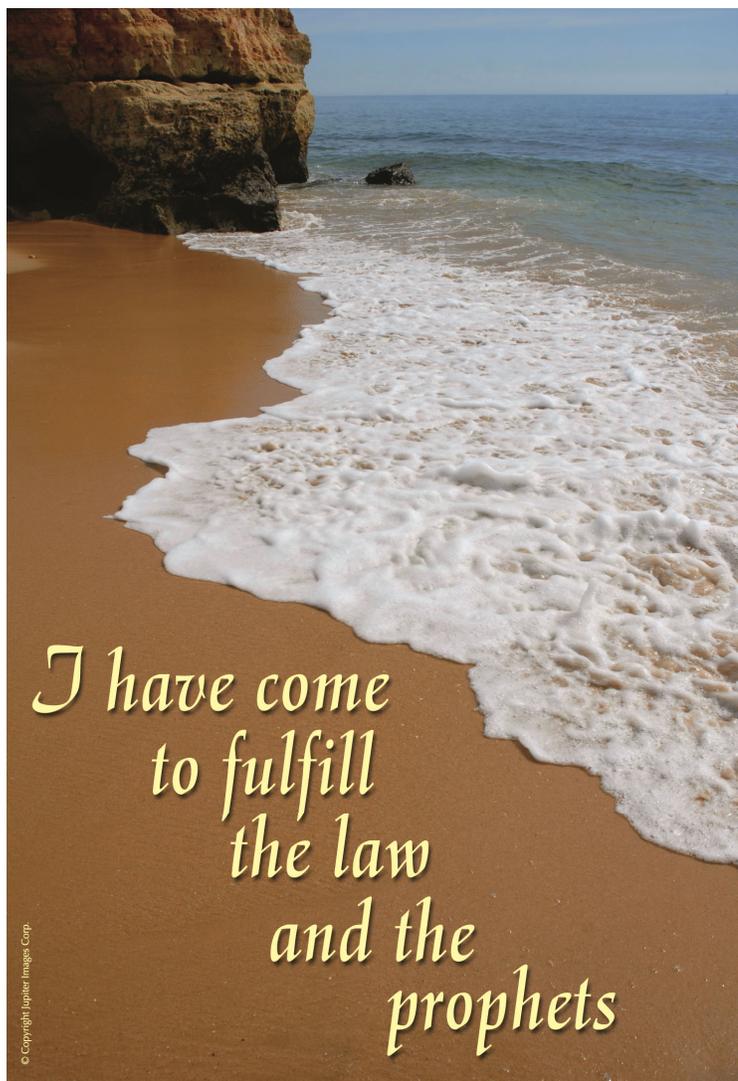


# St. Mary's Mission

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*I have come  
to fulfill  
the law  
and the  
prophets*

**February 16, 2014**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## JESUS AND THE LAW

In today's continuation of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus addresses the relationship between the current interpretation of the law of Moses and his own. He insists that he has come to fulfill, not abolish the law. Jesus is explicit here. He repeats the phrase, "You have heard . . ." with the counterpoint, "But I say . . ." He will not settle for mere avoidance of outright murder or adultery or lying. He goes to the source of murder—hatred, resentment, spite. He insists on chaste living. He overrules the one-sided loopholes that allow men to divorce women, a law based on the view of women as property. He disallows all the means that people employ to play fast and loose with marriage. His words urge mutual fidelity. His listeners and followers are to honor the law wholly and not minimally. The consequences of failure are clear and severe. The smallest are watching. They are those rendered powerless by age or ignorance or circumstance. These little ones depend on the word and action of the mature and knowledgeable, and they are not to be betrayed.

### **Mass Schedule**

*Sunday 9:30 AM*

### **Mission Staff**

Sister Susana Renteria, PCI

**PASTOR:** Msgr. Michael Heras  
**PRIESTS:** Msgr. Seamus McGowan  
Fr. Patrick Higgins  
Fr. Joseph Olikkara  
**DEACONS:** Allen Cicora  
Eluterio Farias  
Richard Lewinski

### ***Living God's Word***

***We can pray for the Holy Spirit  
to open our minds to  
Understand what is at the heart  
Of Jesus' teachings, and that we  
both discern what God asks  
Of us and respond wholeheartedly.  
Thus we witness to others what  
It means to walk in the  
law of the Lord.***

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Feb. 17-23, 2014**



- Monday**  
8:00 am †M/M Tomas Salinas - Chano Rodriguez
- Tuesday**  
8:00 pm †Otillia Schwirtlich - Jean & Eddie Schwirtlich
- Wednesday**  
6:30 pm 26th Wed. Anniv. - Arnie & Linda Villarreal
- Thursday**  
8:00 am †Manuel Rodriguez - Chano Rodriguez
- Friday**  
8:00 am †Tommy Najvar - Ann Najvar
- Saturday**  
6:00 pm †Harold & Louise McCown - James & Harold McCown & families

**COLLECTIVE MASSES**

- Sunday**  
8:00 am †Gabriel Guastuchi & Petra Hirle - Family  
9:30 am †Pedro & Manuela Leal - Maria Leal  
10:00 am †Hipolito Cantu - Bertha Cantu & Fam  
12:00 pm †Ryan Lekosky - Lekosky Family  
†Mira Flores - Lekosky Family  
†Sean Riley - Lekosky Family  
†Daniel Alonzo - Lekosky Family  
†Mary Kowalik - Doug Blumberg  
6:00 pm †People of the Parish

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
- Wed:** Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday:** Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33
- Friday:** Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
- Saturday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
- Sunday:** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

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**ST. MARY'S MISSION**

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| Envelopes .....   | \$600.00        |
| Loose .....       | \$102.00        |
| <b>Total.....</b> | <b>\$702.00</b> |



**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

In a few weeks' time, at the Chrism Mass of the diocese, fresh sacramental oils will be blessed and chrism consecrated for use in every parish. Olive oil is the main ingredient of chrism, but olive oil with some exotic additives that change its character and purpose. Rich balsam and perfumes separate chrism from the pantry. Food no longer, neither is this oil for grooming or toning muscles. It has a breathtaking aroma that is both alluring and enduring.

The prayer of consecration is a good meditation for the coming Lenten season since it focuses us on the goal of our journey, linking it with the olive-bearing dove at the end of Noah's stormy voyage of forty days. The dove signaled the birth of a new world, a society reborn from the wreckage of the old, drowned world of sin. At the end of our Lenten journey, the oil of chrism will be poured down in abundance on the brows of catechumens and infants, as well as on those to be confirmed or ordained. Lent puts us in touch with the hard edges of life in need of salvation, and the chrism of Easter joy redeems and restores.

**C.C.D Classes on Wednesday,**  
5:30 to 6:30 pm.  
**Confirmation Class - Wednesday,**  
7:00 - 8:00 pm.  
Call Sr. Susana at 947-4601  
for more information.

### REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

We live in a country where we prize our freedom, cling to our right to choose, and even define our homeland as "the land of the free." Today's scriptures remind us that along with rights come responsibilities. We are to respond to our God who made us and calls us to be a people of the new covenant, ratified by the saving death of God's Son on the cross.

"If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you," says Ben Sira (Sirach 15:15). For the Jewish people the law was a blessing and those who chose to keep the law would be blessed with life. That choice is still before us today.

Jesus' teachings reveal his wisdom in understanding the law of the Mosaic covenant. His grasp of what was at the heart of the law can be clearly found in the long form of today's Gospel. While there is an option for a shorter version, spend some time with the longer reading (Matthew 5:17-37).

We are to live as kin in what has been called the "kin-dom" of God. In a world that justifies preventative strikes, Jesus forbids not only killing but even getting angry and bearing a grudge. He teaches that reconciliation takes priority over worship, that the prohibition against adultery extends even to looking with lust at another, reducing a person to an object for self-gratification. Finally, he asks us not to swear but to speak with simplicity and integrity.

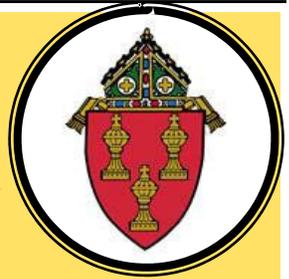
Some might dismiss all this as impossible to achieve. But, as a young virgin was once told: "[N]othing will be impossible for God" (Luke 1:37). --James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

### *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Stewardship involves more than just the Gift we bring to the altar. Today's readings say clearly that it is fidelity to God's law that makes our offering acceptable.*

### CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Today we unite as one with Christ as parishioners throughout the Diocese of Corpus Christi consider their gift to the **2014 Catholic Stewardship**



**Appeal.** This is an opportunity for us to be good stewards of God's gifts as we share with other Catholics our treasure and our blessings and show our love for one another. The 2014 Catholic Stewardship Appeal gives us the opportunity to act together as a family of faith and support the programs and services no single individual or parish can offer by themselves. **Your gift is important. Every gift, regardless of size, is vital to the success of the 2014 Catholic Stewardship Appeal.** You can also give securely online or share the CSA video at [diocesecc.org](http://diocesecc.org).

### POPE BENEDICT'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY



- **Elders.** That the Church and society may respect the wisdom and experience of older people.
- **Collaboration in Evangelization.** That priests, religious, and lay people may work together with generosity.

**Event Name:** St. Anthony's 35th Annual Fiesta Mexicana festival

**Location:** [Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds](#)

**Date(s):** Mar 1-2, 2014

**Time:** Starts: 1:00 PM

On March 1-2. The event will kick-off with a parade at 1 p.m. held downtown Robstown. The Fiesta Mexicana will be at the Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds in Robstown. Live entertainment will start at 2 p.m.-10 p.m. on Saturday, March 1. On Sunday, March 2, the event begins with celebration of Mass at 9 a.m. and the entertainments starts at 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m. The coronation of Fiesta's King and Queen winner will be at 7

### LAY FORMATION HAS RESUMED.

Next Class is Thursday February 27 in St. Matthew Hall at 7:00 pm. FMI: call Julie at 241-3372