gn 3:9-24  
Mk 8:1-10

### Sunday

February 16  
*Sixth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*  
Jer 17:5-8  
1 Cor 15:12,  
16-20  
Lk 6:17, 20-26



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*With Jesus, we sail the sea of life without fear...without giving up and saying, "there is nothing more that can be done." Always...there is something beautiful and courageous that can be done, always. We can always start over.... So let us accept the invitation: let us...put out to sea with Jesus!*

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 6, 2022